Proposed Harvest Area: TSL TA0495 – Rose Swanson

Timber Sale Licence (TSL) Fact Sheet

About BC Timber Sales

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) manages 20% of B.C.'s public timber harvest, driving economic prosperity and supporting sustainable land management. BCTS has expanded its role to reflect community needs and lead the way for an evolving forest sector. This includes wildfire risk reduction, land and range stewardship and support for diverse manufactures.

BCTS takes a community-driven, values-based approach that strengthens partnerships with First Nations and local interest holders while promoting resilient forest ecosystems and thriving communities. Operating in 33 communities throughout B.C., BCTS helps sustain economic activity and employment by working with First Nations, contractors and local businesses around the province.

Overview

This planned Timber Sale Licence (TSL) TA0495 is a total of 35.7 hectares, spread over 15 smaller patches, ranging in size from 1.0 – 4.3-hectare openings.

The volume of timber projected to be harvested in this TSL is approximately 14,500 cubic metres, consisting of Douglas fir (60%), Cedar (35%) and minor amounts (5%) of Larch and Lodgepole Pine. Typically, 95% of the deciduous trees (Aspen and Cottonwood) will be left standing. Approximately, 21% of the volume is being retained in 100% reserve patches or single leave trees.

This TSL is scheduled to be posted for sale in November 2026. The successful licence holder will be restricted to harvesting from November 1 to March 31 only and the term of sale will be for 18 months to allow them to harvest either during winter 2026/27 or winter 2027/28. The successful bidder is required to follow the Harvest Plan that BCTS created as part of the TSL sale.

Assessments

The development of timber sales in the province must adhere to the statutes set out in the Forest and Range Practices Act, as well as its supporting regulations, and other applicable Acts that guide how Crown land and resources are managed. The Site Plan document and map outline the details of how

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broader objectives known as "Results and Strategies" are being met at the site level. These include, but are not limited to, soil/terrain, hydrology, riparian (stream), wildlife and visual quality objectives. The blocks and roads are not within Old Growth Deferral areas. Assessments obtained while developing TA0495 have been incorporated into management decisions.

Ongoing Communications and Commitments

Sensitive Site Order and Recreation

BCTS has heard the concerns expressed by the public and Township of Spallumcheen and has completed a rigorous process to refine the Results and Strategies in the 2018 Forest Stewardship Plan #771 (FSP #771) to better reflect the Sensitive Area Order and make it more clear to the public how these Results and Strategies guide timber harvest. FSP #771 Amendment #7 is complete and was signed by the District Manager on June 23, 2023.

This new set of Results and Strategies aims to create balance between the recreation available on the mountain and timber harvesting, aiming to maintain and where possible, enhance recreation opportunities for users.

120 Day referral period

The required 120-day referral period for Rose Swanson started on May 27, 2026, and has been extended to October 15, 2026.

Upcoming engagement opportunities:

- Public open house on September 10th, 2026, from 3:00- 6:00pm at the Spallumcheen Township office, 4144 Spallumcheen Way, Armstrong, BC V4Y 0N1.
- Field tour: September 20th, 2026, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, BC Timber Sales representatives will be present at the trail head to the lower trails at Mount Rose Swanson, at the end of Chamberlaine Road. Groups will be shown the plan on the ground and will have a chance to ask questions. See Notice of Field Tour for TSL TA0495 for more details.

A map of the proposed block roads can be found at the following Web address:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/bc-timber-sales/fsp/okanagan-columbia-fsp

Scroll down the page to the "**2026 Rose Swanson Referral Review and Comment**" section, within this section there are two links that will help you view the proposed block and roads.

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1. "how to access TOC Referral Mapping Portal (PDF, 275KB)"
    - Gives instructions on how to access our online mapping portal. This portal allows you to add different tenure information, such as private land.
2. "BCTS_Rose_Swanson_Public_Referral_Map_2026(PDF)"
    - This link will take you to a PDF map of the proposed blocks and roads. This map gives more detailed information on the proposed plan but does not allow you to add additional tenure information that is not already on the map.

Recreation Trail Management

- No new permanent roads will be constructed.
- Temporary road and skid trails that cross recreation trails will be rehabilitated in a manner that maintains the integrity of the recreation trail where possible.
- Natural drainage will be established and maintained on all roads and trails used during and immediately post harvesting.
- Where trails are used for harvesting or hauling purposes, widening of the trails will be minimized to allow for safe harvesting practices. Roads will be rehabilitated back to the original width following harvest.
- Rehabilitated temporary skid trails and any expanded clearing widths more than seven meters will be replanted within two years of harvest completion.
- The allowable timeline for road construction works is from September 15 to March 31.
- Road deactivation and rehabilitation work will be done prior to May 31 following the completion of harvest operation.

List of block and roads

Licence ID	Block ID	Associated Roads	Associated Skid Trails
TA0945	K825	N (K825.01), N (K825.02), N (K825.03), N (K825.04),	N (K825.07), N (K825.08), N (K825.09), N (K825.10), N (K825.11)

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Definitions for the Map Legend

Non-Classified Drainage: Water courses that fails to meet the legal criteria of a “stream” under the Water Sustainability Act for the Forest and Range Practices Act.

100% retention: Wildlife Tree Retention patches where 100% of the trees within the mapped area are reserved from harvest

Sensitive area Zone 1 and Zone 2: Zone 1 and Zone 2 have specific Results and Strategies in BC Timber Sales FSP 771 that must be followed when BCTS develops blocks and roads within them. All blocks are within Zone 2 and the Results and Strategies are being followed.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed block and roads on Mount Rose Swanson, you can contact Grace Chomitz by email: Grace.Chomitz@gov.bc.ca or phone: (778) 943-0170.

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