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Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Your request is for:

"All correspondence and reports between BCTS Vernon and John Armstrong (Forest Consultant) in 2010 and 2011 relating to ITSL (Innovative Timber Sales) regarding cruising, cruise compilation, cruise results, and check cruising in the Vernon District office of BCTS; any written instructions given to (named individual) regarding cruise related issues in the Vernon Office"

Please find enclosed a copy of the records in response to your request. As part of your request for review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the ministry has reconsidered the decision to deny access under s.15, 17 and 22. The ministry is releasing records to you although some information continues to be withheld pursuant to sections 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\_00

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As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <a href="http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page">http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page</a>

If you have questions regarding the review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, please contact Tina Doehnel at (250) 387-6886.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Gerry Edwards, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-7917. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 387-7917.

Sincerely,

Alex Bjelica, Manager

Resource Team

Information Access Operations

Pcc: Tina Doehnel, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner