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Dear Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative stakeholder,

RE: Consultation on HPCC plans in East Harrop (Mill) Creek

Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative (HPCC) has been engaged in forestry planning and operations in East Harrop (Mill) Creek since 2004. In 2005 and 2006, when HPCC was developing our pine beetle strategy and East Harrop planning scenarios, we held a series of community meetings that discussed the extent of potential logging operations in East Harrop Creek.

The large format map presented at these meetings, and posted at many public meetings held since 2006, showed a total of 18 km of road and 14 potential blocks. All of these roads and blocks were included in our 2006 Harrop Creek and Harrop Face watershed assessment. Since 2006, as more field information has been gathered and plans have evolved, one block has been dropped, several of the roads and blocks have shrunk considerably, and blocks have been re-numbered. However, these 2006 road and block concepts are still in play today.

As of this summer, we have built 13 km of roads and have logged, or are in the process of logging, a total of 8 blocks in East Harrop Creek. The majority of these blocks have used various forms of partial cutting, including high-retention single-tree selection, group selection, and shelterwood logging. On ridge-top and on dry west-facing slopes with a high percentage of pine, we have used low retention seed tree logging. There are many reserve/ wildlife tree areas interspersed throughout the blocks.

As you can see from the attached map, Blocks 3 to 7 and Blocks 9 to 11 are currently logged or in process. Blocks 1, 2, 8, 12, and 13 have been located in the field but are still in the planning stages. We would like to engage in community consultation on these five blocks, in order to inform the community of our plans, solicit feedback, and be in a position to finalize plans.

Detailed ecosystem, terrain, and timber information has been gathered for all these areas. Here is a brief outline of the five planned blocks and associated roads:

Block 1: This block consists of 7 small patch cuts (0.3 to 0.9 ha), which would create small openings. The patches are all located on dry, stable terrain. Reserve areas protect a gully that contributes to a domestic water source, and a rock outcrop area above Slater Creek.

Block 2: This cable block is planned as a high retention single-tree / group-selection cut that would retain at least 40% of the timber on the block. Reserve areas protect all of the wet gullies that connect to small domestic water sources downslope. No machinery

would leave the road.

Block 8: This block is very similar in concept and design to Block 2—a high-retention cable block. It is located on dry, stable terrain well above Harrop Creek. A short spur road would be built along an existing skid trail to access this block.

Blocks 1, 2 and 8 were all included in our 2006 Forest Development Plan (FDP) and the community consultation process that was completed at that time. These blocks were reviewed and subsequently approved for harvest in our 2006 FDP but are being re-introduced for the benefit of new residents (and those who may not recall every detail from 2006!).

Block 12: This block is planned as a single-tree / group-selection block. There are several small seepage areas in the block that will be protected by no machine zones and high retention areas. Most of this block would be cable logged, with machine travel permitted only on dry, stable terrain.

Block 13: This block is planned as a low retention seed tree block, similar to the current seed tree blocks on dry, west-facing slopes in East Harrop. Most of this block would be cable logged. This is a predominantly Douglas-fir/ larch/ lodgepole pine forest. Almost all the pine are dead or dying from mountain pine beetle.

We have not yet committed to the timing of logging of any of these blocks, and none are currently under permit. It may be years before we log some of these blocks. We are however currently considering moving ahead quickly with building 2 km of road and logging Block 13 as shown on the attached map.

We would be pleased to provide you with more detailed information on our plans. We will be holding an open house at our office in the Old Schoolhouse in Procter on Wednesday September 7th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Plans and maps will also be posted under 'Notices' on our website at www.hpcommunityforest.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime at 229-2271 or erikl@netidea.com.

Sincerely,

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