



Aug. 18, 2024

Board to audit forestry operations near Pemberton

VICTORIA – The Forest Practices Board will conduct an audit of Tsetspa7 Forestry Limited Partnership's Forest Licence A83924 in the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District.

Fieldwork for the audit will begin Aug. 25, 2025, and will examine forestry activities carried out under the licence from Aug. 1, 2023, to determine compliance with the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

Forest Licence A83924 covers an operating area of about 115,000 hectares centred on the lower Lillooet River between the Lillooet and Harrison lakes, approximately 50 kilometres southeast of Pemberton.

The licence is jointly held by the Skatin, Samahquam and Xa'xtsa (Douglas) First Nations, and Lizzie Bay Logging Ltd. The tenure is managed by Chartwell Resource Group Ltd. from its Squamish office. Tsetspa7 acquired the licence in 2008 and manages an allowable annual cut of about 45,000 cubic metres.

The audit area is rich in cultural, historical, ecological and recreational values, with high recreational use for fishing, hot springs, hiking, kayaking and camping. It provides critical habitat for the endangered northern spotted owl and contains First Nations cultural places and cultural management areas designated under the Sea-to-Sky Land and Resource Management Plan. It also has management objectives for old growth, wildlands, ungulate winter range, grizzly bear, tailed frog, northern goshawk, marbled murrelet and visual quality.

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 any recommendations will be released to the public and provincial 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. 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.

Learn More:

Website: <http://www.bcfpb.ca>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BCForestPracticesBoard/>

Twitter: https://x.com/BC_FPBoard

BlueSky: <https://bsky.app/profile/bcfpboard.bsky.social>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bcfpb>

Contact:

Tanner Senko

Communications Manager

Forest Practices Board

tanner.senko@bcfpb.ca

250 889-8211 / 1 800 994-5899