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Harvesting in Peel planned for June

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The Forest Products Commission is continuing its clearing operation of Peel 'A' Plantation during the coming winter/spring months.

The harvested resource will supply customers in Neerabup, Dardanup and Welshpool for the production of laminated veneer lumber, structural timber and medium density fibre board.

The FPC is focussing on Peel as part of the Government's strategy to contain and eradicate the exotic pest European House Borer. Peel is the southern most point where the pest has been found.

The exotic pest attacks untreated seasoned pine and has been found predominantly in dead pine plantation material in outer metropolitan areas, with two main clusters in Mundaring and Gnangara.

The 320 hectares remaining is planned to be cleared from mid-June to the end of November. Following the clearfall operation, the harvested area will be burnt to reduce the risk of fire and spread of EHB.

In the interest of public safety access to the work site will be restricted to operational staff and associated machinery and heavy haulage traffic.

As part of the harvest higher volumes of heavy haulage traffic will be experienced in the vicinity. Up to 20 semi trailer trips and 10 road train trips a day are expected from Stakehill Road.

In consultation with the local government authority and Main Roads the northern and southern route for road trains will be via Stakehill Road turning on to Old Mandurah Road. Otherwise alternate routes for northern traffic may include Baldivis Road, Kerosene Lane, Old Mandurah Road, Thomas Road and Tonkin Highway.

For further operational information visit www.fpc.wa.gov.au or contact the Forest Products Commission on 9475 8888 or email info@fpc.wa.gov.au. For information on EHB visit www.ehb.wa.gov.au

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