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### **Audit of Metlakatla Forestry Corporation finds good practices**

PRINCE RUPERT – A Forest Practices Board audit has found that Metlakatla Forestry Corporation complied with the Forest and Range Practices Act and Wildfire Act on First Nations Woodland Licence N3B.

The N3B licence lies within the Great Bear Rainforest North Timber Supply Area of the Coast Mountain Natural Resource District. Auditors examined planning, harvesting, road maintenance and deactivation, silviculture and fire-protection activities carried out between Aug. 1, 2022, and Aug. 12, 2024.

Auditors found evidence of good forestry practices and stewardship. Operational planning aligned with the Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Order and properly addressed resource values, including visual quality, terrain stability and cultural values. Riparian areas and wildlife tree patches were managed according to the corporation's forest-stewardship plan.

While fire-hazard abatement was not due during the audit period, slash piles were located away from standing timber. Roads were built before the audit period, and no bridges or major culverts were constructed. Auditors had no concerns with the corporation's road maintenance and deactivation.

The audit took place within the territory of the Metlakatla and Tsimshian First Nations. These Indigenous people have been stewards of the land since time immemorial, and the board recognizes their deep connection with the land that continues to this day.

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