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Joint Forests / Industry CIO Forum
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Attn: Ms. Gloria Wills, Chairperson

Dear Gloria;

I am writing to advise you and your organization about upcoming changes in policies regarding forest tenure holders' access to TRIM data.

In the past, licensees were required to enter into a Data Exchange Agreement (DEA) for no cost access to TRIM Data. The alternative was to purchase TRIM Data from government.

The Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) is in the process of implementing a new policy which recognizes that licensees provide data to government through the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) program.

In recognition of this flow of data from the forest industry to government, ILMB is allowing "no cost" access to TRIM Data. Digital orthophotos, which are more labour intensive to reproduce, will be available at a much reduced cost of \$50 per mapsheet.

In short, Data Exchange Agreements are out; free access by forest licensees to TRIM data is in.

Access is being set up so that any licensee who is classed an "ESF submitter" by the Ministry of Forests and Range will be granted access. Access will be enabled by March 28, 2008.

For further detailed information on data available and how to gain access licensees can visit the following website: www.fimbc.ca

For your information I have attached a copy of an open letter to licensees regarding these changes.

Please feel free to communicate these changes to the appropriate individuals in your membership.

Thank you for your assistance.

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