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### **Board to audit BCTS operations near Quesnel**

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of the BC Timber Sales (BCTS) program and timber sale licence holders in the Quesnel Natural Resource District portion of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area during the week of June 24, 2019.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, bridges, silviculture, fire protection activities and associated planning carried out from June 1, 2018, to June 28, 2019, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Quesnel Natural Resource District, in the northern part of the Cariboo Region. The district lies in the Fraser Basin and the Interior Plateau between the Coast Mountains on the west and the Cariboo Mountains on the east. It includes the communities of Quesnel, Wells and Barkerville, and the villages of Nazko and Kluskus.

This BCTS program was chosen randomly for audit from among all the BCTS programs in the province. The board normally audits two BCTS programs each year.

Once the audit work is completed, 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 will then 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 lands and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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