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Forest Practices Board

## Board to audit Downie Street Sawmills

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of Downie Street Sawmills on forest licence A31102, near Revelstoke, during the week of Oct. 2, 2017.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning, carried out between October 2015 and October 2017, met the requirements of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Wildfire Act*, as well as the requirements of the Revelstoke Higher Level Plan Order. The order requires the licensee to comply with government objectives for biodiversity emphasis, mature and old forests, and caribou and grizzly bear habitat management.

Forest licence A31102 is located in the Selkirk Resource District, in the Revelstoke Timber Supply Area and has an allowable annual cut of 130,600 cubic metres per year. Downie's forestry activities are located adjacent to the Trans Canada Highway and Mount Revelstoke National Park and include tributaries of the Columbia River, from the Akolkolex River to the Mica Dam.

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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