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Canfor tree farm licence gets clean audit

VICTORIA – An audit of tree farm licence (TFL) 30 near Prince George, held by the Canadian Forest Products (Canfor), found good planning and forest practices, according to a report released today.

The board examined activities on TFL 30 for compliance with legislation, and looked at harvesting, roads, silviculture, protection activities and associated planning done between Sept. 1, 2008, and Sept. 30, 2010.

“Most of Canfor’s harvesting was focused on salvaging beetle-killed trees outside of TFL 30, but they still continued to meet obligations on the TFL, especially with regard to road maintenance,” said board chair Al Gorley.

During the audit period, Canfor was responsible for maintenance of 729.4 kilometres of temporarily deactivated road and 548.7 kilometres of semi-permanently or permanently deactivated road. Canfor constructed 4.7 kilometres of road and deactivated 1.1 kilometres of road, and harvested four cutblocks.

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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