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The Forest Practices Board (FPB) and the FRPA Resource Evaluation Program (FREP) are the two primary bodies responsible for conducting effectiveness evaluations of FRPA. FREP and FPB conduct evaluations independently of each other. While there are some significant differences between the FREP and FPB evaluation programs, there are also some similarities. The following table describes the differences and similarities between the two evaluation programs.

FPB and FREP roles in effectiveness evaluations

Activity	FP Board	FREP	Notes
Development of evaluation and monitoring indicators and rationales		✓	FREP works with the Board to develop and test indicators. FP Board has contributed significant funding to development of indicators.
Field testing evaluation indicators, methods and protocols	✓	✓	
Conducting routine* and extensive-level** effectiveness evaluation projects	✓	✓	FREP will conduct routine/extensive monitoring primarily through district/regional resource stewardship monitoring activities.
Primary audit focus of risk-based sampling of activities and locations (focus on identifying risk or problem areas)	✓		
Primary focus of evaluations on a random selection of activities and locations (focus on identifying status, trends and issues)		✓	FREP is taking a random selection approach to selection of cutblocks to ensure the ability to make statistically valid interpretations of data when summarized at the district, regional and provincial levels.
Conducting intensive-level*** effectiveness evaluation projects		✓	Primarily based on the “red flags” identified by stewardship monitoring and/or executive-level priorities.
Conducting validation evaluations		✓	Planned future activity for FREP.

Conducting effectiveness evaluation projects at a landscape or tenure scale	✓		FREP will have the ability to summarize resource stewardship monitoring results at landscape or tenure scale – however the focus is on random selection. Intensive evaluation conducted under FREP may be at regional or provincial scales.
Conducting effectiveness evaluation projects at a district, region and provincial-scale	✓ in special reports or projects as determined by the FP Board for a specific topic	✓	
Integrated with compliance auditing	✓		FREP will review C&E results, determine C&E status when determining effectiveness and communicate results to C&E staff.
Independent of compliance auditing		✓	

***Routine evaluations** are low cost overview evaluations -- typically a low intensity, less rigorous form of effectiveness evaluation that often involves visual estimates and “yes/no” checklists.

****Extensive evaluations** are generally the collection of categorical data by visual estimates of specified indicators.

*****Intensive evaluations** -- An evaluation involving quantitative data. In intensive evaluations, the data are quantitative nature and are generally more time consuming and expensive to collect than routine or extensive data.