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Memo to: Approved Contractors – Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP)

From: Todd Nash, Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta

Re: Audit requirements for financial information reporting of projects approved under the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP)

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) a report from the Audit Committee recommending clarification and standardization of audit requirements for financial information submitted by approved Contractors awarded projects under the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP) was adopted.

Audit reports, expressing opinions of independent qualified accountants, attached to Financial Information Reports for projects undertaken and completed by Contractors in accordance with Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP) terms and conditions provide the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) with the required high level of assurance.

All project approvals require, as a term and condition of the approval, that the approved Contractor engage an independent qualified accountant to undertake an audit which will produce a *Special Audit Report of Financial Information* (in accordance with Section 5800 of the CICA Handbook) that is to be provided annually or periodically as determined by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA).

Because limited or no assurance is provided to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) by *Accountants Comments Reports* (Compilation engagements) or by *Notice to Reader Reports* (Review Engagements) neither will be accepted if submitted to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA).