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Forest Practices Board

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Board to audit three forest licences near Chilliwack

CHILLIWACK – Three non-replaceable forest licences (NRFLs) in the Chilliwack Natural Resource District — NRFL A75807, held by Leq' A: Mel Forestry Limited Partnership; NRFL A79504, held by Ts'elxweyeqw Forestry Limited Partnership; and NRFL A90380, held by Skwah — will be audited starting the week of Aug. 19, 2019.

Auditors will examine whether harvesting, roads, silviculture, fire protection and associated planning carried out between Aug. 1, 2017, and Aug. 23, 2019, met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act.

The audit areas are located in southwest B.C. near Chilliwack. The area is also located close to Cultus Lake Park, Chilliwack Lake Park and International Ridge Park, which are popular recreation sites for campers, boaters and hikers.

Once the audit work 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 Forest Practices Board's final report and recommendations then will be released to the public and 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. The board audits forest and range practices on public land, as well as appropriateness of government enforcement.

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