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Erin Badesso, RPF Operations Planner Western Forest Products Inc. Port Alberni Forest Operations Box 2001- 1080A Franklin River Road Port Alberni, British Columbia V9Y 7N3

Dear Erin Badesso:

The Western Forest Products Inc. (WFP) Replacement Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) #648 submissions dated May 10, 2017, August 11, 2017, August 29, 2017 and October 12, 2017 covering Forest Development Units (FDUs) within Tree Farm License (TFL) 39 Block 1, TFL 44, Timber Licences T0048, T0033 and T0041 have now been collectively reviewed.

## Determination

I am satisfied that the proposed plan has been prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* (the *Act*) and regulations. Accordingly, as the statutory decision-maker under section 16 (1) of the *Act*, I hereby approve your FSP.

The term of the plan is for 5 years commencing on December 4, 2017 and ending on December 3, 2022.

Further development taking place under FSP #648 and FDUs approved under the plan located within Tree Farm License (TFL) 39 Block 1, TFL 44, Timber Licences T0048, T0033 and T0041 must be done in accordance with the approved FSP.

Please contact me if you require clarification on any aspect of this determination.

Yours truly,

Rhonda Morris, RPF District Manager

South Island Natural Resource District