



Auditors Praise Mistik's Harvesting Practices

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An independent audit of Mistik Management's forest management practices has found the company is performing well in several areas, but needs to do better in others.

The audit was conducted last year by KPMG under new legislation in the province.

The auditors identified several areas where Mistik was doing a commendable job -- including implementing innovative and effective forest renewal practices, maintaining ecological values in its harvest activities and protecting scenic values.

The company was also given good marks for consulting with communities and maintaining a high level and equitable distribution of employment and economic benefits to local communities.

Areas that need improvement include the need to develop and implement the company's 20-year Forest Management Plan, as well as the implementation of harvest operations, road building and reclamation activities in the northern part of Mistik's licence area.

The company says action plans have been developed and implemented in response to the report.

Mistik is responsible for harvesting activities on approximately 1.8 million hectares of boreal forest in northwest Saskatchewan.

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