

File: FOR-18045-30/Forest Stewardship Plans – 2023-2028 Carrier Lumber -Dunster CFA-Valemount CFA FSP (FSP ID 119)

March 15, 2023

Keith Taite, RPF Woodlands Superintendent Carrier Lumber Ltd. 4722 Continental Way Prince George, B.C. V2N 5S5 <u>ktaite@carrierlumber.ca</u>

## **Re:** Carrier Lumber Ltd./Dunster Community Forest Society/Valemount Community Forest Limited Partnership Forest Stewardship Plan Replacement (FSP ID 119)

Dear Keith Taite:

The Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP), submitted on July 19, 2022 and revised on March 13, 2023 has now been fully reviewed by the Prince George Natural Resource District.

## **Determination:**

- I am satisfied this FSP was prepared and submitted in accordance with section 5 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* and regulations.
- I am also satisfied the review and comment requirements and reasonable efforts to meet with First Nations in Sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Forest *Planning and Practises Regulation (FPPR)* have been met.
- As the delegated decision maker under section 16(1) of *FRPA*, I hereby approve your Forest Stewardship Plan for a 5-year term in accordance with Section 6 of *FRPA*.
- The term of the plan is from March 16, 2023 to March 15, 2028.

The area of this FSP in the Prince George Natural Resource District overlaps with multiple First Nations' traditional territories and all were engaged appropriately. Concerns brought forward by First Nations were responded to and were incorporated into the FSP where appropriate.

Recent comments were brought forward by the Simpcw First Nation in regards to forestry activities and leaving birch as it is important to their traditional uses. These comments were brought forward after the engagement period of this FSP. Therefore, I recommend, as follow-up to the FSP approval, that the FSP Agreement Holders reach out to the Simpcw First Nation to discuss practices to promote the retention of birch on cutblocks.

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Please continue to have meaningful dialogue with First Nations and engage early on proposed activities to ensure there is a clear understanding of interests and to incorporate appropriate mitigation strategies.

If you require clarification of any aspect of this determination, please contact Alena Charlston, RPF, Senior Licensed Authorizations Officer at (250) 649-4379 or Jesse Seniunas, RPF, Licensed Authorizations Officer at (250) 649-4397.

Yours truly,

Shawn Rice, RPF District Manager Prince George Natural Resource District

- Attachments: Carrier-Dunster-Valemount\_FSP\_ID\_119\_2023-2028\_Replacement 2023\_03\_13 Final, FSP maps sent on March 13, 2023 including: FSP\_map\_1\_Morkill\_McKale; FSP\_map\_2\_goat\_dore; FSP\_map\_3\_holmes\_castle\_rausch; FSP\_map\_4\_valemount - tete jaune; and FSP\_map\_5\_kinbasket
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