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**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS FROM  
FOREST PROJECT PROTOCOL VERSION 3.0 TO 3.1  
October 2009**

Version 3.1 of the Forest Project Protocol incorporates the following changes from Version 3.0:

1. **Clarified language on legal requirement test for Improved Forest Management projects.** An editorial change was made to the text concerning what Forest Owners attest to in signing the Reserve's Regulatory Attestation Form (Section 3.1.1.2, p. 6).
2. **Revised start date requirements.** Language concerning the earliest eligible start date for forest projects has been revised to reflect the Reserve's new program-wide policies on project start dates (Section 3.2, page 8).
3. **Clarified language on silvicultural practices and requirements for balancing age and habitat classes.** The paragraph referring to "[h]arvesting using even-age management" has been removed from Section 3.9.2 (p. 12). A new Section 3.9.4 ("Balancing Age and Habitat Classes") (p. 17) has been added that clarifies minimum standards related to silvicultural practices.
4. **Clarified quantification steps and requirements.** The language describing how to calculate a project's "primary effect" was revised to correspond to the sequence of calculations presented in Equation 6.1 (Section 6, p. 34). Footnotes and clarifying language were also inserted on p. 34 and p. 37 indicating that, for the first year of a project, the "prior year" values for onsite carbon stocks are assumed to be zero when calculating the project's primary effect.
5. **Clarified difference between reversals and "negative carryovers."** A footnote was added (and some text edited) to clarify when negative GHG reductions/removals may be treated as a "negative carryover" for quantified GHG reductions/removals in subsequent years, rather than treated as a reversal (pp. 35-37).
6. **Inserted table showing sample calculations for a hypothetical Improved Forest Management project.** Table 6.4 (now page 55) has now been included in the protocol.