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Trucks needed

John McGuire Logging of Valemount is looking for a **couple of Super B's** to haul short logs from Valemount to Adams Lake, likely right through breakup. Ph 250.566.1247

John Coombes Steep Slope Logging is looking for **short log haulers** (2, 3 or 4 bundles ok) to haul from Bridge Lake to Adams Lake, or to Ainsworth 100_Mile. Ph 250-398-6547.

Resources Expo growing

The exposition-trade show planned for Prince George June 3-5 is drawing the attention of suppliers from not just all over the province, but from exhibitors from other provinces, the U.S. and abroad.

The trade show floor is already sold out, the concourse is going fast, and this week Resources Expo opened up the unpaved area of the Multiplex grounds for exhibits due to many request from exhibitors wanting to bring in the big iron. The conference schedule and details on the Contractor Fair and Human Resources Fair will be out by Feb 15.

Prince George TSA review

The Ministry of Forests and Range is inviting public comment on its review of the Prince George timber supply area.

The current allowable annual cut of 14,944,000 cubic metres was set in September 2004, to accelerate logging of mountain pine beetle-killed timber, and the MoF analysis shows harvest levels will have to drop. Several scenarios are presented in the discussion paper, all showing large reductions in future harvest levels.

Comments on the discussion paper will be received until March 24. Copies of it are available on their website at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts or from the Prince George, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James forest district offices.



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Mining opportunities opening up

In the past couple of weeks, several Interior mines have cleared their environmental reviews and are preparing to break ground in the spring.

The Red Chris, near Stewart, the Chu mine south of Vanderhoof, the Prosperity project west of Williams Lake, and of course Mt. Milligan, between Fort St. James and Mackenzie are leading the way.

CILA staff have met with senior executives of those operations to encourage them to employ regional forestry contractors to clear right-of-way and build roads.

CILA plans trucking meetings

CILA members with trucks in the Vanderhoof and Fort St. James areas are meeting next Saturday, Feb 6, in Fort St. James, to discuss enforcement, regulations, wait times, rates, cycle times etc.

CVSE and RCMP representatives will be in attendance. A similar meeting will be held for CILA members with trucks in Smithers at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb 13, at the Hudson's Bay Lodge.



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Action needed on replanting -WSCA

Promises of provincial silviculture policy changes next fall or early next year to help boost investment in regrowing forests weren't enough for delegates at the Western Silviculture Contractors' Association convention in Prince George this week.

The silviculture sector has been urging BC and Ottawa to accelerate replanting to address the fallout from the mountain pine beetle epidemic in B.C.

Delegates were cool to the lack of specifics in an address by John Rustad, parliamentary secretary for silviculture.

John Betts, WSCA executive director, said his association forecasts that by 2012, about 100 million seedlings will be planted, down from an average of 250 million seedlings per year. The silviculture sector would like to see government action to address the 25 to 40% of the beetle-hit pine forests that are not regenerating.

News from around the industry

Leonard Zirnhelt, a longtime Prince George accountant who worked with the CILA and its members for many years, has been honored with a fellowship by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia. The fellowship is awarded for contributions to the community and service to the profession.

A truck driver, believed to be from the Prince George area, was killed early Thursday morning when his fully-loaded lumber transport truck flipped over in a ditch and burst into flames near Lytton.

A \$5 million natural-gas-fired wood pellet plant is planned for Merritt, with June the target for the start of production.

Construction of Highland Pellet Manufacturing will be starting shortly, after site preparation, with pellet production to start in June.

Tembec says it's counting on a strong global pulp market for better profits this year. The pulp market tanked last spring as the recession deepened and it took several months of aggressive Chinese buying to turn the tide. Base prices have now hit \$750 to \$780 U.S. a tonne and some analysts believe they could test the 1995 record of \$1,000 U.S.
