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100 Mile House community forest gets good audit

VICTORIA – An audit of community forest CFA K2W, in the 100 Mile House Natural Resource District, has found compliance with B.C.'s forestry legislation.

The community forest is managed by the 100 Mile Development Corporation.

"We are pleased to see that the community forest carried out sound forest practices and fully met the requirements of the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act," said Kevin Kriese, board chair, Forest Practices Board. "Of note, the community forest has been proactive in harvesting timber in the wildland urban interface to the east of 100 Mile House, to help government with its plan to create a fuel break around the community. The harvesting reduced the risk of a fire starting and spreading by removing fuels that are more flammable and promoting the regeneration of less-flammable deciduous trees."

The community forest consists of a number of parcels of land surrounding Horse Lake, east of Highway 97 and north of Highway 24, near 100 Mile House.

The community forest harvested 30,400 cubic metres of timber between September 2017 and September 2019. The audit examined all operational planning, harvesting, roads, silviculture and wildfire protection activities carried out during the two-year period.

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