

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Board to audit Winton Global Lumber Ltd. near Fort St. James

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of Winton Global Lumber Ltd. on forest licence A18171, in the Fort St. James Natural Resource District, during the week of June 19, 2017.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning, carried out between June 2015 and June 2017, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

Winton Global Lumber Ltd.'s forestry activities are located around Fort St. James. Harvesting has focused on salvaging timber damaged by the mountain pine beetle.

Once the audit work is complete, a report will be prepared, and any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have a chance to respond. The board's final report and recommendations then will be released to the public and government.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government.

The board audits forest and range practices on public land, as well as appropriateness of government enforcement.

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