BCTS BC Timber Sales BACKGROUNDER

PEACE-LIARD BUSINESS AREA GUIDED BY SAFETY AND SOUND FOREST MANAGEMENT

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) was founded in April 2003 with a mandate to be the cost and price benchmark for timber harvested from public land in British Columbia. Through 12 Business Areas and an operational presence in 33 locations, BCTS manages some 20 percent of the annual provincial Crown harvest.

From operations in Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson and Fort St. John, the Peace-Liard Business Area conducts forest planning, timber cruising, layout and engineering, road construction and maintenance, bridge installations, and silviculture activities such as tree planting, surveys and stand treatments in northeast B.C. in the areas encompassed by the Fort Nelson and Peace Forest Districts. These forestry activities provide economic benefits to local businesses through the purchase of goods and services. Timber sales support communities by making wood available to loggers, wood processors and other forestry businesses of varying size, including major licensees. BCTS contracts annually with local suppliers for forestry work, road and bridge construction, and reforestation activities.

In its first five years, BC Timber Sales provincially offered 73 million cubic metres of timber to the market, sold 63 million cubic metres and generated $430 million in net revenue for the Province. Over the same period, the Peace-Liard Business Area offered 5.2 million cubic metres of timber to the market and sold 4.1 million cubic metres.

BC Timber Sales is the largest tree planter in B.C., with 199 million tree seedlings planted provincially since 2003 and 17.3 million seedlings planted in the Peace-Liard Business Area over the same period. Operating with the principle of sound forest management, the Peace-Liard Business Area has achieved International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14001) certification of an Environmental Management System for the entire business area. In addition, Sustainable Forest Management certification under Canadian Standards Association has been achieved in the Fort St. John and Fort Nelson Timber Supply Areas and on Tree Farm Licence 48.

Safety is an overriding principle of BC Timber Sales and the organization, including the Peace-Liard Business Area, achieved SAFE Company certification in August 2008. BCTS strongly supports a culture of safety across the B.C. forest industry and is committed to the safety of all people affected by its operations – staff, contractors, licensees and the public.

The Peace-Liard Business Area provides front-counter walk-in service from its office in Dawson Creek, where customers can pick-up or drop-off Timber Sale Licence tender packages/bids, contract tenders and other documents.

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For more information:

www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TPL.htm

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