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The Interior Logging Association 64th Annual AGM and Trade Show a Success!

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After a 2 year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Interior Logging Association was back for the 64th Annual AGM and Trade Show in May, and though it looked a little different from past years, it was a great success!

This year the ILA Show saw a wide variety of returning and new vendors to the Kamloops Powwow Grounds, as well as the addition of 3 on site food trucks, and live music from Henry Small & Friends. To say it felt good to be able to see each other again and network face-to-face, I think for most of us, is an understatement. The sense of returning normalcy I think was welcome by all.

For those not in attendance, we also welcomed the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural resource Operations and Rural Development, who walked the show bright and early on Friday morning to interact with exhibitors and displays, and later attended the luncheon at the Coast Kamloops Hotel as our guest speaker after a great meal.

The weekend agenda also included many off site sponsored events, both private and public, providing further opportunities to catch up. As much as it was a very busy 3 days for everyone in attendance, I think it's safe to say a good time was had by all.

With a strong base to build on after this years' show, we are already excited to be exploring ways we can expand or enhance next year for our milestone 65th Anniversary AGM and Trade Show.

We want to again thank all of the sponsors, vendors, members and individuals who have contributed to the show over the last 64 years. Without your dedication and continued support of the Interior Logging Association and the industry as a whole, events like this would not continue to be possible or feasible.

We cannot wait to see all of you next year, May 4, 5, 6th 2023 at the Powwow Grounds in Kamloops BC!!

Regards,

Todd Chamberlain, RFT

General Manager, Interior Logging Association



EMBRACING A SUSTAINABLE BRAND NEW DAY FOR TIMBER HARVESTING

2022 WILDFIRE SEASON OUTLOOK AND UPDATES

SUBMITTED BY ROB SCHWEITZER, DIRECTOR OF FIRE OPERATIONS, BCWS



As we head into another wildfire season, I want to reiterate how much the BC Wildfire Service values its relationship with the entire forest industry and the members of the Interior Logging Association. I'm hopeful we won't have to rely on as much support this season as you had to provide in 2021 but know that the partnership we've established with the ILA and its members is critical and truly appreciated.

Recent conditions

The 2022 fire season is off to a slow start, as May was significantly cooler than normal for most of B.C. and much of the province received normal to above normal amounts of precipitation. The exceptions are the Central Okanagan, Rocky Mountain Trench and Southern Cariboo which received 60 - 70 per cent of normal rainfall.

The cooler temperatures and rain have resulted in a significantly lower number of wildfire starts. As of June 1, 2022, 137 fires have burned 600 hectares of land. In comparison, at the same time last year, 256 fires had burned 2,179 hectares. So far, the 2022 to-date statistics

are approximately 5 percent of the 25-year average. This is a result of the spring weather, slow snowpack melt and green-up of grass in valley bottoms and snow free areas. To date, 126 fires have been discovered burning near roads and municipalities and are confirmed human caused, 11 wildfire causes are undetermined, and zero are a result of lightning strikes.

Short-term outlook

BCWS is forecasting a cooler June than normal across southern B.C., and near to above normal temperatures over northern B.C. There is currently no clear indication of how wet conditions will be over the north, but the southern two-thirds of B.C. are predicted to be wetter than normal. As you are likely aware, the amount of precipitation received in June typically determines the severity of the fire season. If current weather trends continue, we can expect fire hazard to remain moderated for June and into July.

The probability of lightning ignitions is expected to increase in the second half of June as snow melts at higher elevations, leaving receptive fuels open to dry

out. Regions currently showing the highest fire hazard include the Okanagan, Cariboo, and the far southeast. Our current suppression tactics are successfully holding most wildfires to small sizes, and it is expected our tactics to be successful given current forecasted weather and conditions.

BCWS weather outlooks are posted online bi-weekly during July and August and can be accessed here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-weather>.

BC Wildfire Service Updates

In February, the B.C. government released Budget 2022 which includes significant investments in the BCWS. The Province is providing \$145 million in new funding to strengthen B.C.'s emergency management and wildfire services, including transforming the BCWS into a year-round organization. Budget 2022 also provides \$90 million in community grants for the FireSmart program and an additional \$98 million for wildfire prevention work, including helping maintain forest service roads used to respond to forest fires.

The additional funding will allow BCWS to increase its capacity to strengthen relationships with First Nations, local governments and stakeholders to co-develop wildfire mitigation and preparedness strategies and much more. These new investments will also allow us to increase capacity and modernize equipment to help wildfire prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery of wildfires

and other natural hazard events.

Another exciting development for this season is updates to the BCWS mobile app including the ability to report a fire. Users can now report signs of a wildfire by submitting an electronic report and uploading a photo through the application. This new feature aims to improve accuracy of fire reports and decrease response times. As always, we value your reporting of wildfires as soon as you are aware of them.

Changes have also been made to the improve accuracy and timing of push notifications for new wildfire starts and other information for up to three areas of interest. We have also streamlined smoke and weather forecasting. I encourage you to download and explore the updates made to the BCWS Mobile App (available free on all iOS (Apple) and Android devices).

Again, I am grateful and humbled by your support and dedication, particularly during recent times of crises which were further compounded by impacts from the global pandemic. I look forward to further strengthening our relationships. Please stay safe and look out for one another.

Rob Schweitzer

Director of Fire Centre Operations, BCWS

AN UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF JOBS, ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INNOVATION

SUBMITTED BY: LORI HENDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT



In November of 2021, the Province announced its intention to work in partnership with First Nations to defer harvest of ancient, rare and priority stands of old growth within B.C.'s most at-risk old-growth forests. Recognizing that this decision will result in economic impacts, the province is working to deliver a suite of programs to

support forestry workers and communities. Information on the suite of programs is available at:

<https://forestryworkersupport.gov.bc.ca/>.

Two of these programs, in particular, will be focused on providing direct supports to forestry contractors and their employees

Forest Employment Program

The Forest Employment Program (FEP), originally launched in 2019, provides funding for land-based projects to create short-term employment opportunities for forestry contractors and their

employees. FEP provides funding for projects in all regions of the Province, and is targeted to support forestry contractors who have been impacted by an old growth deferral decision, fibre supply shortages or a pause in BC Timber Sales.

Previously, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development administered the program. However, the ministry recently underwent restructuring in the spring of 2022, and as result, the Ministry of Jobs Economic Recovery and Innovation (JERI) is now responsible for the program. Moving forward, JERI's Regional and Rural Development Unit is working to

administer new funding to FEP projects for the next three fiscal years with help from partner ministries in regional and district offices.

As of March 2022, after three years of successful operations, FEP has provided over \$30M in funding to 317 short-term employment projects. Those projects – often involving Indigenous partnerships - covered a wide range of activities, including work supporting forest service roads, forestry activities, range infrastructure, recreational trails, and wildfire mitigation.

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 SUBMITTED BY: LORI HENDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT



These projects were completed by forestry contractors and their employees who suffered financial hardships resulting forestry sector downturns or the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEP projects are procured through regular government processes, with many posted on BC Bid, making it a good source to monitor for future FEP opportunities. For more information about upcoming projects, please contact us at forestemploymentprogram@gov.bc.ca or have a look at our Ministry website, which has additional information

on the program, and can be accessed here: [Short Term Forest Employment Program - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#).

Bridging to Retirement Program

The Bridging to Retirement program is designed to help full-time forestry workers and contractors that are at least 55 years old transition to retirement. Forestry workers and contractors could be eligible for up to \$75,000 in combined retirement bridging funding, depending on individual factors including years of experience, age at retirement and employer contribution.

The Bridging to Retirement program will have specified intakes for voluntary applicants over the next 3 years and the current intake is now

open (maximum limit of 200 voluntary retirees). Eligibility to receive benefits as a voluntary retiree does depend on receiving employer approval to participate.

The application intake for full time workers and contractors in BC who have or will impacted by job loss, shift reductions, mill or forest dependent contractor business closures will remain open until March 2025. Employer support for the impacted worker to apply and participate is not required to be eligible to receive the benefits.

The forestry worker support programs are currently evaluating new opportunities to improve the voluntary retiree and employer process, so the voluntary retirement of a worker does not negatively impact employer operations. This includes but is not limited to offering funding and

support for employers to access the specific skills training that they may require for attracting, onboarding, and training new workers who would be replacing the older voluntary retirees.

For more information on how to apply for this program, please visit our website at: [Bridging to Retirement Program - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#).

Thank you very much for your interest in our programs. We look forward to providing continued support to forestry workers, contractors, and ILA members.

Sincerely,

Lori Henderson

Executive Director,
 Regional and Rural Development Unit

Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

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UNDERSTANDING CANADIAN ELD MANDATE AND BC LOGGING HOURS-OF-SERVICES

SUBMITTED BY: STREAMLINE



In March 2022, the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) announced: “the use of ELDs for federally regulated carriers will be mandatory starting January 1, 2023.” An Electronic Logging Device (ELD) is a device that is connected to the vehicle engine control module and automatically records a driver’s driving time.

The BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is currently determining how to mandate ELDs in the province. As stated in the BC National Safety Code Bulletin (updated on March 17, 2022), “the revised intended target for the implementation of a provincial ELD mandate is January 1, 2023.” Exact timelines for provincial ELD enforcement are expected soon.

Existing British Columbia Hours-of-Services (HOS) regulations mirror the Canadian federal regulations. Additional rules have been added; BC Logging Hours of Services is an example. Logging trucks in BC have a choice to follow three HOS rules: BC Logger, Canadian Federal Cycle 1, or Canadian Federal Cycle 2. While the Federal HOS seems straightforward, the BC Logging HOS can often be misunderstood. As per CVSE National Safety Code, trucks that follow BC Logging HOS:

- Can have a **maximum of 13 hours driving time** in a 24-hour period or work shift.
- **Cannot drive after 15 hours of on-duty** or elapsed time since the start of the work

shift.

- **Must have at least 9 hours of off-duty time between shifts.**
- **Must not drive after 65 driving hours in seven days.**
- **Must not drive after 80 hours of on-duty in seven days**
- **Must be off duty at least 24 consecutive hours every seven days** (Note: Logger HOS does not reset but continue to be a rolling 7-day total).
- **Must have a logbook**, regardless of the distance travelled (when operating under the standard HOS rules, you usually do not need to use the logbook if you work within the 160 km radius from your home terminal).
- Have to **indicate that they are “operating under logging truck hours”** in the logbook Remarks section.
- **Cannot defer off-duty time.**

Other universal logbook rules that apply to most carriers (including loggers) are:

- Keep your previous 14 days of logs in the truck.
- Keep your last six months of logs at your business place.
- You can use your commercial motor vehicle for personal use for 75 km (conditions apply).

The key **benefit of using BC Logging HOS is they maximize legal daily working time by adding one hour daily and 10 hours weekly.** However, if you regularly experience over 30 consecutive minutes of delays during a work shift and can go off-duty, you may find Canadian Federal HOS rules more beneficial to your business.

Regardless of the HOS that you choose to follow, you will eventually need to use an Electronic logging device to record your duty status.

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 SUBMITTED BY: STREAMLINE



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Streamline Transportation Technologies is a Kamloops-based ELD and telematics provider that supports BC Logging, Canadian Federal, Alberta Provincial and other HOS rules. We make sure that all our customers stay compliant with government requirements and benefit from using telematics. Our systems have

a best-in-class user interface, the ability to build custom reports, and responsive local customer support. Forestry players such as **Canfor, West Fraser, Interfor, ALPAC, Weyerhaeuser, and Mosaic Forest Management** have chosen Navistream, by Streamline, as their ELD solution.

The **key benefits of using Streamline ELD, Navistream,**

are:

- ELD Compliance
- Flexible for your specific business needs
- Various HOS, including BC Logging HOS
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ELECTRONIC LOAD SLIPS - IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND ENHANCING SAFETY

SUBMITTED BY: THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL



BC Forest Safety

Safety is good business

Falls are the most common on-the-job injury and are the leading type of injury claim in the forest harvesting sector. WorkSafeBC data shows slips, trips and falls (from elevation or on same level) account for over 26% of all claims. Many of these injuries occur when log truck drivers are entering or exiting their truck but there are also long-term health risks associated with repeated entry and exiting a vehicle. Over time, as bones, joints and muscular tissue absorb the strain and potential impacts of this repetitive action, it can result in recurrent strain injury.

The use of Electronic Load Description Slips (eLDS) can help reduce or eliminate the need for a driver to exit their vehicle while visiting the mill scale site and the need to interact directly with the loader operator in the bush, thereby reducing the driver's risk of slips, trips and falls and other associated injuries.

Recently the Timber Pricing Branch of the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development posted [new requirements intended for software developers and scale sites](#) that will create Electronic Load Description Slips (eLDS) for Industry use and by Scale Sites using the eLDS process.

These requirements are effective

as of December 15, 2021. Each type of eLDS software must meet all the requirements outlined below and be approved for use by [Timber Pricing Branch](#).

If an update to the software is made it must be retested to ensure all requirements are met and there are no unintended consequences because of this update.

[The document](#) must be followed when electronic means are used to meet the requirements of the Timber Marking and Transport Regulations for Land transport and the Forest Act.

1. Requirement to produce records

- eLDS must be able to be produced for inspection while enroute to the place it will be scaled and must be able to be disseminated in a consistent manner to those parties with an interest in inspection or audit.

2. Requirement to retain Electronic Load Description Slips for a period of time

- An eLDS must be retained by each person required to retain a copy for a minimum of 6 years as per the retention requirements outlined in the Forest Act (s. 142.3) and the Scale Site Authorization. It is not acceptable for a person or entity re-

quired to carry or retain a record, to rely on another person or entity in order to produce records for inspection but must be able to do so independently.

3. Requirement for Versioning and Corrections

- The first version (Version 1) of the eLDS is considered to be the original. The version number must be displayed on the eLDS document and this document must be signed by the transport operator before leaving the harvest area.
- The software must ensure that a new version of the eLDS is created upon editing. If an edit must be made to eLDS the Transport Operator must re-sign to indicate their verification of the change.
- eLDS must be saved sequentially. If more than one version of the eLDS exists, subsequent versions of the eLDS must be recorded as Version 2, Version 3, etc. and retained as directed by regulation. This will ensure that the integrity and history of the eLDS will be maintained for audit. December 2021 Timber Pricing Branch 2 Electronic Load Description Slip Requirements

4. Requirement for Signatures

- An electronic signature must be verifiable by identification if requested. Transport Operators must accept the eLDS into their device which constitutes agreement with the

eLDS data.

5. Requirement for Scale Sites where eLDS will be used

- Scale Site Authorizations must use the specific Scale Control System eLDS Condition in their Scale Site Authorization. That is: eLDS software must meet all of the Requirements for eLDS and must be approved by Timber Pricing Branch

6. Requirement to use eLDS

- If electronic load description slips are the format chosen to satisfy the requirements of the TMTR, they must be used for the entire transport process, from harvest site to the place of scaling. A person may change between electronic and paper load descriptions slips only where extenuating circumstances exist and this change should be documented on the paper LDS and include the unique serial number of the original eLDS.

7. Expansion of the eLDS program

- Currently the eLDS program is only to be used for land transport of timber to scale sites where there is infrastructure for eLDS at the site. Water transport is also under consideration, depending on uptake and the ability for auditability equal to current practises.

For more information, contact the [Timber Pricing Branch](#).



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