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Forest Practices Board

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Board to audit forest licence near Castlegar

CASTLEGAR – The Forest Practices Board will audit the forest planning and practices of Kalesnikoff Lumber Co. Ltd. on forest licence A20194 near Castlegar during the week of Sept. 7, 2021.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning carried out between Sept. 1, 2019, and Sept. 9, 2021, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit area is located in the Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA) portion of the Selkirk Natural Resource District. The district is bounded by the Canada-U.S. border, the Monashee Mountains to the west and the Selkirk Mountains to the east. The forests in the TSA are among the most productive and diverse in the interior of the province. Also within the TSA, the diverse ecology, mountainous terrain and lakes provide a wide range of natural-resource values that include timber, fish, wildlife habitat, water, recreation and tourism.

Once the audit work is complete, a report will be prepared. If Kalesnikoff may be adversely affected by the audit findings, it 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 land, as well as appropriateness of government enforcement.

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