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## **New Truck Boss**

The Forest Safety Council has announced the hiring of Chuck Carter, RPF, as the new Director of Transportation Safety, taking over the portfolio from the CILA's MaryAnne Arcand. He has been a Safety Manager at Canfor and was a key player in WorkSafe's Resource Road Demonstration project. Chuck has over 25 years experience in the industry, and has been active in developing road safety management procedures for Prince George area roads. He starts his new position Dec 7.

## **Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush Workshops**

The CILA will be hosting FP Innovations' **Fuel Efficiencies in the Bush workshop** at the Day's Inn in **Prince George Saturday, Nov. 14**. This workshop provides great tips and tools for tracking and managing fuel consumption and efficiencies in vehicles and harvesting equipment. The workshop will be preceded by a brief presentation outlining the benefits of membership in the CILA, the free training that's available for contractors, and some of the policy issues we're working on. The workshop is open to all log haulers, harvesting contractors, silviculture contractors, community forests, woodlot owners and others interested in saving money. The same workshop will be presented in **Williams Lake Saturday, Nov. 21**, at the Overlander. Both meetings run from 8am to noon, continental breakfast provided, and there's no cost. To register, call the CILA office at (250)562-3368 or 1-877-562-5668

Winter logging rate discussions between loggers and mills are under way in many locations, and CILA contractors can get information about process and other concerns by calling or e-mailing the CILA office.



250-564-4401 or toll free 1-800-663-5581

## **Axle weight reductions to be deferred**

Axle weight reductions on tridem and triaxle pole trailers are being deferred by at least one year, according to CVSE Director Greg Gilks. After hearing conflicting reports last week, the CILA enquired directly to Gilks, who confirmed the deferral. "It makes no sense in these economic times", he said. There are other axle weight reductions scheduled for 2010 and those may be under review as well. We'll keep you posted, and make sure you're getting accurate up-to-date info.

## **Finding new work opportunities**

TTM Resources Inc, proponents of a molybdenum mine 80 kms south of Vanderhoof held a community meeting in Prince George last night, opening up the public comment portion of their environmental assessment process. The CILA was there, talking to the CEO and President about utilizing CILA contractors for right of way, site clearing and road building. The construction portion of this mine development is expected to create 500-700 jobs. Access to the "Chu" mine will be off the Kluskus-Ootsa FSR. They're hoping to start construction in the spring of 2012.

## **Resources Expo booth sales started**

Resources Expo, being held June 3-5 2010 in Prince George opened its booth sales last week, and they're off to a strong start. Carmel Kelly, Expo's administrator, says the phones and emails are coming at a steady pace. "We're offering booth spaces on a first come, first serve basis, so the first ones in will get the spots of their choice". Next year's event aims to bring all the resource industries together for a tremendous networking and showcasing opportunity.

Kelly says the interest from mining and the service and technology sector is lively, and as the rest of the details of the Expo conference, Contractor Fair and Human Resources Fair are released, she expects more and more stakeholders and industry representatives will be signing up. For more info or a package, call Carmel at 1-877-562-5668 or 250-563-8833.



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## ***Free Training for Contractors***

Eligible self-employed contractors and owner-operators in the forest industry can take advantage of the free training opportunities available through the Labor Market Partnership funding to the CILA. To be eligible you must:

- NOT be eligible for EI
- Have worked in the forest industry
- Plan to continue working in the forest industry

Training can be customized to your needs – we already have guys taking First Aid, computer skills upgrading, and project management. You can get your certificates renewed or upgraded (H2SAlive, Bear Aware, S100, S100 Refresher, First Aid Level 1, Transportation Endorsement, TDG, WHMIS, etc), take Internal Auditor training or business management – anything that helps enhance your skills and keeps you viable and in the forest industry. For further information or an intake package, call the CILA (250)562-3368 or 1-877 -562-5668

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