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Board to audit five woodlots near Campbell River

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will audit forest planning and practices on five woodlots in the Campbell River Natural Resource District during the week of Oct. 17, 2022.

Auditors will examine whether timber harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning carried out between Oct. 1, 2020, and Oct. 20, 2022, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act, as well as the Woodlot Planning and Practices Regulation.

The woodlots are located within the North Island Timber Supply Area, near the communities of Union Bay, Campbell River, Gold River and Tahsis on Vancouver Island.

The Campbell River Natural Resource District was randomly selected for audit, and the board then selected woodlots as the focus of the audit. The five woodlots with the highest harvest levels were included in the audit. Woodlots W2004, W2044 and W2046 are located on the territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation; W0085 and W2001 are on the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and K'ómoks First Nations' territories. W0085 overlaps the territories of the Hamolco, Qualicum and Tla'amin Peoples.

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 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 the appropriateness of government enforcement.

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