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Forest Practices Board

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Board to audit forest licence near Nelson and Kaslo

VICTORIA – During the week of Sept. 23, 2019, the Forest Practices Board will examine the forest activities of Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd. on forest licence A30171 in the Selkirk Natural Resource District.

Auditors will examine whether timber harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning carried out between Sept. 1, 2017, and Sept. 26, 2019, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Kootenay Lake Timber Supply Area (TSA), which includes the communities of Nelson, Balfour and Kaslo. The area encompasses three major drainage systems — Kootenay Lake, Duncan River and Lardeau River. Cooper Creek manages many resource values in the TSA, including water, timber, recreation, wildlife and visuals.

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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