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Partial victory for both sides in watershed logging ruling

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A local board of health order that was meant to protect drinking water by stopping logging in a community watershed on the Sunshine Coast has been largely struck down by the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

A key provision of the health order will remain in effect, however, so that while Western Forest Products Inc. gets to resume most its activities in the Chapman Creek watershed, it is banned from logging on slopes that have a steepness of 60 per cent or more.

Both sides greeted the decision as a partial victory.

The ruling by Mr. Justice Bruce Butler allows Western Forest Products to continue road-building, to resume logging on gentle slopes and to remove trees that, before the order two weeks ago, were already down or were partly cut at the base and waiting to be extracted by helicopter.

The ruling came in response to an application by the company for a stay of the health order, pending an appeal that is to be heard by the courts over four days starting Sept. 4.

Judge Butler said both sides presented strong cases and his decision was meant to maintain the status quo until full arguments could be heard in the appeal.

He said that by maintaining "the fundamental provisions" of the order, concerning logging on steep slopes, the regional district could protect its water and Western Forest Products could resume most of its activities, prior to the appeal.

"Obviously we're pleased with the decision," company spokesman Gary Ley said outside court. "We are also very cognizant of the public concerns. ... We'll be complying with the order and not doing any further harvesting on those steep slopes."

Daniel Bouman, executive director of the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association, said he had mixed feelings about the decision.

"I'm disappointed that logging activities are resuming in the watershed, but I'm pleased the authority of the local board of health hasn't been compromised," he said. "They won't be logging the steep slopes, and a good deal of the watershed is over 60 per cent."

Mr. Bouman said the community will continue to fight to limit logging in the watershed.

"We're not finished yet," he said.

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