

2023 Harvesting Activities

Harvesting

- In 2023, Blue Ridge Lumber mill will consume nearly 1.4 million m³ of raw timber in the production of lumber and MDF
- Trees are felled at the stump, skidded to a temporary road, and topped to meet mill specifications
- About 70 % of the forest operations will be done in frozen conditions to protect sensitive ground and access wet areas.
- Blue Ridge Lumber supervisors ensure that activities abide by Government regulated Operating Ground Rules that set guidelines for conducting all forest operations including ground disturbance, crossing watercourses, and utilization of the timber resource
- Throughout the entire harvesting to reclamation process we respect all other landuse activities and accommodate changes where suitable



Log Haul

- In order to meet mill consumption, log trucks will deliver approximately 25,000 loads to the Blue Ridge Lumber mill yard in 2023
- These will be delivered on a combination of temporary roads, privately owned lease roads, and provincial highways.
- Blue Ridge Lumber enters into a winter weight agreement with the Government of Alberta to deliver heavier loads during frozen conditions
- Log trucks will be inspected and weighed to ensure the winter weight agreement is being followed



Reclamation

- Blue Ridge Lumber reclaims all temporary roads and watercourse crossings so access is limited and disturbed areas can be reforested
- Maintaining water quality is a high priority when conducting forest operations on public land
- Protecting the water resource is accomplished by establishing good drainage and erosion controls



Road and Crossing Monitoring

- Blue Ridge Lumber is a member of the FSCP (Foothill Stream Crossing Protocols), a program through which permanent road stream crossings are inspected and maintained
- Blue Ridge Lumber manages approximately 1200 watercourse crossings on permanent roads that it owns and maintains