

Integrated Forestry Project - Schema Change Notification

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Changes Coming for the Forest Tenure Administration System (FTA)

This message is for users and providers of third party software that develops automated tools for forestry clients interfacing with the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) for the Forest Tenure Administration System (FTA).

What's happening?

This is an **information awareness** message to let you know that changes are being made to the FTA schema for all cutting permit and road permit applications submitted through the ESF.

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. This project is expected to be launched in the **spring of 2019**.

This phase of the project will allow clients to:

- make non-spatial cutting permit amendments (e.g. postponements, extensions, rescindments) online through the Natural Resources Online Services (NROS) Explore page,
- access a list of conflicts for an area, and
- submit conflict comments as part of the cutting permit submissions.

What we know so far

- These changes will directly impact all forest licence and TFL cutting permit applications, along with all resource road permit applications
- Changes will be made to the existing FTA schema 9, resulting in two new schemas: a new FTA 10 schema and a new Resource Roads System (RRS) schema, RRS 1
- After the release of new FTA and RRS and the implementation of FTA 10 schema, existing FTA 9 schema will still be accepted for a period of time, the cut-off date is yet to be determined.
- Road submissions will no longer be accepted through FTA schema 9, therefore they must be made via the new RRS 1 schema
- New fields have been added for all application types to:
 - enable licensees to include conflict comments in relation to features for any application submitted to FTA or RRS, and
 - indicate if any other related submissions were made, ensuring all are reviewed and cleared together
- We expect the project to go live in the spring of 2019. The new schema changes will take effect immediately upon project launch.



The draft schema

We will be confirming the new schemas during our user acceptance testing in the early part of 2019 and will forward the link to them once they are finalized. In the meantime, these [draft schemas](#) provides the scope of the upcoming schema changes to assist you with your preparations.

For your consideration, the new draft schemas and a comparison of the old and new schema are [posted here](#). (ftp://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/HTH/external/!publish/FTA10_RSS1_Schema/)

What do you need to do?

You need to ensure your software providers, external and/or in-house, are aware of the upcoming changes to FTA so that your programs will be ready when the changes to the cutting permit and road application permit are introduced in spring 2019.

What's next?

Moving forward, we will share more specific details with you as they become available. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the schema, please contact ForestTenuresBranch@gov.bc.ca.