



Forest Practices Board

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Dear Sharon and Ann:

Re: Bridge Planning, Design and Construction – Special Investigation.

In its March 2014 special investigation report on Bridge Planning, Design and Construction, the Forest Practices Board made the following recommendation:

The Board requests that the Joint Practices Board of the Association of BC Forest Professionals and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia advise it of the steps planned or taken to address the professional practice issues identified in this report by October 31, 2014.

On October 30, 2014, you responded with 12 specific actions taken or planned to address the recommendation, including updating the professional practice guidelines for crossings; delivering joint training sessions for your members; working with small licensees to remind them of their obligations to hire a professional when they are planning, designing or constructing a forest road bridge. I understand that ABCFF members voted in favour of creating a new bylaw which would require members to comply with the updated professional practice guidelines.

The Board is encouraged by these actions, as well as the response of the forest industry as a whole, not only in addressing the specific concerns noted in our report but by highlighting the importance of safety and taking meaningful measures to ensure the safety of forest road bridges.

I am satisfied that you have addressed the Board's recommendation and now consider this file to be closed.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout the investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy S. Ryan, RPF
Chair