

BC Logging Road Management (Background Information)

There are likely 600,000 to 700,000 kilometres of roads in British Columbia. As time goes on, that number will increase, perhaps significantly. Here is a breakdown of the various classes of road and who maintains them:

Resource Roads

Forest Service Roads	about 45,000 km
Forestry Permit Roads	about 135,000 km
Other resource roads	less than 10,000 km
Non status and Deactivated roads	200,000 to 350,000 km
TOTAL	400,000 to 550,000 km

Highways	about 45,000 km
City and private roads	less than 150,000 km
GRAND TOTAL	125,000 to 200,000 km

Forest Service Roads are maintained by the Ministry of Forests. Permitted roads are maintained by the permit holder until such time as the road is deactivated. Cost sharing for multiple users is haphazard. There are no Provincial regulations regarding the maintenance of non-status and deactivated roads. *(From a Forest Practices Board report, December 2005).*

Our proposed third crossing corridor will utilize many of these roads within the Powell River and Squamish Forest Districts. The vast majority of logging roads on the Powell River side are part of Tree Farm License #39, owned by Western Forest Products (Stillwater Division); on the east side, they are Part of TFL #38, owned by the Squamish First Nation. The Jarvis Inlet roads are in Interfor's license area.

In areas where new road will be needed (Lausman Pass and the Casement Mountain tunnel approaches), we may require the approval of Sites and Trails BC, a department of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. In order to streamline their processes, Sites and Trails require that we co-ordinate with the applicable Regional District's 'Trail Plan'. Accordingly, we will be working with the Powell River Regional District, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Sunshine Coast Regional District.



Route of the proposed road linking Highways 99 and 101. (Click on image to enlarge)