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**Re: Bill 23 – 2021, Amendments to the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation,  
Administrative Orders and Remedies Regulation and the Provincial Forest Use  
Regulation, OIC# 119/2024**

On November 25, 2021, the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and the *Forest Practices Code of BC Act* was amended to enable the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations related to Act changes in 2021. On March 11, 2024, OIC #119/2024 brought into immediate effect a portion of the regulations proposed under Bill 23 and is summarized below. The amended regulations are now available on [BC Laws](#).

**Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (*Forest and Range Practices Act*)**

Changes to the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR) include:

- The chief forester may order stocking standards to apply over a forest stewardship plan (FRPA, Section 31.1).
- FPPR, Section 16.1 describes the circumstances when the chief forester may consider making an order.
- New authorities created under Bill 23 to define an area of catastrophic disturbance will be enabled to allow for landscape level investment in reforestation (FPPR, Section 96.1).
- Clarifies which natural disturbance events are eligible for Section 108 funding [FPPR, Section 96.1 (1.1)].

### **Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation (*Forest and Range Practices Act*)**

Changes to the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation include:

- New authorities created under Bill 23 to define an area of catastrophic disturbance will be enabled to allow for landscape level investment in reforestation (FPPR, Section 96.1).
- Clarifies which natural disturbance events are eligible for Section 108 funding [FPPR, Section 96.1 (1.1)].

### **Administrative Orders and Remedies Regulation (*Forest and Range Practices Act*)**

Amendments to the Administrative Orders and Remedies Regulation include the following:

- Specifying penalties related to road provisions under the *Forest Act* and FPPR.
- Increasing penalties for specific types of contraventions.

### **Provincial Forest Use Regulation (*Forest Practices Code of BC Act*)**

Amendments to the Provincial Forest Use Regulation is specific to the administration of special use permits (SUPs). Major changes include:

- Create more clarity on who can apply for an SUP and where.
- Specifying how annual charges will be administered and the method of calculation of annual charges for each purpose under Section 7.
- Enhancing compliance and enforcement on SUPs including ongoing liabilities, suspension, cancellation, Minister's Orders, use of deposits and penalties.
- Specifying the maximum term for each purpose and further clarity on applying and receiving extensions.
- Specifying when a district manager may refuse the issuance or replacement of an SUP.
- Providing directions on existing SUPs and moving those SUPs into the new regulatory regime (see Interim Guidance – SUP transition under OIC #119/2024).

### **Next Steps**

- Training will be provided to FOR district staff to enable staff to provide current and accurate advice to clients to manage their operations under these regulations.
- Updates to the SUP Policies and SUP Administration Manual and other support material is posted to the [Special Use Permit website](#).
- Updates to the FRPA legislation website is posted on the following: [Recent changes to FRPA and associated regulations website](#).

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