
Enforcing Forestry Regulations in B.C.

The Ministry of Forests and Range is responsible for the protection, conservation and management of the province's forest and range values.

Staff of the Ministry's Compliance and Enforcement Program carry out activities – such as periodic planned and unannounced vehicle and vessel checks -- to promote compliance with the Ministry's legislation and regulations.

If non-compliance is observed, staff may take compliance or enforcement actions.

Actions include warning tickets, violation tickets, and the recording and reporting of observed non-compliance to tenure holders.

Authorities

Inspections conducted by Forest Officials are authorized under the following sections of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*:

- Sect. 60 Authority to stop a vehicle or vessel to carry out an inspection.
- Sect. 62 Obligation of an official to provide proof of identity when requested.
- Sect. 63 Obligation of person inspected to provide proof of identity.

Timber Marking and Transportation

The *Forest Act* and Timber Marking and Transportation Regulation requires that all Crown and private timber harvested in B.C. is identified by a timber mark before being transported for processing. This helps ensure the correct stumpage is paid, and prevents timber theft.

This applies to all forest products entering, leaving and being transported within the Province of British Columbia.

This is part of the ministry's collection of controls to ensure the accuracy and completeness of activities affecting forest revenue.

Forest Service Road Use

The *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the Forest Service Road Use Regulation include various requirements that are enforced by Compliance and Enforcement staff. One of these is the requirement that all persons operating a motor vehicle must do so at a speed safe for the conditions and which does **not exceed the lesser of 80 km/h or the posted limit.**

This is part of the ministry's collection of controls to ensure the safety of workers and the public on Forest Service Roads.

This guide is intended for information purposes only. It is not legal advice.

Common Offences in Timber Marking and Transportation

Forest Act

- Sect. 84 (1) Fail to ensure timber is marked.
- Sect. 84 (2) Fail to ensure timber mark is discernable.
- Sect. 84 (3) Fail to mark timber.
- Sect. 84 (4) Remove, obliterate or alter a timber mark.
- Sect. 86 (1) Fail to ensure that timber is marked. (Brand)
- Sect. 86 (2) Fail to mark timber. (Brand)
- Sect. 86 (4) Remove, obliterate or alter a scaled timber brand.

Timber Marking and Transportation Regulation

- Sect. 10 (1) Fail to have a written transport description.
- Sect. 10 (2) Inadequate transport description.
- Sect. 10 (3) Fail to maintain adequate records
- Sect. 10 (4) Fail to show written transport description.

Common Offences in Forest Service Road Use

Forest and Range Practices Act

- Sect. 63 (1) Fail to stop vehicle or vessel.
- Sect. 63 (2) Fail to provide documents.

Forest Service Road Use Regulation

- Sect. 3 (3) Snowmobile illegally on forest service road.
- Sect. 4 Speed on forest service road.
- Sect. 5 (1) Fail to properly transmit location.
- Sect. 6 (3) Erect traffic control device without authority.
- Sect. 6 (4) Damage or remove traffic control device.
- Sect. 6 (5) Disobey traffic control device.
- Sect. 7 Vehicle not maintained to standards.
- Sect. 8 Unlicensed industrial vehicle not properly marked.
- Sect. 10 (1) Damage forest service road.
- Sect. 11 (1) Construct works without permit.
- Sect. 12 (1) Use forest service road without required insurance.

Operator Rights

Compliance and Enforcement staff are committed to treating clients in a fair and reasonable manner. Please ask for clarification if you are unsure of why you are being stopped.

If you have any questions, they should be directed to staff at the time of the inspection. Or, call your local Ministry of Forests and Range District Office.

For More Information

Compliance and Enforcement Program:
www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/

Ministry of Forests and Range,
list of District Offices:
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/regdis.htm

Enquiry BC will direct calls to District Offices. (Service available Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
1 800 663-7867

Legislation and Regulations Online:
www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/comptoc.htm

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and Users of
Forest Service Roads