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**Regional companies to share forestry plans at joint open houses**

*WHITCOURT, ALBERTA, April 8, 2019*—This spring, forest companies ANC Timber (Alberta Newsprint Company), Millar Western Forest Products Ltd., West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (Blue Ridge Lumber and Alberta Plywood), and Weyerhaeuser Company - Pembina will be holding a series of joint open houses, to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. Taking place in late April and early May in the communities of Edson, Whitecourt, Swan Hills, Fort Assiniboine and Fox Creek, these open houses provide the public with the opportunity to review each company’s planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the 2018-19 forestry year. Once stakeholder and aboriginal input is gathered, the companies will finalize their annual operating plans and submit them to the Alberta government, for final approval.

In addition sharing its annual operating plan, Blue Ridge Lumber will be seeking input into its 2019 Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP), which is currently under development. The DFMP is a high-level forestry plan that will define overall harvest levels and locations over the next 10 years on the Blue Ridge Lumber FMA.

**Forestry Open House Schedule**

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| <b>EDSON:</b> Repsol Place (Entrance)                         | <b>Tuesday, April 23<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b><br>ANC, Blue Ridge, Millar Western, Weyerhaeuser   |
| <b>WHITCOURT:</b> Alan & Jean Millar Centre<br>Field House #1 | <b>Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b><br>ANC, Blue Ridge, Millar Western, Weyerhaeuser |
| <b>SWAN HILLS:</b> Community Centre                           | <b>Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b><br>Alberta Plywood, Blue Ridge, Millar Western    |
| <b>FORT ASSINIBOINE:</b> Legion Hall                          | <b>Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b><br>Blue Ridge, Millar Western                      |
| <b>FOX CREEK:</b> Multiplex (Entrance)                        | <b>Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm</b><br>ANC, Blue Ridge, Millar Western                  |

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