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Dear Workshop Participants:

Re: Agroforestry Workshop Series

Thank you for registering for the workshops, and we welcome you. These workshops were made possible by funding support from Western Economic Diversification Canada, Resources North Association, and FORREX. The main purpose of this workshop series is to demonstrate how agroforestry can be used to offset the mountain pine beetle (MPB) impacts on forest resources. The specific workshop objectives are to:

- Increase the awareness and understanding of the potential of agroforestry and associated industries to enhance long-term First Nations community stability and economic diversification;
- Provide information on the business potential, products, and marketing of agroforestry and industries in the Prince George, and Lakes Timber Supply Areas;
- Determine the feasibility (including costs, and land and resource availability); and
- Desirability of establishing agroforestry systems in the affected communities and First Nations.

The overall goal is to demonstrate the reasons farmers, ranchers, woodlot owners/ managers, forest managers, and First Nations forestry managers might wish to consider agroforestry as an option for economic development and/or diversification, improving farm and First Nations revenues, and stabilizing wood fibre flow.

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 Karyn Sutherland at FORREX, 250-828-4967, karyn.sutherland@forrex.org or myself at 250-612-5844, kathi@resourcesnorth.org.

Sincerely,

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