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Forest Practices Board

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## **Board to audit forest licence in Houston area**

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will examine the activities of Northern Engineered Wood Products on non-renewable forest licence A85566 in the Nadina Natural Resource District during the week of July 23, 2019.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning, carried out by Northern Engineered Wood Products between July 1, 2017, and July 25, 2019, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The forest licence is located in the Morice Timber Supply Area, which includes the communities of Houston, Topley and Granisle. The area provides a wide range of natural resource benefits, such as forest products, minerals, grazing, recreation and tourism amenities, as well as fish and wildlife habitat.

Once the audit work is complete, a report will be prepared. Any party that may be adversely affected by the audit findings will have an opportunity 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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