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Forest licence in Squamish Forest District receives clean audit

VICTORIA – An audit of a forest licence currently held by Terminal Forest Products Limited found that planning and practices met all legislative requirements, according to a Forest Practices Board report released today.

The board examined activities in forest licence A19215 for compliance with legislation, and looked at harvesting, roads, silviculture, protection activities and associated planning done between June 1, 2008 and June 9, 2010. Fieldwork took place from June 7 to June 9.

“This forest licence is currently in the process of changing hands, as Terminal is selling the licence to Black Mount Logging,” said board chair Al Gorley. “Most of the harvesting we examined was done by Black Mount, however, Terminal has continued to meet its obligations as they wait for finalization of the sale.”

The board audited six cutblocks totaling 107 hectares during the audit period as well as 191 kilometres of road maintenance, 35 bridges, and all of the new road construction and road deactivation.

The forest licence is in the Sea to Sky Corridor, and Terminal has operations near Furry Creek, Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton and the Lillooet River.

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 lands and appropriateness of government enforcement. It can also make recommendations for improvement to practices and legislation.

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