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RE: Support for Proposed amendments to General Regulation 334 under the Environmental Assessment Act to remove Regulatory Duplication of Forest Management requirements in Ontario, ERO# 019-0961

Dear Ms. Weller:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to General Regulation 334 under the Environmental Assessment Act to remove Regulatory Duplication of Forest Management requirements in Ontario, Environmental Registry of Ontario number 019-0961. I am writing to you today to express support for this proposal.

Ottawa Valley Forest Inc., which operates under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act agrees with the observation of this policy proposal that the declaration order process has not kept up with a changing forest sector in Ontario and has created extra burden and economic impacts for very little benefit to sustainable forest management or the public.

We are familiar with the proposed changes to the regulated manuals under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, and support the proposed changes. We believe these manuals are a sensible approach to ensuring the intent of the EA Act approval is accounted for. Exempting forestry activities from the EA Act will fully acknowledge that forest management activities, following the approved manuals, ensures that the forest continues to be managed appropriately for the people of Ontario and removes unnecessary duplication of environmental approvals for these activities on Crown lands.

Sincerely,

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