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Board to audit forestry operations near Merritt

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will conduct a full-scope compliance audit of B.C. Timber Sales and Timber Sale Licence holders in the Cascades Natural Resource District, starting Monday, July 21, 2025.

The audit will examine harvesting, roads, silviculture and associated planning under the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act. B.C. Timber Sales and licensees operate throughout the district, from the American border south of Princeton to the Chilcotin ranges north of Lillooet.

Once the audit 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 be released to the public and provincial government.

The Cascades Natural Resource District includes the Cascade mountains and the Thompson Plateau. This district transitions from coastal to continental climates. The Cascade mountains provide diverse biogeoclimatic units due to the diversity in elevation and the directions their slopes face. The Thompson Plateau is drier and relatively flat. This landscape diversity provides a range of wildlife habitat types, including grasslands, lakes, rivers, wetlands, forested uplands and alpine areas.

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. Auditees are selected using a modified random sampling method without considering past performance or public complaints.

The board audits forest and range practices on public lands and the appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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