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Hello

The attached news release highlights the recent discovery of a clear-cut area on Fromme Mountain. It was distributed to the media this afternoon.

Colleen Brow Communications & Community Relations Officer

For immediate release

March 7, 2005

District discovers clear-cut on Fromme Mountain

A routine inspection has unveiled a large clear-cut area in the forested region of Mount Fromme. Further inspection reveals that numerous trees on a one-acre site have been cut down.

"We believe the trees were cut down a couple of years ago, probably before June 2003", says Senior Park Ranger Andy Robinson. "Due to the remote location, it was extremely difficult to locate, as it's deep into the forest, far off any marked trail."

The trees were cut down in a rough, unprofessional manner, and left on site, presenting a significant fire and environmental hazard. Staff also discovered abandoned fuel tanks in the area.

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"It's shocking that anyone would have such disregard for our environment and our laws in place," says North Vancouver District Mayor Janice Harris. "We will not tolerate this destruction of our forested area and anyone found guilty of this type of vandalism will be prosecuted in accordance with District Bylaws."

Adds Robinson: "We're not sure why anyone would want to cut down trees in this area. However, we plan on revisiting the site in the next few days when the snow has cleared so that we can have a better look around to determine the next steps."

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