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Dear Todd Yakielashek:

**RE: Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. 20-Year Forest Management Plan –
Information Request No. 2**

The Environmental Approvals Branch has reviewed the public comments received related to the Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (LP) 20-Year Forest Management Plan (FMP) for Forest Management Licence Area No. 3. Additional information is required to address the comments.

Please provide responses to the comments below:

- A full 61 per cent of Duck Mountain Provincial Park is at risk of clearcut logging, and much of that forest has already been clearcut during Louisiana-Pacific's 25 year tenure.
- It is urgent to manage our resources in a sustainable manner, clear cutting is not. We need to preserve the habitat for animals, birds, fish, and clean air.
- Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.
- Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances.
- Once the land is logged it never returns to being a Forest despite attempts to plant seedlings. There is no diversity of species. Reforestation is not conservation, it's just a tree plantation. As such, all the benefits of a true forest are lost to all its former inhabitants and to humans.
- Force Louisiana Pacific to use selective logging techniques, which are known to produce more wood over the long term while maintaining a completely intact, biodiverse forest in perpetuity. The LP plan leaves swaths of destruction and turns the Duck Mountain Provincial Park into a tree monoculture.
- LP's methods cause flooding of farmland followed by drought by destroying the forest and roots that used to hold the water back and release it slowly.

- The logging that has taken place since the first logging licence was granted has changed the landscape of the park, resulting in erosion of soil and drastic runoff to occur, affecting provincial roads (washing them out repeatedly) as well as causing massive overland runoff towards cottage areas that have existed for 40 years.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 204 619-0709 or Elise.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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cc Marianne Porteous and Matt Conrod – Forestry and Peatlands Branch
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