

What is this audit about?

The Board conducted a full-scope compliance audit of BC Timber Sales (BCTS) and Timber Sale Licence (TSL) holders in the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District. All forestry activities carried out between May 1, 2022, and May 31, 2024, were subject to audit.

What did the Board find?

BCTS and the TSL holders complied with most requirements under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and *Wildfire Act*, with two exceptions.

1. BCTS was not diligent in inspecting ~90 kilometres of its forest service roads and structures on Moresby Island. This is considered a significant non-compliance.
2. Two TSL holders did not complete the required number of fire hazard assessments or conduct the assessments on time. However, since fire hazards were effectively abated on time, this is an area requiring improvement.

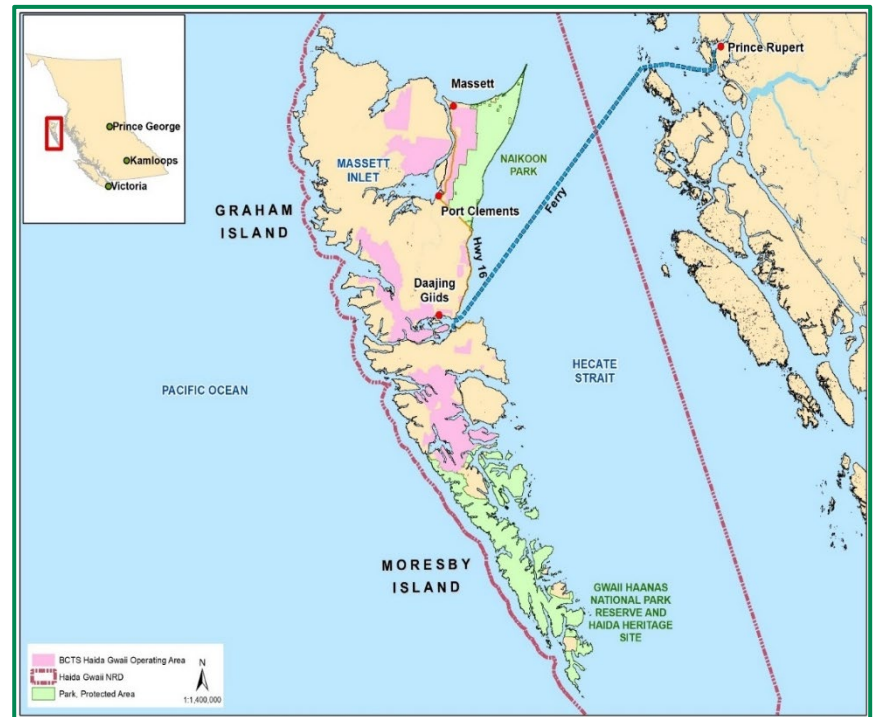


Figure 1. Map of the audit area

Key Takeaway

The person responsible for a road or bridge must ensure that it does not adversely affect a forest resource ([sections 79](#) and [81](#) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*). Conducting and recording forest service road inspections helps forest operators identify maintenance priorities by determining the potential impacts and consequences of their operations.

Acknowledgement

This audit took place within the territory of the Haida Nation, the current, historical and ancient home of the Haida peoples. The Haida peoples have been stewards of Haida Gwaii since time immemorial, and the Forest Practices Board acknowledges their deep connection with the land that continues to this day.