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## **Forestry audit finds Tahltan Nation Development Corporation largely compliant**

VICTORIA – A Forest Practices Board audit has found that Tahltan Nation Development Corporation complied with the Forest and Range Practices Act and Wildfire Act in all significant respects on its 3.2-million-hectare First Nations Woodland Licence N3E.

The licence is in the Cassiar Timber Supply Area (TSA), the largest and least-populated TSA in British Columbia. The audit examined harvesting, road and bridge work, and wildfire protection carried out between Aug. 1, 2022, and Aug. 16, 2024.

The audit confirmed good forestry planning and practices. Harvesting followed approved plans. Winter logging helped protect soils, riparian areas and wildlife habitat. Roads and bridges were stable and had proper drainage. A newly built bridge met all design standards. Culvert removals left stream banks intact.

The report highlights four areas for improvement. Three cutblocks were wider than the 250-metre limit the company set for grizzly-bear habitat. Because this limit was included in error, the licence holder is amending its forest stewardship plan to match regional objectives. Auditors noted that four of 10 newly built roads had no site plans, and two stretches of forest service road were used without formal permits, although safety agreements were in place. In addition, eight of 22 fire-hazard assessments were completed after the six-month deadline set in legislation.

This audit took place within the territory of the Tahltan Nation. The board acknowledges the Tahltan people, who have stewarded this land since time immemorial and maintain a deep connection to it.

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