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Wide Bunk Routes List

CVSE has posted a list of approved T60 routes for operating a vehicle using overwidth bunks to a maximum of 2.9 metres when accessing stands of beetle-killed wood:

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/ctm/Forms/PDF/T-60.pdf> or give us a call and we'll fax it or email it to you.

Fire Season Heating Up

Effective at noon Thursday, June 24, all medium- and large-sized open fires are prohibited across the Prince George Fire Centre's jurisdiction to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. Specifically this prohibits: Burning waste, slash or other material, whether piled or unpiled, that is larger than 0.5 metres in height or 0.5 metres in width.

More than two piles of waste, slash or other burning, whether piled or unpiled, that are of any size.

- Stubble or grass burning over any area
- Fireworks of any size or description

To date this season (beginning April 1) there have been 317 wildfires and a total 21,119 hectares burned. By far the most have occurred in the Prince George Fire Centre (7140 ha) and the NorthWest (4233). Of note in the Northwest are fires at Teslin and Telegraph Creek, while in the PG Fire Centre, the Greer Creek Fire near Vanderhoof accounts for more than 6,000 hectares. That fire is now 60% contained, and rain and cooler temperatures the past couple of days have helped get it under control.

JULY 1 HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Please note the CILA office will be closed July 1 and 2 (next Thursday and Friday) and there will be no FactsFax next week. MaryAnne will be away from June 29-July 5, and Roy from July 5 – 9.



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Revised SAFECO's audits out

The BC Forest Safety Council has released the revised SAFE Companies audits. There have been substantive changes in the process and submissions, which should result in less paperwork. According to Reynold Hert, CEO of the Safety Council, "These new versions are more streamlined and more practical – and they are based on input from people who work in the industry. They should help operations focus on what is important in reducing injuries, while reducing the time required for paperwork. This will help operators spend more time on what's really important; improving all of their results, including safety." He reports that he's already getting very positive feedback from contractors. Here's a synopsis of the changes:

IOO (owner/operator):

- 30%-60% less paper required to answer approximately the same key safety topics.
- Exact minimum submission standards for all questions are now defined in clear language.



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NEW CLASS: ISEBASE (Independent Small Employer)

- New protocol applies to company with 2 – 5 people. Similar format, style, modules and submission form as SEBASE, however, its guidelines reflect the reality of a smaller, less formal company.

SEBASE (Small Employer):

- 80% paper reduction to answer approximately the same key safety topics. (i.e. requires only 1/5 of the paper)
- Audit changed to apply to 6-19 people.
- Added Injury management audit for additional optional 5% rebate.

BASE (Large Employer)

- 50-70% paper reduction to answer the same key safety topics.
- 20% reduced questions in the BASE and optional injury management audits.
- Questions clarified and guidelines expanded.
- Removed separate BASE Audit, letters, minutes, and documentation list from the audit submission.
- Maintenance audits being different than certification audits and a 'have not worked in the year' option are both integrated into the SEBASE and BASE audits.

Your response to changes

Following up on the CILA's letter to the Safety Council last December, please send us your feedback on the new format, and let us know if they got it right. We will forward your input to Reynold Hert, or you can contact him directly:

hert@bcforestsafe.org

As of July 1, the allowable size for campfires is ½ metre by ½ metre. The new rules also require campers to build a fireguard around their fires by scraping down to the dirt and clearing away potentially flammable debris, such as twigs, leaves and needles. A shovel or at least eight litres of water must be stored nearby to extinguish the fire. The Ministry is stepping up enforcement and penalties, as an average of 50% of wildfires are caused by humans.