



File: 97150/20-2007-13

October 11, 2012

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Dear Mike Larock:

Re: Response to Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement Recommendations

In its December 2008 special investigation of fire hazard assessment and abatement, the Board made three recommendations:

1. Licensees consider requesting exemptions from fire hazard assessment requirements where it can be demonstrated that circumstances, conditions and practices make the request appropriate.
2. A simpler fire hazard and risk assessment process be developed to accurately assess fire hazard and risk under a wide range of field conditions and that "fire hazard" be clearly defined.
3. Best management practices to abate fire hazard be developed and shared with licensees and professionals.

The first recommendation was directed at licensees and the Board does not expect a response. The ABCFP was, however, concerned about the professional implications of fire hazard assessment and abatement and agreed to take the lead on addressing the second and third recommendation by November 30, 2009.

In April 2012, the Wildfire Management Branch released "*A Guide to Fuel Hazard Assessment and Abatement in British Columbia.*" We have reviewed the guide and I am satisfied that it addresses the second recommendation.

I would appreciate an update on the ABCFPs progress in addressing the third recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

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R. A. (Al) Gorley, RPF
Chair

cc: Lyle Gawalko, Wildfire Management Branch

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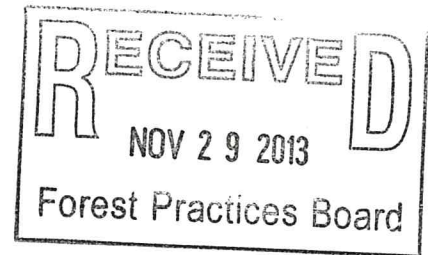
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November 21, 2013

Attention: Dave Clarke, RPF,



**Regarding: Board Report Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement
Dec 2008 (FPB/SIR/24)**

We are pleased to advise that the recommendations identified by the Forest Practices Board (FPB) in the report on Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement have now been completed. In particular, the third recommendation was led by the ABCFP and required collaboration from industry and government professionals.

The Board recommendations:

3. Best management practices to abate fire hazard be developed and shared with licensees and professionals.

The expertise in this area lies with the professionals who work within the MFR Wildfire Management Branch (WMB) and forest companies who have the obligation for completion of hazard abatement practices on the ground.

"A person ...carrying out an industrial activity or a prescribed activity, must, within a prescribed time period and to the prescribed extent, abate a fire hazard of which the person is aware or ought reasonably to be aware" Wildfire Act SBC 2004".

Forest Professionals, registered under the *Foresters Act (2003)*, are employees or consultants of both WMB and the industry operations. Some of the work of fire and fuel abatement activities constitutes the practice of professional forestry. Forest professionals working in this area are relied upon to provide direction and advice as part of a team in fire management.

The ABCFP established a Task Force under the Professional Practice Committee of the ABCFP that led the development of professional practice guidance or 'best management

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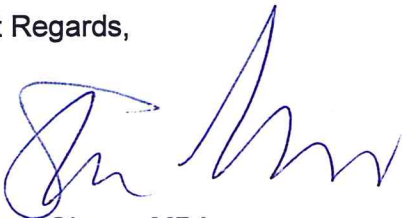
practices' to be used by forest professionals in the area of fire and fuel management. The guidelines incorporate information such as the requirement for the assessment of surface fuel loading, a supporting rationale for abatement prescriptions, the required skills and knowledge to undertake the work, and the various planning frameworks that require some form of fuel layer modification or abatement.

Forest professionals were advised of the release of the practice documents in the E-Increment News that was sent to all members in editions May 31 and June 14 2013. The guidance was made available for use during the 2013 field season and we are reconvening a review group of specialists in January 2014 to consider any changes or additions to the document.

The document and other information is available on our website at [http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/documents/Fire Fuel Management-Interim Guidelines.pdf](http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/documents/Fire_Fuel_Management-Interim_Guidelines.pdf)

Should there be any questions regarding the practice guidance please contact Mike Larock, RPF Director of Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship with the ABCFP.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Glover', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharon Glover, MBA
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Cc
Mike Larock, RPF
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November 27, 2013

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Dear Sharon Glover:

Re: Response to Fire Hazard Assessment and Abatement Recommendations

Thank you for your November 21, 2013 letter describing the Association of BC Forest Professionals' response to the Board's 2008 recommendation that best management practices to abate fire hazard be developed and shared with licensees and professionals.

I am satisfied that the professional practice guidance on fire and fuel management adequately address the recommendation. Now that all three recommendations have been satisfactorily addressed, we shall close the file.

Thank you for your cooperation in addressing the Board's recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. (Al) Gorley, RPF
Chair

Cc: Lyle Gawalko, Wildfire Management Branch