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Board to audit Skeena Sawmills Ltd.

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of Skeena Sawmills Ltd. on tree farm licence 41 and forest licences A16882 and A16885 in the Coast Mountains Natural Resource District during the week of Aug. 13, 2018.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning, carried out between Aug. 1, 2016, and Aug. 17, 2018, met the requirements of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Wildfire Act*.

Operations on tree farm licence 41 and forest licence A16885 are located near Kitimat, and operations on forest licence A16882 are located south of Meziadin Lake. The total annual allowable cut for the licences is 316,000 cubic metres. During the two-year audit period, Skeena Sawmills Ltd. harvested about 414,000 cubic metres.

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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