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PRIVATE LAND REMOVED FROM TREE FARM LICENCES

VICTORIA – Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman has approved the removal of 28,283 hectares of private land from three coastal tree farm licences held by Western Forest Products.

Approximately 16,100 hectares will be removed from Tree Farm Licences 6 and 19 on northern Vancouver Island. Almost 12,000 hectares will come from Tree Farm Licence 25 near Jordan River on southern Vancouver Island and about 200 hectares from two small parcels on the central coast.

Conditions of the minister's approval include:

- A three-year ban on log exports from the removed private land.
- An agreement to work with the Ministry of Environment on protecting ungulate winter ranges.
- Maintenance of current International Organization for Standardization and/or Canadian Standards Association sustainable forest management certification.
- A memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Forests and Range regarding established research plots on private land.
- Continued recreational access to the removed private land, subject to available funding.
- Continued access for First Nations using neighbouring Crown lands for hunting, fishing and cultural purposes.

The private land will be managed in accordance with the Private Managed Forest Land Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Drinking Water Protection Act and the federal Fisheries and Species at Risk Acts.

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