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### **Audit of Interfor on north central coast finds good practices**

VICTORIA – An audit of Interfor’s operations on the north central coast found compliance with B.C.’s forestry legislation as well as the Central North Coast and South Central Coast Orders which support ecosystem-based management (EBM), according to a report released today.

“This is a challenging operating area, and the board would like to acknowledge Interfor’s diligence in applying the planning and operational requirements of EBM,” said Al Gorley, board chair.

Interfor’s operating area is in the North Island-Central Coast District, which contains one of the largest temperate rainforests in the world. Known as the “Great Bear Rain Forest,” it is home to rare plant species and wildlife, such as the Kermode bear. It surrounds the communities of Bella Coola and Bella Bella.

Field work was carried out from June 25 to 29, 2012, on forest licences A16850 and A82001.

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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