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Plantation harvesting in hills planned for April

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The Forest Products Commission will start clearing remaining sections of three pine plantations in the Hills State Forest in April to supply its customers with timber for value adding.

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 harvesting will take place within Barton, Carinyah and Beraking plantations and the sites will be replanted with pine species this winter. The Beraking and Carinyah plantation operations are part of the utilisation of viable timber as a result of the 2005 Hills wild fires and replanting for future timber industry supply resource.

For the duration of the harvest, which is expected to take about one month, higher volumes of heavy haulage traffic can be expected in the area. Semi trailers and 27.5 m pocket road trains will be using Reservoir, Dale and Ashendon Roads and Brookton and Albany Highways.

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

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