



Pebble Creek Timber passes forestry audit

VICTORIA – An audit of forest planning, harvesting and road practices of Pebble Creek Timber Limited on Forest Licence A19218, north of Whistler, found that all activities met the requirements of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, according to a report released today.

“Pebble Creek’s timber harvesting, road construction and maintenance, and silviculture activities were all in compliance with legislation,” said board chair, Tim Ryan. “The audit did find one area of improvement related to *Wildfire Act* requirements to conduct fire hazard assessments after harvesting. Even though formal assessments were not done, all fire hazards were abated through the company’s standard operating procedure of piling and burning debris.”

Forest licence A19218 has operating areas in the Joffre Creek, upper Lillooet River, and Meager Creek areas. As part of the Forest Practices Board’s 2014 compliance audit program, the board randomly selected the Sea to Sky Resource District as the location for a full scope compliance audit. Within the district, the board selected this forest licence for the audit.

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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