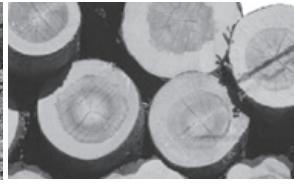




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## Woodlot 2014 AGM: The Rocky Mountain Way A time to celebrate Golden's extensive woodlot history

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A successful and enjoyable AGM and conference was held in Golden thanks to the hospitality of the Columbia Woodlot Association, chaired by Brian Amies.

Woodlot licensees from around the province gathered in Golden for their annual general meeting on September 19-21, 2014. The Columbia Woodlot Association hosted the three-day event, which showcased woodlots done in the "Rocky Mountain Way."

The conference began with a short video that recognized some of the families in Golden and area that have operated woodlots over the years. Five local families were featured, including two Braisher families, the Schiessers, Wardwell's, and the Wolfenden's.

The Braishers got their start in logging when Alfred Braisher settled a farm in Parson in 1918.

Later, Ormond Braisher had the first woodlot in the entire B.C. interior. His son,



Golden Landscape

Joe Braisher, continues to work on the same woodlot, while his other son, Dugan Braisher operates an adjacent woodlot.

Dugan logged on his grandfather's original woodlot for many years, but when the

program changed he found his own land. Now, he runs the woodlot with the help of his sons Bill and Bud Braisher.

"I do the marketing, logging, I run loader, I work with all aspects of it," Dugan said. "I enjoy it quite a bit and I'm also working with my boys Bill and Bud to try and get them into it."

Bill isn't as involved with the woodlot as he continues to run the Winston Lodge, but he clearly recognizes the importance of the woodlot to his family. Altogether, five generations have worked on the family's woodlot.

"There's a lot of pride there," he said. "It gave me a good start, growing up and working on the woodlot...I still go to all of the meetings just to stay on top of what's there."

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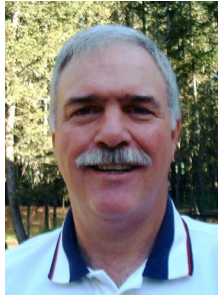
# General Manager's Report: Golden Opportunities

by Brian McNaughton

Congratulations to Brian Amies, Denise English and the Columbia Woodlot Association for hosting an excellent conference and Annual General Meeting. It's hard to imagine there's a more scenic place than Golden BC on a sunny and clear fall day – autumn colors, mountains and the Kicking Horse River running right through town!

For the 3rd time in the last 4 years, Minister Thomson attended and addressed the group. He handed out certificates and cheques to the recipients of the Minister's awards for excellence and innovation in woodlot management. Congratulations to Clayton Foster and family who were the northern interior recipients, Fred & Jane Marshall for the southern interior and Wolfram Wollenheit and Sibylle Walkemeyer who were the coast and provincial winners. In all there were 12 very qualified nominations. Hopefully those who submitted nominations will do so again next year.

The Minister noted that the Ministry is nearing completion of the 150,000m<sup>3</sup>/year goal for expanding the WL program. To date, 60 new woodlot licences have been awarded totaling 136,454m<sup>3</sup>/year. The total bid revenue received by government to date has been \$12.83M with an average lump sum bonus bid of \$214,000 per WL. It was gratifying to hear the Minister



Brian McNaughton,  
General Manager

say that when this expansion has been completed he wants to sit down with the Federation to decide what to do next. The Minister was very complimentary about the strong contributions that woodlot licensees make to their local communities and BC's forest sector as a whole.

Minister Thomson also addressed the Supreme Court's decision to grant land title to the Tsilhqot'in First Nation, noting that this decision has created some uncertainty. He advised that the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations is working closely with the Ministry of Justice to develop guidance and direction to all those with tenures and involved in resource management. He also expressed the view that there will be greater certainty for tenure holders once everyone has had a chance to work through the implications of this decision.

In a conversation afterwards, the Minister reiterated his support for the work being done to incorporate all planning and permitting into the WL document; noting that this will become even more important over time as the need to reduce the Ministry's administrative workload increases. This is a high priority for the Federation as well since the cost savings and efficiencies to woodlot licensees will be significant.

All in all, it was a wonderful conference, and thanks to Minister Thomson for taking the time to trek up to Golden, BC and address our group. ♦



## LOGO CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

After 17 years in operation, the Directors of the Woodlot Product Development Council have decided that the Council should have a logo!

The vision for the WPDC is to make wise long-term financial decisions with the \$0.25 levy collected from all woodlot licensees. No flipping of coins as depicted in the image!

Investment decisions are based on a conservative financial strategy creating sustainable economic expenditures for the benefit of all woodlot licensees in BC.

The resources of the WPDC are used to promote sustainable small scale resource management in BC. Delivery of goods and services is administered through an agreement with the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations (FBCWA).

You are invited to submit your ideas for a logo and banner that will be used on Council correspondence such as letterhead, the website and the Woodland Almanac. The winner of the contest will be treated to a \$100 gift card to a restaurant or business of your choosing.

Submit your logo ideas by December 15, 2014 to:

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WPDC Coordinator  
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The FBCWA has a number of items that would make great gifts for Friends, Family, Contractors and others on your list. Items in stock include Screen-printed logo on T-shirts and Coffee Mugs, Embroidered FBCWA logo on golf shirts, oilskin ball caps and knitted toques. Order through the WPDC coordinator, Cathy McClary. ♦

## Coastal Stumpage and Timber Pricing: Security and comfort though stability

by Ed Hughes

I observed this year's AGM in Golden through a fresh set of eyes. I was a member of the NIWA organizing committee that were involved in the preparation for last year's 2013 event. There is an incredible amount of effort required to pull off a successful AGM, which year after year has been the case, with small groups annually doing the many different things that AGM hosts need to do. This year's event had a great woodlot and woody feel.



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Coastal Timber Pricing  
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4 I have observed over the years Woodlots becoming more successful for many different reasons, representing a unique group of forest owners and managers. The social, environmental and economic benefits from the Woodlot sector can be seen annually in the rural AGM communities. It is at these annual events that we are reminded about the strengths of our well organized, funded, and representative group.

One of the preliminary reasons for woodlots being able to provide benefits is due to the economics beginning to work well. Our TAB rates are critical to Woodlot survival by providing security in knowing for an entire year the stumpage rates we will

pay. This has not always been the case and is different from other tenures which can have difficulty predicting stumpage rate fluctuations. Our stable rates provide some immediate gains for both government, licensees and the public, from our Woodlots.

When rates are stable and predictable there is a greater sense of security. For the next year we can feel confident that the rates will not change. The opportunity to complete more forestry can be considered and planned for in current times vs only a short while ago survival was the talk of the times. During the days of full MPS or CVP appraisals the woodlot business was focused on Cutting Permit applications that had stumpage affordability. It was a wasteful time when our efforts were misdirected away from forest management. Over the past 5 years the TAB rate system has improved woodlots significant contribution to our local and provincial economies.

Dr. Pearse in his speech on Friday night raised the question of what are we doing to increase forest productivity. Are Woodlot licensees increasing forest productivity or quality to any degree? If stumpage rates are stable and are not at risk of being inflated, then licensees with a greater sense of security

(“tenure security” is also something that Dr. Pearse considers critical), will feel confident about investing. With confidence the woodlot group will invest to a greater degree in improvements such as intensive forest management. Assuming TAB rates are kept in check, I believe the time is here for Licensees to have confidence in a business model planning for significant improvements in our forests. Both financially and “In Kind!” Woodlot investments should be and are made for good reasons, with confidence in reasonable stumpage rates becoming the incentive.

As woodlots we cannot compete in the high volume log business, but we can in the quality side of marketing to gain the highest values. During the logging phase values can be enhanced in a number of ways. Over long periods of time good plantation and young forest enhancement projects increasing the quantity and quality of our forests will increase, if the rates we pay for our logs are not inflated.

**Coast MPS Advisory Committees:** MPS advisory committee is very active starting near the end of August and continues through September and October. Numerous conference calls occur where variables are reviewed and analysis. The updates to the CAM that occurs every year follows an incredibly detailed process. As a member of

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### FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licenses and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products. The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy. BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. ♦

# Interior Timber Pricing: Cutting Permits and Rate letters

by Debbie Zandbelt

The weather is cooler and fall is here, what that means to timber pricing in the BC interior is that all woodlots with cutting permits on tabular rates will have received rate letters in the mail back in August. With numerous enquiries received on the stumpage rates on these letters – this is a good topic for today. Grab a coffee and settle in...

Any cutting permit (CP) issued under a woodlot licence in the BC interior will be priced according to Section 6.1.2 of the Interior Appraisal Manual (IAM). <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hva/external!/publish/web/manuals/interior/2014/Interior2014MasterRed.pdf>

Stumpage rates shall be the rates prescribed in Table 6-2 - Community Forest Agreements and Woodlot Coniferous Average Sawlog Stumpage Rates in \$/m<sup>3</sup> by species and forest zone. This is with the exception of cutting permits which have been issued for the purpose of using amounts from an eligible road amortization agreement (ERAA). Woodlot cutting permits issued using Table 6-2 average sawlog stumpage rates are redetermined on August 1st of each year.

IAM Table 6-2 rates are updated bi-annually on May 1st and November 1st.

**Scenario 1:** W1234 CP X issued on June 1, 2014 (dollar figures below are only used for example purposes only)

\* Stumpage rates for CP X are determined using the IAM Table 6-2 rates in place at time of CP



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issuance (i.e. Table 6-2 effective May 1, 2014)  
Example 5\$ average sawlog rate.

\* The stumpage rates for CP X expire on July 31, 2014.

\* An annual redetermination is completed effective August 1, 2014 for CP X using the Table 6-2 rates in place at the time of redetermination. Table 6-2 rates effective May 1, 2014 will apply and CP X stumpage rates will remain the same. (5\$ remains)

\* When the Table 6-2 values are updated on November 1, 2014 the CP X stumpage rates remain unchanged. (5\$ remains)

\* When the Table 6-2 values are updated on May 1, 2015 the CP X stumpage rates remain unchanged. (5\$ remains)

\* An annual redetermination will be completed effective August 1, 2015 for CP X using the rates in place at the time of determination (i.e. Table 6-2 rates effective May 1, 2015). (6\$ new rate)

Unless rates require reappraising, (e.g. IAM Section 2.2.2 - Minister Directed reappraisal) the stumpage rates effective/expiry dates for CP X, assuming that the CP was issued for 4 years, would be -

June 1, 2014 - July 31, 2014  
August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015  
August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016  
August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017  
August 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018

**Scenario 2:** W4321 CP Z issued on Dec. 1, 2013 (dollar figures below are only used for example purposes only)

\* Stumpage rates for CP Z are determined using the IAM Table 6-2 rates in place at time of CP issuance (i.e. Table 6-2 effective November 1, 2013) Example : 7\$ average sawlog rate.

\* When the Table 6-2 values are updated on May 1, 2014 the CP Z stumpage rates remain unchanged. (7\$)

\* The average sawlog rates for CP Z expire on July 31, 2014

\* An annual redetermination is completed effective August 1, 2014 using the rates in place at the time of determination (i.e. Table 6-2 rates effective May 1, 2014). (8\$)

Unless rates require reappraising, (e.g. IAM Section 2.2.2 - Minister Directed reappraisal) the stumpage rates effective/expiry dates for CP Z, assuming that the CP was issued for 4 years, would be -

December 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014  
August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2015  
August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016  
August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017  
August 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017

A big “Thank You” for review to ensure this data was correct to: Bob Annand, Stan Jones, and Cindy Moore (all of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, Vernon and Kamloops).

It was great to meet many of you at the AGM. A few really good discussions about cut control. A great lead in to my next article which I may focus on cut control. As always please do give me a call for any questions or comments. I can be found at [dzandbelt@telus.net](mailto:dzandbelt@telus.net). Phone 250-549-3089. ♦

# Visit Our New Website



Our new website is being rolled out in two phases. The public site was successfully launched in September. Please visit it at [woodlot.bc.ca](http://woodlot.bc.ca). The private or member site will be launched soon. It will require a log-in by woodlot licensees. Stay tuned for launch date and details for how to log-in for the first time. ♦

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the committee, Coastal Woodlots are better prepared for stumpage or timber pricing changes. Due to a number of concerns a confidentiality agreement must be signed for the FBCWA to participate in this process, so details cannot be provided.

### **Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committees:**

The CTPAC meeting scheduled for Sept 16, 2014 was postponed until Oct 30. Unfortunately a prediction of the rates for 2015/16 cannot be provided for the fall Almanac due to staff shortages at Timber Pricing branch. I will provide a direct email to the Coastal Associations as soon as I receive the new TAB rate predictions.

### **Flat Fee for Woodlot Waste:**

The flat fee for waste proposal has been submitted to FLNRO this summer. A simplified waste survey and reporting system proposal presented a fifth option available to Woodlot

Licensees. There will be ongoing work required to implement the proposal, depending on the FLNRO response.

### **Coastal Timber Pricing Time Allocation:**

During the fall and spring FBCWA Directors meetings there is an opportunity for contractors (including myself) to provide a report on activities. During the Golden directors meeting my summary of tasks completed for the period of April 1 to August 31 2014 included:

- Waste proposal at 53%,
- MPS and CTP committee work at 20%,
- Day to day consulting at 18%
- Almanac and Timber pricing reports at 6%
- Expenses at 3%

I expect that the committee work will increase proportionally over the next 6 months following the normal monthly and annual appraisal issues.

### **New Appraisal Issues – Continuous communication**

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio provides assistance to Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues I can be reached at 778-424-6129 or by email at [ehughes2@shaw.ca](mailto:ehughes2@shaw.ca). ♦

*1 Personal contributions of labour or equipment time.*

### **Please note:**

*The opinions expressed in the Almanac do not necessarily reflect those of the Federation, the Council, or their members.*



# Getting ready for winter

By *Dustin Meierhofer, Director  
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Driving is one of the most hazardous things we do – whether it's driving to and from work, at work or for work.

For forest workers the hazard is even greater. We have increased exposure due to the amount of time many of us spend driving both on and off highway. On resource roads the conditions and surface materials are inconsistent; road design is not to highway standards; and, the everyday challenges of safely operating a vehicle is amplified by an increasing number of recreational road users who are often not aware of the potential danger and dynamics of large gravel, log truck and other machinery. In some areas, there are operational, procedural and radio frequency changes that are added to the mix right now and it can make for white knuckle driving experiences for many woodlot owners/operators and other forestry workers.

Because there are so many things we cannot control on the roads – like conditions, weather and other drivers – we have to be extra vigilant and adapt our own behavior to best ensure we are responsive to every condition.

There is a safe speed for every vehicle, in every condition, for every curve, for every load, and it is often a lot slower than we might anticipate. The comfort of vehicles – whether logging trucks or light resource trucks, family vans, or ATVs might give one a false

sense of security and safety, especially in winter; don't allow comfort to mislead you. Slowing down is the most important thing you can do to avoid an incident.

Getting your vehicle (and yourself) ready for winter may prevent incidents and prepare you if you are involved in an incident. Winter preparations should include seasonal maintenance, changing your tires over, re-stocking your emergency kit, and reviewing appropriate winter driving behaviours with yourself and others. Here are some helpful reminders of good behaviours to follow for the best safety and business outcomes:

- 1) Plan ahead – Decide on your route before you go and choose the safest route possible. Check out websites like [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) for up-to-date information on road conditions.
- 2) Be prepared – Always carry an emergency kit stocked with the essentials you may need should you get stranded, to keep warm, fed, safe and hydrated.
- 3) Give it time – Leave extra time between appointments to ensure you get to where you need to be on time and without the need to rush.
- 4) Maintain a safe following distance – Slippery roads mean extra distance is needed to stop.
- 5) Watch your speed – Keep your speed right for the conditions; often this means well below the posted speed limit.
- 6) Keep it steady – Avoid sudden braking and acceleration by keeping transitions smooth.
- 7) Avoid distractions – Distractions are hazardous even during the best weather. Focus your full attention to the road ahead, and driving.
- 8) Don't go – If the weather is poor,

it is better to postpone your trip and wait for the weather to improve.

- 9) Visit <http://shiftintowinter.ca/> for posters, tips and other materials to support safe driving in winter throughout BC.
- 10) And remember: leave the phone alone!

## EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLISTS:

### Everyday winter driving:

Ice scraper and snow brush  
Snow shovel  
Reflective safety triangles / flares  
Flashlight and batteries  
Booster cables / battery booster  
Traction aid (sand, kitty litter, etc.)  
Extra windshield washer fluid  
Winter toque and gloves  
First aid kit  
Tire sealant  
Tow rope or chain  
Vehicle fire extinguisher  
Whistle  
Bright orange or red flag or cloth

### Highway driving:

All of the above, plus:  
Emergency blanket  
Winter boots and clothing  
Tire chains  
Emergency food (nonperishable)  
Bottles of water  
Candles, tin can and matches  
12-volt tire air compressor  
Small tool kit and duct tape  
Extra prescription medication

### Remote road driving:

All of the above, plus:  
Commercial Two Way Radio, programmed with appropriate road channels  
Knife, hatchet and/or handsaw  
GPS unit and updated maps  
Water purification tablets

*This is one of a series of Spotlight on safety columns produced for the Woodland Almanac by the BC Forest Safety Council. If you have a suggestion or would like to see a particular safety topic covered, please let us know. BCFSC has a team of safety advisors with more than 100 years of combined forestry and safety experience to provide trusted guidance and advice in all safety matters. Email [safetyadvisors@bcforestsafesafe.org](mailto:safetyadvisors@bcforestsafesafe.org) or call toll-free: 1-877-741-1060. The BCFSC is here to support industry achieve excellence in health and safety for all forest operations and their workers. ♦*

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# AGM Highlights FBCWA Resolutions

# Thank you to the 2014 AGM Sponsors

The following resolutions were presented at the AGM in Golden and will be considered by the FBCWA executive over the next few months:

1. Whereas there is a strong desire in Associations to encourage interest and participation in the woodlot program within younger demographics,

The Executive gives consideration to: Create two annual awards to encourage attendance to the Woodlot AGM. This award would be open to anyone between the ages of 19-30. Both applicants are to be chosen by the President after a phone interview two months prior to the AGM. The interview would be a simple conversation where the applicant expresses his or her desire to participate further in the woodlot program. The award would consist of \$1000 travel voucher and have all AGM fees covered. This would be an annual event that could only be awarded once in a lifetime. Nadina Woodlot Association will contribute \$1000 towards this award to sponsor a recipient at the 2015 AGM

**Moved: Jon Seinen      Seconded: Ties Prins**

2. Whereas: Section 46.2 of the Forest Act allows all or part of a WL to be consolidated with another WL but does not clearly allow a WL to be subdivided so a part of a WL can be consolidated with another WL;

The Executive gives consideration to: Pursue the government to create or amend regulation to allow a WL to be subdivided so that: 1) part of a WL can be consolidated with a second WL and the residual area of a WL can remain as a separate WL or 2) the subdivided WL can be consolidated with 2 other WLs.

**Moved: Wolfram Wollenheit      Seconded: Alan Waters**

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# AGM Highlights

## Welcome New Directors

Welcome to new Directors  
WPDC (Blain Arnett) and  
FBCWA (Brian Amies, Jon  
Seinen and Jordan Benner).

Thank you to outgoing  
Directors: Tina Hesketh  
(WPDC), Cliff Manning  
(FBCWA) and Wolfram  
Wollenheit(FBCWA). ♦



## Letter to the Editor

Hi Folks:

It's been on my mind ever since I got back from the AGM and I'm finally getting some time to catch up...

Thank you very much for putting on an extremely interesting and enjoyable AGM. I thought the event was very well organized and I can tell that a good deal of thought went into making the sessions both informative and enjoyable. The speakers were both dynamic and interesting and covered a wide range of subjects, this allowed me to soak up a lot of good information without experiencing an information overload or data dump sense. The woodlot tours were a good opportunity to see some management concepts in action and the bus rides were long enough to do some networking without being too long. The food at all the meals was both tasty and plentiful and cooked to perfection. As Andrea would say: "You guys Rock!"

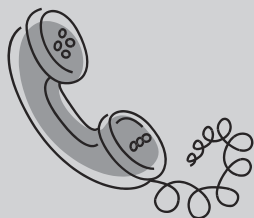
So again, I know a lot of volunteer effort and time went into putting this together and I thank you, and the rest of your organizing committee, for making it a great weekend!

Neil Bow, Tenures Forester - Selkirk Forest District

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### R & D Project Funding Available

The annual work plan has an allotment of \$5,000 for R & D Projects that will benefit woodlot licensees. If you have an idea for a project, submit a proposal to the Woodlot Product Development Council. Once submitted, proposals will trigger a discussion between the Council, Federation and proponent(s). The project proposal form can be found at: <http://www.woodlot.bc.ca/wpdc.html#projects> ♦



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- **Tax returns** – new logging tax returns will be available and old returns will not be accepted after May 31, 2015

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If you have any questions, please contact the BC Income Taxation Branch at 1-877-387-3332 or email [ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca). ♦

## ► From page 1

Bernie Schiesser, who runs his woodlot in the Moberley/Blaeberry area, got into the woodlot program with his brother Jack in 1985. Jack died 15 years ago, but his son (Dylan) works alongside his uncle on the woodlot now.

"We sometimes hire one other person but usually it's just the two of us," Bernie explained. "We have the equipment and the background."

One vital aspect of the program for Bernie is its environmental impact.

"Sustainability is really important for me. That's part of the whole principal of the woodlot program," he said.

It's clear that woodlotters take a great deal of pride in their work and having their woodlot's legacy passed along to future generations. For Bernie, it's also about being outdoors, and at 77, he says he'll keep working on the woodlot as long as he is able.

"Every faller loves being in the woods," he grinned. ♦

### Purpose of the WPDC

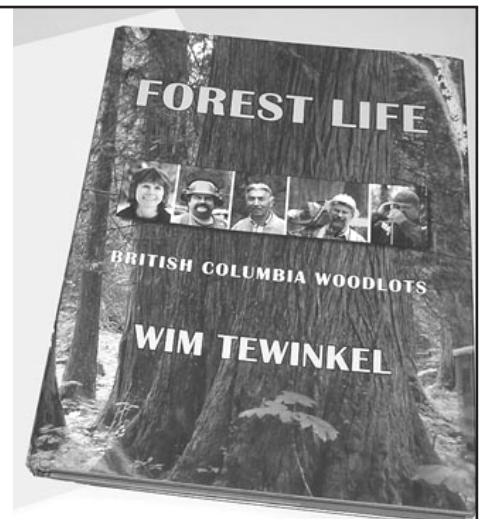
The primary purpose of the WPDC is to ensure that levy fees are spent on woodlot licensee priorities to benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout BC. Funds are collected through powers granted to Council under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. ♦

### "Forest Life" makes a great gift

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# My two cents worth: a licensee's opinion

## X-ray Glasses, Chemistry Sets and a Woodlot Farewell

by Harold Macy

When I was a post-war kid, on the back page of comic books were advertisements for toys, trinkets and gadgets targeted for the young, gullible and usually male mind. Most alluring were the X-ray glasses. The picture showed a bug-eyed, hormone saturated adolescent ogling a curvaceous silhouette, obviously female. Even knowing they were probably a scam, I never dared send in my two quarters for fear they would actually work and the power would be too formidable to resist and I might slip them on to look at Miss Floyd, my gaunt and spinsterly Grade Five teacher.

Another item that seduced my young imagination was the chemistry set I received for Christmas one year. It contained all sorts of noxious and potentially dangerous components: acids, flammables and explosives—none of which are found in today's sanitized and litigation-free packages which contain watery excuses, rubber gloves and safety goggles. But we never had bike helmets either nor car seats built like an ejection pod of a spacecraft. I remember my favourite riding place in our four-door sedan was the back window shelf where I could watch the clouds and trees go by and be launched with a trajectory through the windshield if grandpa slammed on the brakes. Times change and so must I.

And hence it is with the Woodlot License Program. When I was awarded our WL, just after the earth cooled, the criteria for success was personal suitability, applicant intent, and private land contribution. What was then proudly called the BC Forest Service actually cared that I knew which end of a chain saw to grab, that I had some vision of managing this public forest and that my honourable intentions for the land

were reflected in the condition of my own back forty.

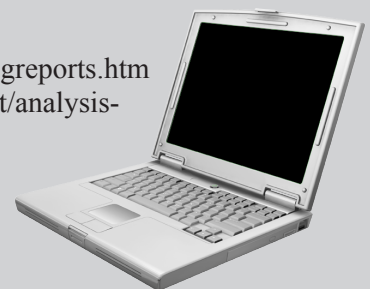
For one reason or another, the criteria devolved into a bidding war and recent WL's went to the deepest pockets. And when it used to be Jim and his green pickup coming out regularly to check on our progress, that also changed into the need for a myriad of "consultants" and "professional reliance". It is no small wonder I feel like a dull-witted dinosaur steadily plodding toward an inevitable tar pit of bureaucracy. Like I said, times change and so must I.

Looking back through a few issues of the Almanac, I see I am not alone in my trudging shuffle toward oblivion. There are several other relics lifting their heads and muttering "Woe, woe, woe." to anyone who will listen and no one is. It is telling to note the content of the latest issue. Of the twenty-four pages, not one is directly related to growing trees or even to forests. We have reports from the pricey consultants; we have pages devoted to my favourite nemesis RESULTS, and budgets, minutes from meetings, and stuff that could be found in the Annual Report of any big company. Thankfully there are a few pages devoted to actual people and their stories. But trees? Harrumph.

So as I waddle my saurian self into the sunset, I am pleased and blessed to pass our WL onto my son's. I must have done something right to spawn an RPF and two RFT's. They are more than capable of coping with the new realities of a WL. Reports will get filed on time, boxes will be filled with proper numbers, and assessments will be done at the correct intervals. I doubt if the trees will grow any better or the elk more numerous, but I'll sit back picking the tar off my toenails. A tip of the hard hat to all the other artifacts still struggling in the good fight. Keep it up. ♦

## Links of Interest

- 1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/logreports.htm>
- BC Forest Exports by market and product (Ref #4725): <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/het/analysis-forest-exports.htm>
- Woodlot Safety Program: Safety info & Tools – Resources Packages: [http://www.bforestsafe.org/safety\\_info/resource\\_packages.html](http://www.bforestsafe.org/safety_info/resource_packages.html)
- The Working Forest newspaper offers an e-newsletter and a newspaper on small-scale forestry across Canada: [www.workingforest.com](http://www.workingforest.com) ♦

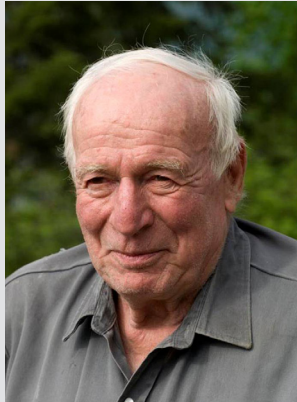


*Preface: In this issue we pay tribute to two long time supporters of the land stewardship lifestyle. Both made valuable contributions to the communities in which they lived and will be missed by friends and families and those whose lives they influenced.*

## Remembering Len Bawtree

### June 8, 2014

Len Bawtree passed away on June 8th 2014, at the age of 90. Len was one of the founding members of the Shuswap Okanagan Woodlot Association (the old Salmon Arm District), an advocate for the woodlot program with local government and represented our interests on various boards and committees. He was recognized in 2005 as part of the Stewardship Recognition Program and honoured as a Life Member with the Federation in 2011. He was a woodlot licensee and cattleman, always engaged in meetings with something thoughtful to contribute.



current Range Officer. Len would come into Rob's office and say "I grow food. To grow food I need grass to feed my cows to produce food." Even though Rob would say 'no' to Len's request, the next time Len saw him, he would start over as if they had never had the previous discussion. Determination was a quality

spoken of as well as a twinkle in his eye and always leaving things on a positive note.

Len Bawtree is remembered as a political force and a strong advocate for agriculture and communities. He served as the rural Enderby regional district director, Shuswap MLA and a board member with several agricultural organizations. Len was very outgoing when it came to the preservation of agriculture in the Okanagan. He was concerned about how agriculture moved forward. He was a founder of the North Okanagan Livestock Association and was a long-time director of the B.C. Cattleman's Association.

When the Regional District of

North Okanagan was created by the provincial government, Len was the first director for Area F, rural Enderby and played a role in shaping the boundary of RDNO.

From 1975 to 1979, Len Bawtree was MLA for Shuswap, and his priority was trying to meet the needs of his constituents. He was described as a straight forward politician and a straight shooter.

Len was born in Enderby and he lived his entire life in the Mabel Lake Valley, where his family settled in the 1880s. Hard work was common place. "The area around the house was cleared with oxen, and over the years dad cleared more land and built it up quite a bit," he said in a 2009 article in the Western Producer. "I helped clear it too when I got old enough."

During the Second World War, he was a decorated pilot, and once back home, he logged for himself and also spent many years at Riverside Forest Products. Len is survived by his wife Ruth, a war bride, daughter Angela and son Leon, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. ♦



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## Remembering Maxine Haley

October 4, 1925 – July 26, 2014

Unexpectedly and peacefully, this loving, stubborn, creative, adventurous and strong willed woman has passed away, moving on to join those family members who have preceded her.



Pre-deceased by her parents - Robert William (1978) and Maxine Thelma Thomas (1983), her husband Kenneth (1980) and son Keith William Haley RPF (1987).

Survived by David Kenneth Haley, RPF (Jean Rosemary) and granddaughter Erin Jean Gavaghan (Matt Kirby) and cats Willow, Ginger and Fluffy. Also, by her sister Marguerite Godwin (Garth), sister-in-law, Catherine Haley, nieces Karen Grass (Harold), Brenda Yoshida (Vern and family), Karen Baillie (Steve and family) and Deirdre Godwin.

Born in Nanaimo and raised in the Cedar/Yellow Point area, Maxine spent most of her adult life in this area with the notable exception of 1952/53 at Thurston Bay on Sonora Island, outside of Campbell River.

Maxine's working career consisted of jobs with:

- Unemployment Insurance (now Service Canada) - 1943-1950;
- Canadian Red Cross swim instructor and examiner - 1960s;
- Nanaimo School District, a private

construction company and Royal Bank of Canada - 1969 - 1973;

- Department of National Defense (Secretary to the Commanding Officer, 740 Communications Squadron, Nanaimo Military Camp) - 1973 - 1993.

Her hobbies included membership in both the

Victoria and Nanaimo Orchid Associations and the Nanaimo Dahlia and Gladiola Association where she received numerous awards for both orchids and dahlias and was also a qualified judge for dahlia showings. She also belonged to the Nanaimo Welsh Society and the Central Vancouver Island Poultry Association. In the latter, she also received awards for the quality of her chickens.

Other hobbies were photography, knitting, lapidary, and taking care of her beloved cats. Her photos of dahlias received awards in 2002, 2003 and 2004 from the American Dahlia Society.

A strong believer in equity for landowners, Maxine was a founding member of the South Island Woodlot Association (SIWA) and of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) in 1987. She was also a founding member of the Private Forest Landowners' Association (PFLA) in 1995 and chair until 2008.

Maxine influenced provincial government policy regarding both farm classification and private land forest management. For a period of time, she met regularly with Ministers of Forests from both the NDP and Liberal governments.

Travels with her husband Ken took her to New Brunswick, Washington DC, Pennsylvania and Alabama as well as Mexico, Tahiti and multiple trips to Hawaii. Later trips took her to Montreal, Niagara Falls and Lakefield, Ontario, numerous places in BC as Chair of the PFLA, Hong Kong and Bangkok. She would have liked to visit London, UK.

She received several natural resource stewardship awards, including:

- Century Farm award, 1994 Province of BC
- Western Forestry Award from the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, 1996;
- Certificate of Recognition, Private Forest Landowners Association, circa 2000; and
- Stewardship Award, Private Forest Landowners Association, 2001

In 2013, Maxine and her son, David, joined the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership and in 2014, completed an Environmental Farm Plan.

Donations can be made to the BC Cancer Society, Canadian Red Cross or a cat/wildlife care centre of your choice. ♦

*The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block. "Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer with us. If you'd like to submit an article or photo, contact Cathy McClary at [cjmclary401@gmail.com](mailto:cjmclary401@gmail.com).*

# Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management

Five British Columbians, who run small, community-based forestry operations, have been recognized by Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson with awards for innovation and excellence in woodlot management. The award recipients are:

- Clayton Foster of Vanderhoof, who received the \$2,500 award for the North region, in recognition of his commitment to stewardship and innovative marketing practices.
- Fred and Jane Marshall of Boundary, who received the \$2,500 award for the South region, for their leadership in the field and their long-time advocacy of the woodlot licensing program.
- Wolfram Wollenheit and Sibylle Walkemeyer of Campbell River, who received the \$2,500 award for the Coast region, along with a separate \$2,500 provincial award in recognition of their commitment to long-term forest stewardship.

Minister Thomson made the presentation at the Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations Annual Conference, in Golden. The awards are funded by the Province and administered by the Province and the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations. Each year, the awards



2014 Minister's Award Presentation Fred Marshall, Minister Thomson, Sibylle Walkemeyer and Wolfram Wollenheit. Missing from photo: Clayton Foster. Photo credit: Sara Grady

recognize a woodlot licensee representing each of the Coast, South and North regions, along with an overall top performer.

The recipient from the northern interior is Clayton Foster and family. Clayton is a 2nd generation woodlot licensee who manages WL 620 in the Vanderhoof Forest District along with his wife Anaka and their 4 children ranging in age from 7 to 13. WL 620 has a preponderance of dead, age class 4, lodgepole pine that has been both beetle and fire killed. Notably, Clayton has done an excellent job marketing this timber and regenerating new crops. This year, he and his family planted a good portion of his private land. He also found time to pursue FSC certification.

The recipient from the southern interior is Fred Marshall. Fred and his wife Jane have managed WL 470 in the Boundary area for nearly 30 years.

Fred is well known for being an excellent woodlot manager and a strong supporter and advocate for woodlot licences and BC's woodlot licence program. He was a founding member of the Federation and the Boundary WL Association, having served as its president for over 22 years.

The coast recipient and winner of the provincial award are Wolfram Wollenheit and Sibylle Walkemeyer. Together they manage WL 1641 in the Campbell River Forest District. It is abundantly clear that Wolfram and Sibylle manage their WL in a holistic manner; taking the full range of resource values

into consideration when making resource management decisions. From inventory to the treatment of root rot centers, everything they do is aimed at improving the forest resource. This includes sales and marketing efforts to ensure all the harvested fibre is put to good use. They are community oriented. In addition to hiring students and local First Nations, they have engaged in a number of public relations and community relations efforts including establishing a parking lot at the woodlot's entrance, providing maps and trails and even entering into an agreement with the RCMP to use the woodlot for training activities. Wolfram has served for many years as the President of the North Island WL Association and on Federation's executive committee.

Congratulations to the worthy recipients in 2014! ♦

Please help us out! If you are transferring or selling your woodlot make sure the new licensees get their own copy of the Almanac by asking them to send their contact information to the WPDC Coordinator. Also if you wish to remain on the Almanac's mailing list let Cathy know. ♦

# Contractor's Corner

The FBCWA contracts a number of qualified people to work on projects that benefit all woodlot licensees. Projects are consistent with the activities approved in the annual work plan and are funded by the WPDC levy. In each issue of the Almanac this space will be dedicated to introducing the contractors, or FBCWA committee heads and executive members who oversee the contracts. Introducing...

**Randy Jones**

**Audio Design and Engineering Contractor**



Randy has been involved with audio design and engineering for almost 40 years. He studied sound re-enforcement at Humber College in Ontario under the instruction of a former front of house engineer for the super group "Rush". After this he operated a small recording studio and worked a lot with helping to promote young bands (back when making a "Tape" was the cool!) to achieve their musical dreams and wishes.

Having moved to Vernon in 1990, Randy continued the practice of sound craft, and also pursued the art of film making. Attending film school and graduating in 2001 Randy turned to documentary films and produced a few films such as Retracing the David Thompson travels on the Columbia river (The Columbia River Brigade), The history of the Powerhouse theatre in Vernon, BC (A Gem in the Making") plus others. Randy joined with the FBCWA and WPDC in 2005 and has been producing the Stewardship films since then. This year's video featured five woodlot families in Golden including two Braisher families, Schiessers, Wardwells and the Wolfendens. Randy hopes to produce a full length film on the Forest Industry with a slant advocating for Woodlots. ♦



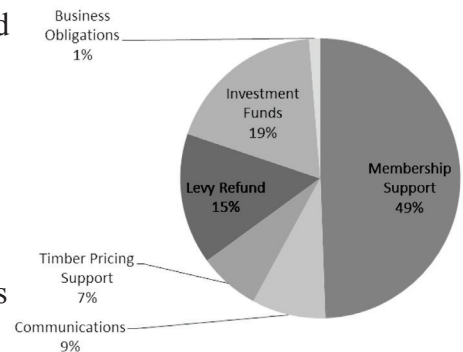
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