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Dear Workshop Participants:

Re: Bioenergy Workshop Series

Thank you for registering for the workshop, and welcome! With biomass conversion systems becoming a viable energy alternative, First Nations and small rural communities in particular would benefit from more accessible and cost effective energy alternatives to fossil fuels. We hope this workshop will allow you, the participant, to gain a better understanding of the range of opportunities in biomass energy and it's potential in diversifying our local economies.

The specific workshop objectives are to:

- Facilitate an increase in awareness and understanding of the potential of biomass energy systems to improve First Nations living conditions and well-being;
- Establish a biomass energy information network, which is current, readily accessible, and tailored to First Nations needs.
- Provide information on the business potential, products, and marketing of biomass energy systems and industries in the Prince George, and Lakes Timber Supply Areas; and
- Determine the feasibility (including costs, and land and resource availability) and desirability of establishing biomass energy systems/industries in the affected communities and First Nations.

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We appreciate the opportunity to deliver these workshops to you and look forward to seeing you there. If you have further questions or comments, please contact me at 250-612-5844, kathi@resourcesnorth.org.

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Sincerely,

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