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Forest Practices Board

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Board to audit forest service roads in three natural resource districts

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will audit forest service roads (FSRs) maintained in the Campbell River, Okanagan-Shuswap and Peace natural resource districts.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these audits will be carried out in two phases. The first phase will be office work to identify road populations and the second will be the fieldwork. The board will determine when it is appropriate to begin site inspections, likely in late summer or early fall, and will comply with the precautions recommended by the provincial health officer to keep employees and auditees safe.

The limited-scope compliance audit will focus on the district managers' obligations on FSRs in the Campbell River, Okanagan-Shuswap and the Dawson Creek portion of the Peace natural resource districts, near the communities of Campbell River, Vernon and Dawson Creek. Auditors will examine whether the FSRs meet the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act.

Once the audit work is complete, a report will be prepared. 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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