

Regulatory Regimes which apply to forestry practices in British Columbia

Regulatory Regime

There are three different regimes which apply to forestry practices in British Columbia.

Crown Land

¹The *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and its regulations govern the activities of forest and range licensees in B.C. The statute sets the requirements for planning, road building, logging, reforestation and grazing. FRPA maintains high levels of protection for forest values including watersheds and wildlife habitat, and creates efficiencies for both government and industry through streamlined planning processes.

FRPA encourages innovation by skilled resource professionals and holds industry responsible for outcomes. Combined with rigorous compliance and enforcement, the *Act* and regulations will contribute to high quality forest management and sustainable environmental values for future generations.

FRPA and its regulations took effect on Jan. 31, 2004. Any activities already approved under the existing *Forest Practices Code* may continue and are governed by the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* and its regulations. After the transition period ends, a licensee may only submit an operational plan under FRPA. Once the plan is approved, the licensee will operate under FRPA.

FRPA applies to private land covered by a licence under the *Forest Act* (Tree Farm Licence, Woodlot Licence or Community Forest Licence) but does not apply to other private land.

Private Managed Forest Land

In November 2003 the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* was passed replacing the *Forest Land Reserve Act*. The Private Managed Forest Lands Council (Council) was formed in July 2004 and is made up of representatives from government and managed forest land owners. "The Council was established to administer the forest practices component of the Managed Forest Program, which includes the protection of key public environmental values on private Managed Forest land."²

Private Unmanaged Forest Land

There is no legislation for forestry practices on private land not classified as Private Managed Forest Land or included in a Tree Farm Licence, Woodlot Licence or Community Forest Agreement.

¹ See <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/>

² See <http://www.pmflc.ca/purpose.php>