



Integrated Land Management Bureau

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This letter is to inform you that for the purposes of Section 8 of the *Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Objectives* the following landscape units within the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan area have approved draft old growth management areas (OGMAs):

Landscape Unit	Official Map Date
1. Cherryville Landscape Unit	October 18 th , 2005
2. Harris Landscape Unit	January 14 th , 2006
3. Mable Landscape Unit	October 24 th , 2005
4. OK Westside Landscape Unit	November 14 th , 2005
5. Trinity Landscape Unit	October 18 th , 2005
6. Upper Kettle Landscape Unit	November 21 st , 2005
7. Upper Salmon Landscape Unit	January 23 rd , 2006
8. Upper Shuswap Landscape Unit	March 27 th , 2006
9. Vernon Landscape Unit	October 18 th , 2005

The draft old growth management areas in the Okanagan Shuswap Timber Supply Area (TSA) were identified through a consensus process and in accordance with the Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan. The process involved a significant amount of forest industry, non-governmental organisation and government agency input. It is our expectation that these areas will be retained and generally be managed for old forest values. We would ask your assistance in communicating this new information to licensees operating within the Okanagan Shuswap TSA.

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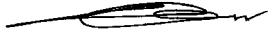
The official maps and ArcView GIS shape files of the draft OGMAs are available at ftp://ftpkam.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/lrmp/okanagan/ogma/Vernon_final_draft_ogmas/.

A copy of the order can be found by following the "Old Growth Order" links from <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/>.

The approval of these old growth management areas is in addition to the OGMAs within the 17 Okanagan Shuswap landscape units previously approved on October 13th, 2004. The official maps and ArcView GIS shape files of these OGMAs are available at: ftp://ftpkam.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/lrmp/okanagan/ogma/Penticton_Final_Draft_OMGAs/
ftp://ftpkam.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/lrmp/okanagan/ogma/Salmonarm_Final_Draft_OGMAs/

If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing the digital files or map files please contact ILMB Planning Officer Susan Omelchuk at susan.omelchuk@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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