

Discipline Case Digest

Discipline Case: 2011-01

Subject Members: Registered Professional Foresters

Referred to: Complaints Resolution Committee

Date of Decision: June 2011

Allegations

This case resulted from a complaint from a member of the public about the conduct of three ABCFP members. The allegations are that the three members engaged in unprofessional conduct in the workplace and failed to meet their professional obligations respecting:

Bylaw 11.3.2 To uphold professional principles above the demands of employment.

The complainant alleges that debris piles were set alight without notice on a Timber Sale adjacent to the complainant's property, and very large volumes of smoke and ash were produced resulting in unacceptable levels of air pollution for the complainant and local residents of the area. In addition, the complaint mentioned concerns regarding severe noise, ceaseless motorized recreational vehicle use, and damage from peak flows as a result of this operation.

The registrar agreed with the advice from the Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC) that only two of the members named in the complaint were potentially involved in the decisions that lead to the complaint.

Decision

The complaint was resolved through a mediated settlement signed by the parties involved in the complaint. The settlement included commitments by the subject members to ensure that the issues raised in the complaint would be addressed to the satisfaction of the complainant. As a result of the settlement agreement the complainant has withdrawn the complaint and it is now closed.