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New regulation will guide the future of Yukon's forests

WHITEHORSE – The Government of Yukon is modernizing forest legislation with a new *Forest Resources Regulation*. The regulation, along with the *Forest Resources Act*, will come into effect on January 31, 2011.

"The *Forest Resources Act and Regulation* will meet the twin objectives of forest stewardship and a successful forest sector and will guide the responsible and sustainable management of forest resources for years to come," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble said.

The regulation supports planning that considers all forest users and encourages opportunities for First Nations and public input on the management of forest resources. The regulation also provides the forest industry with more secure tenure opportunities and a transparent and fair allocation process.

"The Forest Management branch continues to work with industry and other stakeholders to ensure they have the information and staff support to understand and move forward with the transition to the *Forest Resources Act*," Rouble added.

Public consultation on the *Forest Resources Regulation* was carried out during the summer and fall of 2009. The Forest Management branch also worked with the successor legislation working group and the forest industry and forest values focus groups throughout the development of the regulation.

To view the *Forest Resources Act and Regulation* or to learn more about forest management in Yukon, please visit www.forestry.gov.yk.ca or call the Forest Management branch at 867-456-3999, or toll free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3999.

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