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Subject: SPATIAL DATA DIRECTIVES AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2016

The Forest Management Branch (FMB) is still on track for full implementation of the Spatial Data Directives (SDD) in May of 2016. The Directives have been posted on the Government of Alberta (GOA) external site since of March 2015.

There are some steps required to ensure a successful implementation:

- i. Please visit the current site where the SDD are currently found to familiarize yourself with content
<http://esrd.alberta.ca/forms-maps-services/directives/forestry-directives.aspx>
- ii. If you have not already done so, please request access to the FMB Secure FTP site for the purposes of uploading your data. To request your user account and password, contact:

Andrew Lansink at (780) 638-1132 or andrew.lansink@gov.ab.ca

Templates for the datasets can be downloaded from your SFTP folder.

- iii. Review the recently posted documents including
 - Revised FAQ's (Version 5)
 - SDD Data Format Guidelines (Version 3)
 - Chapter 4 (Version 3)
 - SFTP Instruction Manual

Should you have any further questions or concerns with any of the above, please feel free to contact Bev Wilson (780) 422-5229 Bev.Wilson@gov.ab.ca or Andre Savaria (780) 422-5914 Andre.Savaria@gov.ab.ca directly.

I look forward to your full cooperation with this very important initiative.

Yours truly,

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