

SAFE Companies UPDATE



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ANOTHER 68 COMPANIES ADD TO A SAFER FOREST INDUSTRY

Between June 8 – 19, 68 more companies were SAFE certified. Congratulations to the following companies for contributing to safety at their work sites and in the BC forest industry:

0697864 BC Ltd. dba Central Interior Excavating, Vanderhoof • 0778770 BC Ltd. dba Mark's Heavy Haul, Armstrong • A. Sanford and Son Enterprises Ltd., Lac La Hache • Abfam Enterprises Ltd., Port Clements • AlSCO Trucking Ltd., Lister • Anthony Martens, Altona • Azimuth Forestry & Mapping Solutions Ltd., Revelstoke • Barry Bender Holdings Ltd., 70 Mile House • BC Ecochips Ltd., Kamloops • Bob Reichert Backhoe Service, Tulameen • Cascadia Natural Resource Consultants Inc., Kamloops • Cougar Valley Ventures Ltd., Nakusp • Creed Forest Products Ltd., Vancouver • Crystal Springs Ranch, Upper Halfway • D. Goodwin & Sons Grading Ltd., Quesnel • D. Lind Contracting Ltd., Rosedale • Dark Star Forestry Ltd., South Slokan • Daryl Campbell Logging Ltd., Quesnel • Deepwoods Contracting Ltd., Prince George • Edwin Harder dba Turbulent Concepts, Prespatou • F. Warren and Associates Ltd., Ucluelet • Forsite Engineering & Geoscience Ltd., Salmon Arm • G. W. Lindberg Land Surveying Inc., Chemainus • Gemini Services Ltd., 100 Mile House • Global Mapping Services, Vernon • Grant Haines dba Grant Haines Excavating, Hope • Gravelle Enterprises Ltd. dba Kutenai Trucking, Fernie • Gregory David Hobbs dba Greg Hobbs Log Scaling, Port Alberni • Hanefeld Enterprises, Williams Lake • Harwood Logging Ltd., Cherryville • Hurricane Bay Contracting Ltd., Sicamous • J. Yeomans Enviro Developments, Courtenay • K. Lance Logging Ltd., Campbell River • Kenneth Len Shepherd & Kenneth Wayne Shepherd dba Way-Len Trucking, Quesnel • KGB Trucking Ltd., Kamloops • Klatassine Resources Ltd., Alexis Creek • L. Hainstock Logging Ltd., Malakwa • Larson Sorting and Booming Ltd., Comox • Leaverite Drilling & Blasting Ltd., Clearwater • Mihai Todossia dba Navrom Contracting, Prince George • Mister Haul-It Enterprises, Quesnel • Nechako Excavating Ltd. dba NEX, Vanderhoof • Nisga'a Fisheries Ltd. dba Lisims Forest Resources Limited

Partnership, New Aiyansh • Okanagan Nation Forestry Limited Partnership, West Kelowna • Paul Griffiths dba Cave Management Services/KarstCare, Campbell River • Pietila & Sons Ltd., Lillooet • Polson Logging Ltd., Armstrong • R. Brink Enterprise, Williams Lake • RIT Consulting Inc., Chemainus • Riyar Rondeau Cont. Ltd., Golden • Rock Reforestation Ltd., Dunster • Rokel Enterprises Ltd., Nakusp • RSS Contracting, Terrace • Schapansky Logging Ltd., McBride • Sechelt Indian Band dba S.I.B. Resource Management, Sechelt • Seton Lake Contracting Ltd., Qualicum Beach • Small Pine Logging Ltd., Williams Lake • Sockeye Sawmills, Slokan • T.B.C. Holdings Ltd. dba Parksville Heavy Equipment, Qualicum Beach • Tony Jongbloets Logging Ltd., Lone Butte • Triple Nickel Contracting, Hazelton • Two Rivers Excavating Ltd., New Hazelton • TWOFOURONE Consulting Limited, Port McNeill • Victor Leonard Godwin dba C & V Contracting/Farm, Fraser Lake • Waterside Ventures Ltd., Burns Lake • White Pine Consulting Co., Cranbrook • Woodpro Holdings, Chetwynd • Woodstock Management Inc., Nanaimo

CHECK OUT THE COUNCIL'S PROGRESS REPORT NOW ON-LINE



It's called "Taking Safety to the Next Level" for a good reason, because that's exactly what the BC Forest Safety Council's progress report for 2008-09 captures. Think of it as the annual report for the council, and it's available on-line to be more user-friendly and accessible.

[Click here for the report](#), which will give you the helicopter-view of the accomplishments made by employers and workers in 2008 using the tools and resources developed for them by the council. You can also get a quick overview of the council's work plan over the past year, plus check out the council's 2009 goals on how we'll work towards eliminating fatalities and serious injuries in the forest sector in BC.

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2185 SAFE certified companies = Safety Leaders



SAFETY ALERT



BE CAREFUL WHEN WORKING AROUND POWER LINES!

With tinder-dry conditions in the forest, all high-risk activities have the potential to cause forest fires. We often think of sparks from a chainsaw or the heat of a machine's exhaust as possibly causing a fire, but fire hazards exist that most workers don't usually think of.

For instance, fires can be caused by making contact with electrical transmission lines. Last year, a beetle-killed tree being handled by a feller-buncher made contact with a 14.4 KV transmission line. The resulting discharge of electricity started a fire in the top of the tree and the operator, unaware that the top of the tree was smoldering, put it on the ground. The result — a 3.8-hectare forest fire.

To prevent forest fires and other safety incidents:

- Always conduct a thorough inspection of the cutting area. This will help identify unidentified hazards.
- Communicate all site hazards to workers at pre-work meetings.
- If a worker encounters a hazard that requires specialized equipment or training, stop work in that area and notify the site supervisor.
- Maintain a fire watch during fire season. Guidelines for fire watch hours, tools and equipment requirements during fire season [can be found here](#) on the council's website.



YOUR TURN

INPUT WELCOME TO HELP US MAKE THE BASE AUDIT EVEN BETTER

Now is your chance to add your valued insights to our new BASE audit standard.

Since the launch of SAFE Companies, the BASE Audit – Version 1 has been used by auditors to conduct about 300 audits. This sector-endorsed safety audit standard was developed back in 2006, using the forest safety council's technical advisory committee. Since then, we've collected feedback from auditors and companies alike and are pleased to present BASE Audit Draft 2 for industry comment. [Simply click here](#), to read the draft version in PDF so you can add your comments.

Some revisions have already been incorporated in the draft audit. These focus on the following areas to make the audit a better tool for improving worker safety and enhancing the overall productivity of your business operations:

- **Improved efficiency.** E.g.: We've removed duplicate requirements, and defined and clarified questions and guidelines
- **Improved effectiveness.** E.g.: In the drive for continual improvement, we've enhanced linkages to risks and safe work procedures

We've also incorporated the enhanced return-to-work audit standard (that's the +5% COR rebate) and are allowing for the potential inclusion of the forest products manufacturing sector with SAFE Companies.

Have a look at the proposed changes and if you have any comments or suggestions Andrew Chan, our manager of Safety Audit Services, would like to hear from you at chan@bcforestsafe.org. We're collecting comments throughout the summer with the aim of having a revised audit standard ready for 2010. The return-to-work audit standard may be available even earlier, by fall 2009.

