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Vancouver Island Hunting and Fishing Access Permitted on TimberWest Land for BC Wildlife Federation and Victoria Fish and Game Club Members

Sooke, B.C – The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is pleased to announce a Hunting and Fishing Access Agreement between its Affiliated Club member the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (VFGPA) and TimberWest Forest Corp. The agreement allows licensed and insured members of the VFGPA and BCWF access to TimberWest’s private timberlands for hunting and fishing activities until December 10, 2017.

“BCWF and TimberWest have a long history of working together, and this Access Agreement is particularly noteworthy because it acknowledges the trustworthiness of our members,” said, Harvey Andrusak, President of the BCWF. “It is a precedent setting example of what can be achieved by club volunteers and a progressive, community-minded company. We are happy that we are piloting a Hunting and Fishing Access Agreement on TimberWest’s private lands on Vancouver Island, and we look forward to rolling the agreement forward in 2018.”

Access has been granted through the Butler Gate, north of Sooke, B.C., from one hour before sunrise on any Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, to one hour after sunset that same day. BCWF and VFGPA members will have access to several thousand hectares of land for hunting and fishing activities. The Butler Gate has been outfitted with an electronic gate locking system, which will allow BCWF members or VFGPA club member’s access through an electronic Bluetooth key fob, or smartphone App. This electronic gate system will monitor and secure the working forest from trespassers, and should help solve illegal dumping, theft, poaching, unauthorized use of Off Road Vehicles, vandalism, illegal camping and wild fires.

“We are pleased to partner with the BC Wildlife Federation and the Victoria Fish and Game Club,” said Jeff Zweig, President and CEO of TimberWest. “These associations share TimberWest’s focus on safety and environmental responsibility. This access agreement represents another example of how forestry and recreational activities can coexist positively.”

Trusted BCWF members care about the environment and have been highly critical of those who leave behind garbage or those who engage in property destruction or theft of company equipment. The recently developed BCWF Conservation App is available to smartphone users to report any environmental infractions encountered while recreating outdoors.

For access information please visit: <http://vfgpa.industrialroads.online>



To learn more about BCWF membership, or membership to the VFGPA please visit:

Web: www.bcdf.bc.ca and <http://vfgpa.org>

About the BCWF

The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is B.C.'s oldest and largest conservation organization, with 50,000 direct and club members representing 10 regions of the province. The BCWF vision is:

- Leading the conservation and wise use of B.C.'s fish wildlife and habitat
- Protecting the rights of hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts
- Promoting a heritage of conservation through education initiatives



Report environmental abuse with a few clicks of your smartphone

It's easy with the new BCWF Conservation App



About VFGPA

The Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association (the Club) was incorporated on June 16, 1919. Since that time, the club has influenced governments in the wise use of fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. Much of this effort today is conducted through our affiliation with the B.C. Wildlife Federation."

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About TimberWest

TimberWest has over 100 kilometres of public trail access through its private land by way of access agreements with various organizations. TimberWest has been operating for over 100 years on the BC Coast. All its public and private forest lands are third-party certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. TimberWest is privately owned by two leading Canadian pension funds.

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