



OMINECA BEETLE ACTION COALITION (OBAC)

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OBAC Interim Executive Hires Interim Manager

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Vanderhoof – The OBAC Interim Executive is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Andersen of Industrial Forest Services Ltd. as the Interim Manager. “OBAC needed to get a full-time interim manager in place right away in order to lead the work establishing the formal structure of the coalition’s Board and Advisory Group”, said OBAC Chair Len Fox.

Beginning November 14th, Ms. Andersen’s approach will be to facilitate OBAC discussions with community leaders, industry and key stakeholders. Much of this work will be undertaken over the winter with the communities in the OBAC area. Additional work will include preparing more detailed plans, background information, procedures, and needs assessment that will be used to guide the meetings, discussions and annual projects. “Further, the Interim Manager will be asked continue to facilitate discussions with First Nations in the OBAC area to see where we might be able to collaborate on certain tasks that are common between the First Nations MPB Strategy and OBAC’s work”, said Mayor Fox.

As OBAC’s Interim Manager, Ms. Andersen brings a diverse background in land use planning and resources management, facilitation and project management. She has worked for the Northern Forest Products Association, Ministry of Forests, and managed her own consulting company before starting her current position with Industrial Forest Service. After November 14th, Elizabeth can be reached at 250 564-4115 Loc. 260 or at eandersen@indforserv.bc.ca

Len Fox stated that, “OBAC’s intention is to get the interim manager in place quickly to get on with the work, but we are planning to undertake a larger process in the late winter or early spring to hire the permanent manager position”. McGregor Model Forest has been playing an interim role until OBAC’s own Interim Manager could be put into place.

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