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Mr. Chris Oman, RPF Director of Investigations Forest Practices Board PO Box 9905, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9R1 via email: chris.oman@bcfpb.ca

RE. RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION IN IRC/252 MANAGEMENT OF OLD FORESTS ON QUADRA ISLAND (AUGUST 2024)

To Mr. Oman,

Forest Practices Board (the Board) Recommendation from IRC/252:

In accordance with Section 131 of the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Board recommends that TimberWest amend its FSP to include a measurable or verifiable strategy for the recruitment of old forest that describes how it will ensure the full target amount of old forest is achieved in the Quadra LU.

TimberWest Response to the Board's Recommendation:

In accordance with Section 132 [party to notify board of steps taken] of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, Mosaic Forest Management (Mosaic), on behalf of TimberWest Forest Corporation (TimberWest), is providing the following response to the recommendation made by the Board.

Mosaic accepts the Board's recommendation to amend the TimberWest Quadra-Quinsam Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP #144) to include a measurable or verifiable strategy for the recruitment of old forest. The amended strategy will describe how the full target amount of old forest will be achieved in the Quadra Landscape Unit (LU).

To address the Board's recommendation, the following steps or actions have been or will be taken by Mosaic, as noted below.

- 1. Mosaic has drafted an amended strategy for FSP #144 to meet the Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Order (the Order) that addresses the Board's recommendation.
- The drafted strategy maintains a non-spatial approach and includes a
 measurable or verifiable strategy to recruit the full target amount of old
 forest in the shortest possible timeframe, consistent with the objectives set
 out in the Order and strategies outlined in the Landscape Unit Planning
 Guide (March 1999).

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3. A formal FSP amendment submission will be made for FSP #144 that will include information sharing and public review and comment.

Mosaic acknowledges that a non-spatial strategy to achieving the full target amount of old forest in the Quadra LU is an interim approach until such time that landscape-level planning can be completed.

Sincerely,

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