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What's Happening?

This is an information only message to let you know that we will be making changes to our schema for all cutting permit and road permit applications submitted through the ESF in late fall of 2020.

Who does this affect?

All stakeholders and licensees submitting forest tenure applications through the electronic submission framework.

Background:

Schemas are the data submission structure for the Forest Tenure Administration (FTA) System and the new Resource Roads System (RRS). Schemas enable clients to submit electronic applications through the Electronic Submission Framework System into the Forest Tenure Administration System through the system configuration. As our key legacy forestry systems are enhanced and modified, the schemas must also be updated to reflect these changes.

All references to road types have been removed from Schema 10, therefore it is important to note that if a submission is made with any kind of road type to either Schema 9 or 10, a validation error will occur and your submission will fail upon system validation. Schema 9 is still valid for all other non road file types, however the goal is to transition over to the new Schema 10. All road submission must be made through the new RRS1 schema.

Why Change?

These changes are part of an integrated project that will be rolled out in a phased approach to streamline and modernize the cutting permit application and approval process, as well as improve resource roads application and administration.

The project will allow clients to:

- Make **non-spatial** cutting permit amendments online.
- Road use permit's online through the Natural Resources Online Services (NROS) Explore page.
- Submit conflict comments as part of the cutting permit or road permit amendment submissions.
- We'll be updating our application process for non-spatial cutting permit and road permit amendments.

What We Know So Far:

- Changes will be made to the existing FTA 9 schema, resulting in a new schema FTA 10 and a new Resource Roads System schema RRS 1.
- The FTA 8 schema will be shut down.
- After the release of a new FTA and RRS and the implementation of FTA 10 schema, existing FTA 9 schema will still be accepted for a period of time. However, road submissions will no longer be accepted, therefore they must be made via the new RRS 1 schema.
- These changes will directly impact all cutting permit applications, along with all resource road permit applications.
- We expect the project to go live in late fall of 2020. The new schema changes will take effect immediately upon launch.

There is the ability to maintain the old FTA 9 schema along with preparing for FTA 10 schema and RRS 1 schema as a transitional strategy to accommodate flexibility in Go Live date.

To assist with this change, please see the draft FTA 10 schema files [here](#) and the RRS schema files [here](#), for consideration. We will be confirming the new draft schemas during our user acceptance testing. However, this provides the scope of the upcoming schema changes to assist with your preparations.

Next steps:

As we move forward, we will share more specific details with you as they become available. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Scott, *Business Application Manager*. At 778-704-7037 or Lindsay.Scott@gov.bc.ca.

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