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Subject: Western Forest Products 2018 pile burning program

Hello,

Please be advised that Western Forest Products Inc. – Nootka Forest Operation plans on commencing its fall prescribed burning program in the near future. The primary goal of this activity is to remove the fire hazard posed by large piles of logging debris, as well as increase the amount of productive ground available for reforestation within logged cutblocks. An exact start date is dependent on weather conditions, but some locations may go ahead as early as Monday, October 22nd. The program is of similar size to past years and is expected to run for several weeks, as long as effective burning conditions persist.

The project is implemented under the current North Vancouver Island – Smoke Management Burn Plan which is undersigned by all major forest license holders in the region and the 2018 Resource Management Burn Plan which has been approved by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. Venting indices will be monitored for interface areas to minimize air quality impact and detailed fire preparedness plans are in place for all areas.

Overview maps of the program can be viewed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wdg1t5g3haqzlu/AAB5X3rVKmaFYcCMPNRY-GY0a?dl=0>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming project please do not hesitate to contact one of the WFP staff members below. Thanks.

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