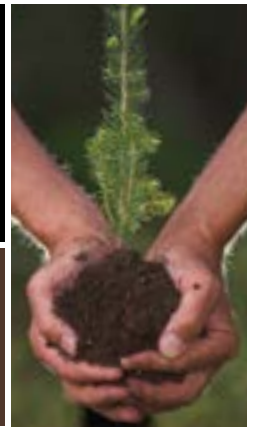
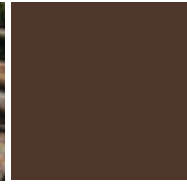




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## Saulteau First Nations: Woodlot Excellence in the Community

Community. It's at the heart of every woodlot in British Columbia. Every one of the province's 850 woodlot licenses is woven into the fabric of the communities they share...economically, ecologically, and socially.



Woodlots are wrapped around or nestled up against small towns, others are quietly thriving a few miles up a forestry road a short drive from a city. For each woodlot, this community relationship is slightly different. Many woodlots are shared with outdoor enthusiasts on horseback or ATV. They're host to hunters, foragers, hikers, campers and bikers.

Others, still, call the woodlot their home.

This is the case for the Saulteau First Nations, which manages W0231 in Moberly Lake, part of the Peace River Region. The territory is shared by The Saulteaux (Anishinabe), Nehiyaw (Cree) and Mountain Dunne-Za (Beaver) tribes – a 'community' arrangement that was formalized by Treaty 8 in 1914. Each tribe celebrates its own traditions and heritage while respecting the practices of the other. As such, management of the woodlot takes

into account the needs of all three tribes.

The task of managing the Saulteau Nations' woodlot licence fell into the capable hands of John Stokmans. Under his guidance, and with community engagement,

the woodlot was transformed from an underutilized natural resource to a consistent source of economic, environmental and cultural benefit.

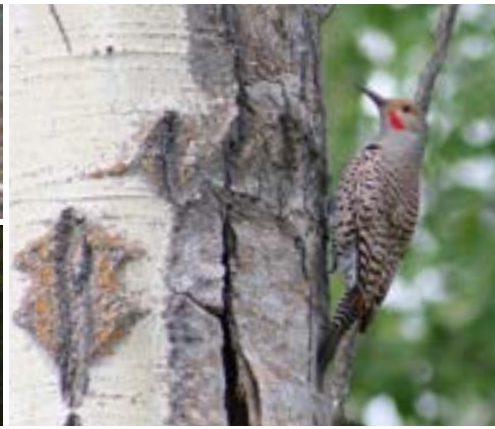
His efforts, and those of the community, were so successful they captured the Minister's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Woodlot Management for the North in 2018. The award acknowledged the far-reaching achievements of the Nation, both financially and environmentally. The stand density and productivity of the woodlot is above average while trapping grounds, medicinal plants, and vital moose habitat remain intact.

According to Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, "Their consideration for wildlife and non-timber

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# New Reference Guide & 2020 Minister's Awards

by Brian McNaughton

Lumber prices are up, mills are beginning to operate, spruce & fir beetles continue to munch our forests, a relatively quiet wildfire season woke up in mid-August and COVID continues to dominate the headlines. So, it would appear life is slowly returning to normal although what 'normal' is going to be in the future is anyone's guess.

In a recent conversation with Minister Donaldson, he expressed that a combination of higher log prices and lower stumpage; i.e. the Market Pricing System adjusting from recent poor markets, will trigger the forest sector to resume operations. That, in fact, appears to be what's happening. But even before COVID, the forest sector was in a downturn. Acknowledging that, early in 2020 the ministry began what it called a Cost Driver Initiative where the goal was to find cost savings of \$30/m3 within 3 months. Obviously, COVID changed government's priorities and attention was shifted away, but the systemic issues confronting the forest sector still exist and need to be addressed. Here's hoping the Ministry re-commits itself to completing the Cost Driver Initiative sooner than later. Those who work in the sector need it, rural communities that depend on forestry need it, and quite frankly with the debt incurred due to COVID the Province needs a healthy and prosperous forest sector!

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More specific to Woodlots, keep an eye open for the Woodlot Licence Reference Guide which will be posted to the Federation website and otherwise be made available soon. The guide was developed by the Federation to assist woodlot licensees and their consultants to be aware of and find



Brian McNaughton, General Manager

legislation, regulations, policies, procedures and guidance commonly required to manage and administer a Woodlot Licence (WL). While not a how-to manual, it does contain

weblinks to key reference information and guidance to key topics and subjects of interests.

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Nominations for the 2020 Minister's Awards for Innovation and Excellence are now being accepted. The deadline is Friday, October 16, 2020. Now is your chance. If you know a woodlot licensee who you consider to be a good manager, leader within the program and worthy of being recognized, then please submit a nomination. The nomination doesn't have to be long, tedious and a lot of work. For more information about nominating someone, please go to <https://woodlot.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-Minister-Awards-Notice-Criteria.pdf>.

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Sadly, because of COVID, there won't be an annual conference this year. Which means 2021 is going to have to be bigger and better than ever! I'm going to miss seeing so many friends and colleagues. That said, if you have an issue, concern or suggestion, please send me an email [gen\\_manager@woodlot.bc.ca](mailto:gen_manager@woodlot.bc.ca) or call 1.866.345.8733.

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Lastly and perhaps most importantly, stay safe and healthy! ♦



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## FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licences 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. ♦

## Please note:

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



■ FBCWA  
President's report  
**New Days  
New Ways**



Jeff Beale  
President

by Jeff Beale

It's going to feel strange not having a woodlot conference this year. I always look forward to attending and getting a chance to make new acquaintances and catch up with old friends and colleagues. It's an important way to find out what is going in different parts of the province and, as such, helps me guide the work of the Federation so it addresses issues of importance to all WL licensees.

This year is going to be different because the coronavirus gave us no choice. That is why I would encourage licensees to get in touch with their local WL Association, or contact the Federation directly (admin@woodlot.bc.ca), to make their concerns and issues known. As the sector emerges from its recent downturn and impact of the virus, there will be opportunities and challenges. The more aware and informed the Federation is, the more effective it can be in representing your interests.

Stay healthy and safe! ♦

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Jerry Benner, Woodlot Licensee on Quadra Island, is a member of Forests without Borders (FWB) and has worked on reforestation projects in Nepal and Tanzania. ♦

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## Amendments to the Wildfire Regulation

To: BC Wildfire Service's industry and commercial partners

From: BC Wildfire Service (Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development)

Date: June 29, 2020

Re: Amendments to the Wildfire Regulation

The B.C. government has recently made minor amendments to the Wildfire Regulation, BC Reg 38/2005, to clarify wording, update definitions and remove outdated terms.

These amendments cover various topics, including:

- 1) using drought codes to help determine the risk of a fire starting or spreading
- 2) updating criteria to assess the payment of compensation for fire control damage
- 3) amalgamating wildfire response cost-sharing agreements and service agreements

4) clarifying restrictions on high-risk activities

Stakeholders are asked to review the amended sections of the Wildfire Regulation and determine whether the changes affect their operations and activities. In particular, amendments related to the drought code value and restrictions on high-risk activities may be relevant. ♦



# Stumpage Rates, Waste Assessments and Cut Control Volume

by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF

## Update on Waste Assessments

Major tenure holders in the Interior are now fully implementing the new Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurements Manual (Waste Manual) Effective date April 1 2019. Woodlots licensees in the Interior has been given an extension to March 31, 2022 to stay on the old (Pre – April 2019) Waste Assessment Procedures (the current status quo). Coastal Major Tenure holders are currently in discussions on implementation of the new Waste Manual on the coast but as well have been given the extension to March 31, 2022 to stay with the current status quo. Both Interior and Coast Provincial Cost drivers' initiatives have identified waste assessments as a high cost item in need of further review. We have been working on this file for quite some time – with hope to find a resolution within the next year.

## YouTube videos a resource to help determine volumes for your Cut Control.

With lumber prices drastically increasing once again lots of queries about cut control. We are being creative in ways to help you the licensee navigate the Harvest Billing System with a series of YouTube videos. With the brilliant help of Lisa Marak this first video depicts the first few steps of finding your raw



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Interior Timber Pricing  
Coordinator

harvest volume by queries in the Harvest Billing System. The next video coming out will go into more detail on the species and grade data that adjust the volume billed. Here is the link for video one!

<https://youtu.be/oM2iFLHD0t0>.

## How to find your stumpage rate

It is that time of year again when August 1 rate determinations now complete. Updated stumpage rates are available online. You can check your new rate in the Harvest Billing system with the directions below. Also available in Table 6.2 of the Interior Appraisal Manual.

1. Go to website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/harvest-billing-system>
2. Select Public HBS application (no passwords needed)
3. At the Welcome to the Harvest Billing System screen find the “Other Queries and Menus” near the bottom of the page.
4. Select in green the “Stumpage Rate Search” (one click)

5. On the Search for Stumpage Rate screen enter your Timbermark, Grade ‘1’ , select a species and today’s date (if you want your current stumpage rate). Leave the remaining boxes as they were.
6. Select “submit”
7. Stumpage rates should appear if your CP is active.

Alternatively

1. Go to website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/timber-pricing/harvest-billing-system>
2. Select Public HBS application (no passwords needed).
3. At the Welcome to the Harvest Billing System screen find the “Other Queries and Menus” near the bottom of the page.
4. Select in green the “Timber Mark Query” (one click).
5. On the Timber Mark Query screen enter your Timbermark.
6. Select “submit”.
7. The Timber Mark Query provides base data on your Timbermark, Client info and then scroll down to the bottom of the page to find your Stumpage Rate by species!

If any issues arise, give me a quick call 250.549.3089 or email [Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca](mailto:Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca). ♦

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. ♦

# Log Cost Survey and Waste Manual

By Ed Hughes

## Coastal Log Cost Survey (FLRNO notice) – More Considerations and Concerns

I will be providing quarterly updates regarding the Coastal Woodlot Licensees tenure management cost survey request from Timber Pricing Branch (TP) as things unfold. It has been many years since the last log cost survey for Coastal Woodlot Licensees was completed in 2004. The experiences from 2004 are being utilised, in addition to new information, to prepare support for any Woodlot Licensee who is participating in completing the cost survey.

For major Licensees, cost surveys are routine. Major licensees have been helpful by providing some additional information and clarity to the whole process. I will continue to be informed by how other tenure holders handle cost survey submissions.

The FBCWA board and many Woodlot Licensees have been involved over the past 4 months in getting ready to roll out a support package that makes available some simple information and useful documents to participants. Since the request was made to complete the cost survey several steps have been taken as follows:

1. Initial discussions with TP Branch, Coastal Woodlot Licensees, and the FBCWA Board to prepare some background information and recommendations.



Ed Hughes,  
Coastal Timber Pricing  
Coordinator

2. In conjunction with the board, Coleen Marlow, Brian McNaughton, Debbie Zandbelt, and I have prepared a plan to move forward with support for Coastal Licensees (this request only applies to the Coast). Several steps are being taken this summer so that participants can meet the December 31, 2020 deadline.

3. A draft cost submission worksheet has been prepared so that participants can provide consistent and useful cost data.
4. Discussions with TP Branch are ongoing to clear up any confusion about the content of the survey or how the data is evaluated. It is our plan to have an agreement with TP that will provide a clear understanding of what costs are being collected and how they are used to make the process successful for all WL and government.

I expect that in September a support package will be available for Coastal Woodlot Licensees. For those who are planning on participating, it will be a good idea to give me a call, in case the FBCWA can be of assistance.

## Coastal Waste Manual

The waste manuals for the province, Interior and Coast have been undergoing review and changes over the past few years. Our interior Timber pricing contractor Debbie Zandbelt has been leading the Woodlot waste file for the FBCWA as the first round of changes to waste manuals took place in the interior. Debbie provides an update on the FBCWA efforts to date for the province/interior on page 5.

Over the past 6-12 months the coastal waste manual has been under review. I have been consulting with Dave Mack due to the complexities with the coastal waste survey procedures. Dave is a qualified waste surveyor on Vancouver Island and a member of the coastal waste committee. There are big differences in waste grades and other waste procedures between the coast and interior, so I believe it is important to have someone available to consult with, to provide a coastal perspective.

To date (this has been going on for decades) there has been lots of discussions and work regarding a Woodlot specific waste procedure. Debbie will provide more information on current waste efforts. The new efforts are on the heels of our Flat fee proposal and other various proposals that have not been approved in the past. This time around hopefully we can get approval for a waste survey procedure that works for woodlots.

Woodlot Licensees still have until April 2022 to use ocular and parent block methods, which are not available

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1 The Low Volume Coast Crown Tenure cost survey is a government provided spread sheet template to be used for cost data submissions. The submissions provide TB branch with “data support for the Coastal Appraisal Manual and other economic analysis of the Ministry”  
2 The coastal Appraisal Manual includes a Low Volume Cost allowance which is not available for Woodlot Licensees under the Interior Appraisal Manual.

to other major licensees. Many sections of the waste manual are planned or already have been amended, ahead of a new woodlot waste procedure being approved.

### **Market Pricing System Advisory Committee (MPSAC)**

The MPS Technical Sub-Committee has been meeting via conference calls every two weeks since July and will continue until late November. The TP branch staff, and committee members have been engaged in the annual work involved with updating the Coastal Appraisal Manual.

The level of information collected to complete the update is substantial with BC Timber Sales inputs reviewed in detail. Numerous ideas are presented through discussions and submissions. Some submissions gain approval quickly, others take time to be analysed, while others do not get approved by TP.

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

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

## **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. ♦

# **WPDC Director Vacancies:**

*Interested in providing direction on the spending of the woodlot levy?*

Volunteer Directors are needed to sit on the Board for 2-year terms. Annually the Board needs to fill 3-4 positions.

Directors must be woodlot licensees. The Board meets twice a year in Spring and Fall and conducts business through monthly teleconferences that last about one and a half hours. Expenses are reimbursed for travel to the annual woodlot conference, meetings and phone calls. Contact Cathy McClary for more information: 250-961-0271 or email: [cjmclary401@gmail.com](mailto:cjmclary401@gmail.com). ♦

## **Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals:**

The Board of Directors for the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) has an initiative to allocate funds to Extraordinary Projects that are not included in the joint work plan with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA). Eligible proponents must be one of the following: Woodlot Licensee, Woodlot Association, WPDC Board of Directors or FBCWA Board of Directors. The annual amount allotted is \$100,000. Applications will be received throughout the fiscal year. In the event of competing proposals, the Board will assign the highest priority to Provincial projects that benefit the most woodlot licensees, a medium priority for regional and a lower priority for association level projects. Application forms can be found on the website: [www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca)

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# Cariboo Woodlot Association Update

By Lisa Marak

There are 53 Woodlot Licences in the Cariboo Chilcotin Forest District. The Cariboo Woodlot Association (CWA) represents about 20 woodlots with many more being represented by one consultant who is also a CWA member

The president of the last nine years, Ian Lanki is stepping down. When asked what were the significant projects and events during his term, he replied “a recipient agreement with Mike Simpson to manage LBI / FESBC funds for projects in the Cariboo Region since 2015; Cariboo woodlots being impacted by wildfire in 2017 with over 3,700 hectares burned on 9 WLs; and hosting the 2018 AGM in Williams Lake which included touring the wildfire affected areas.

The biggest accomplishment, after several years of negotiation with District staff, ICP was finally allowed in the Cariboo Chilcotin Forest District in 2017. To date, only two licensees have succeeded in getting this type of permit. Administrative impediments have discouraged licensees from attempting to get one.

On a personal note, Ian said he “enjoyed his time as CWA President



Ian Lanki

and found it quite rewarding. I enjoy the woodlot lifestyle and can't imagine not being out on the land and having these areas to manage.”

The Federation would like to thank Ian for his long-term commitment and volunteer time in representing the interests of the woodlot licensees in the Cariboo-Chilcotin, ensuring that the Association provided value and remained relevant to its licensees. Gord Chipman has taken Ian's place as the CWA president. Gord is an RPF with over 30 years of experience in forestry in British Columbia and runs his own company called Xylem Resource Management, which he started in 2010.



Gord Chipman (photo by Angie Mindus)

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## Links of Interest

- Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca> ;
- The BC Interior Museum in Revelstoke produced a podcast series aimed at engaging people in the forestry sector to discuss the intersection between forestry practices and sustainability <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1176368>





values, while maintaining high woodlot productivity, is a job well done.”

For Stokmans, this success was a community effort...including the broader forestry community. When first taking the helm, he forged a relationship with Don Scott, a senior silviculture expert with Chetwynd Forest Industries (CFI). It’s parent company, West Fraser, is known for its strong First Nations ties in forestry around the province.

Scott guided Stokmans – whose background was in mining – through many aspects of forest management, not the least of which was the arduous process of navigating RESULTS, the provincial government’s data reporting system used to measure stocking standards, harvest levels and species management.

With a solid understanding of the successes (and failures) on the woodlot, Stokmans was better able to plan for harvest and restocking... and was also able to make a case to the provincial ministry for changes to broader woodlot policies.

Ministry officials, First Nations members and fellow woodlot licensees agree that Stokmans’ collaborative, learning-based and reasonable approach was a huge benefit to the woodlot over the years. His willingness to try novel solutions for common problems has sparked a culture of innovation in the community.



Leadership on the woodlot was known for adapting to shifting conditions. In the early 2000s the natural resource managers introduced mixed-wood stands, including blocks of aspen. Species like pine were given better footing, but not competition, in the wet, unstable soil by adding stands of aspen to the equation.

The Sauteau Nations felt strongly about the use of pesticides and herbicides on the woodlot for weed and pest control. After much research and deliberation, Stokmans acquired a herd of over 300 sheep and professional herders to do the brushing – the control of underbrush and weeds that compete with seedlings for light, water and nourishment – for them.

Unfortunately, the endeavour proved to be out of reach financially when scaled for the size of their 600 hectare woodlot, but that didn’t stop the Sauteau Nations from pivoting. The 42-acre sheep pasture and barn will be converted to another business venture.

The band is in the process of planning

a small square-timber mill in the former barn, and the pasture will serve as a sorting lot. For now, their timber goes to local mills offsite, but in the near future the lumber they need to expand on their 10-unit senior’s housing project will come from the Nation’s mill.

There’s a market for all the fibre from their woodlot. Currently, post-harvest fibre is used as biofuel by Twin Sisters Nursery – which specializes in native plant rehabilitation – to heat their greenhouses, and as firewood for the Elders in the community.


The Sauteau First Nations woodlot is a textbook example of how a woodlot licence should be managed, with community at its heart. As Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation said, “Their woodlot provides jobs for members of their nations, is operated with environmental impacts front of mind and is an added revenue stream for the Sauteau peoples.”


John has passed the torch to Registered Professional Forester Sarah Blake, and she already has plans to continue the tradition of innovation while meeting the high standards set by her predecessors.


The Sauteau First Nations have proven that a woodlot can balance cultural, ecological and economic needs, and host productive partnerships with BC’s First Nations communities. ♦



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# Waste Reporting Changes - Road Permit Waste

by Tom Bradley

In June 2018, Deb Hartland, FLNRO South Area Regional Waste and Residue Specialist, sent those of us subscribed to her list a note saying:



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“As of April 1, 2018, the road permit waste is to be submitted with its associated block in a multi mark waste submission. This will be a learning curve for everyone, please email or call if you need help understanding how this is submitted.”

This was an e-Waste reporting procedure change, not a Waste and Residue procedures change, so it is not mentioned in the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual - Coast, Woodlot Licences, and Community Forest Agreements. Seemed clear enough, and most Woodlot Licensees now build road under 1 CP authorization, not Road Permit authorization.

Fast forward to 2020, and I began to see communications saying that:

- (a) Licensees who construct “a road” on a Woodlot (WL) should report the waste and residue from right of way harvest under the Woodlot road permit timber mark, and
- (b) if no right of way is associated with a harvest area, add a comment / attestation to the e-Waste report saying, “No R/W associated with this block”.

This got me to sit up and take notice.

First, the common WL situation of road built and used under 1 CP authorization was not being considered. It seemed wrong that waste created by harvesting that was not authorized by a Road Permit should be reported under the Road Permit timber mark.

And second, a Licensee can not say there is no R/W associated with a block they built a road to under 1 CP. Plainly, there is a right of way.

Emails ensued. And a resolution was reached that addresses several situations. (Note that the following is a discussion of reporting to the Waste system, not to the RESULTS system.)

**If you harvest an area using existing built roads, no new road construction:** Report your waste as per usual under CP timber mark and add the comment “No R/W associated with this block”.

**If you build a road under 1 CP authorization to a block:**

- Include both harvested road RoW area and harvested block area in reported Net Area. I.e. Sum the dispersed waste stratum on block, dispersed waste stratum on RoW, and area of any accumulation stratum to derive Net Area for Waste101 and Waste102 screens.
- Report the dispersed and accumulation waste on block and road RoW under the CP timber mark.
- Add comments to e-Waste report that “No Road Permit authorized harvesting is associated with this block.” and “Dispersed area includes <x> ha of road RoW area.”

**If you build a road to a block under Road Permit authorization:** Goal is to report the waste from harvesting on the block and on the Road Permit RoW in the same Reporting Unit by using the Multi-Mark function.

- As usual, start by defining the Reporting Unit on the Waste101 screen. Entering the block info in Waste101 sets the block as the Primary Mark.
- Sum the areas of dispersed waste stratum on block, dispersed waste stratum on RoW, and area(s) of any accumulation stratum(s) on either to derive Net Area for Waste101 screen:



- Enter the same Net Area on the Waste102 screen:



- Enter “Yes” for Multi-Mark on Waste102 and then enter the Primary Mark Area (aka the cut block area). This is the dispersed stratum area in block plus any accumulation area(s) within block.



# Funding for your Woodlot Licence

By Mike Simpson, MA, RPF

The Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) program of the Land Based Investment Program provides funding of non-obligatory activities on the working forest across BC, including on woodlot licences. See the following website for more details on FFT: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow> Project proposals are now being received until mid-October for consideration in next fiscal year commencing April 2021 and beyond.

The main activities funded are for current reforestation (beetle or fire killed stands that are not economic to harvest), and a few activities around timber supply mitigation such as alder spacing on the Coast; Douglas-fir spacing and repression density spacing in the Interior; and fertilization in conjunction with implementation by the forest district or a major licensee on a larger area.

Further details on eligible activities and priority timber supply areas are outlined in the Silviculture Funding Criteria available at: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow/silviculture\\_funding\\_criteria.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow/silviculture_funding_criteria.pdf)



Timeline – submissions of project proposals has to be collated and in to MFLNRORD by October 15, 2020. Send your project proposals to me to be collated by October 9, 2020 at the latest. MFLNRORD would ideally like to see concurrent input with the local MFLNRORD FFT leads (Appendix B of the Planning Process Guidance), and local woodlot or tenures foresters as well – ideally proponents would do this as they have the local relationships. Late submissions may be considered for the following fiscal year.

The detailed planning process guidance and project proposal template is available at <https://woodlot.bc.ca/notices-bulletins/>

Please contact me with any questions or initial clarification of eligibility – but note that it's the local MFLNRORD FFT leads or your woodlot forester that will approve the eligibility and determine level of support.

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# Home Schooling Video Contest

Home schooling, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, is over and kids are back to school this fall. Thank you to all the entries for the woodlot video contest. Congratulations and well done to our May and June winners – Noah and Garbiella Jobke (Zandbelt); Esme and Nova Long; Rosy, Michelle, Hailey, Abby and Sydney Seinen.

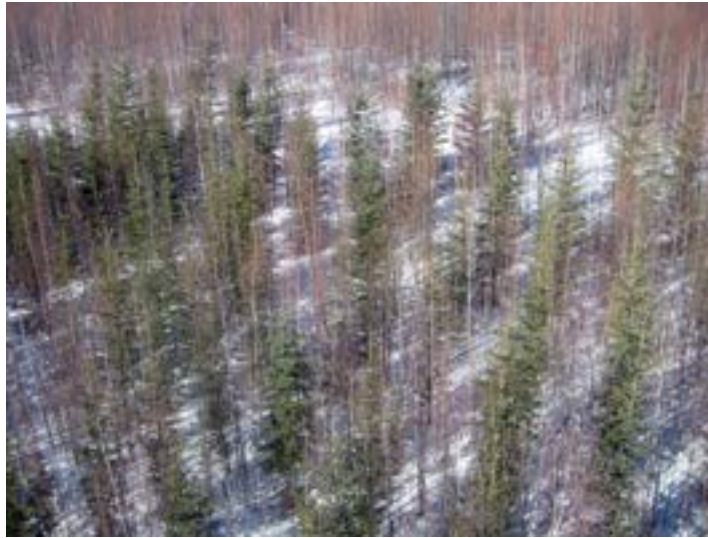
Check out their videos on our YouTube channel Woodlots BC and learn 'how to build a camp fire', 'identify wildflower', 'brush, plant and ski on a woodlot' and 'harvest chaga'. ♦



# Mixedwood Management in Northeast BC

By Chris Hawkins, Chris Maundrell and Jeff Beale  
Association of Peace River Woodlots

Note: Funding for this project was approved through an Extraordinary Project Proposal submitted to the Woodlot Product Development Council and supported by the Association of Peace River Woodlots.



The timber supply in BC's three northeast BC TSAs (Dawson Creek, Fort St John, Fort Nelson) is approximately an even allocation between conifer and broadleaf species. The TSAs have about 10 percent of the province's woodlots, all within Treaty 8. Woodlot broadleaf composition is highly variable, ranging from about 5 to 70 percent of mature stands. The broadleaf component makes northeast BC (Association of Peace River Woodlots) unique in their management objectives, practices and future revenue streams compared to the rest of the province.

The current management practice, when managing for conifers, is to remove the broadleaf species after establishing a new stand but at a high cost: economically, biologically (species interactions, moose browse, and stand resilience), and when considering values such as carbon storage, habitat, and treaty rights. Given the rapidly changing climate at higher latitudes and its unknown results, this approach potentially is setting woodlot licensees up to future failure. An observation from almost 135 years ago (Gayer 1886) suggests

the same: "a mixed forest condition (complex forest) is better able to deal with the uncertainty of future stand development and environmental risk". Unfortunately, even today, mixedwood or complex stand management, at best, is poorly understood. In part this is due to lack of experience, data, and suitable growth and yield models.

Trials to address longer term complex stand management from biological and economic perspectives were established in the three Northeast TSAs between 2004 and 2009. There were two trial types, release (competition removal) and "natural" stand development (no competition removal). Biologically our primary interest was in growth and yield, and carbon storage. Additionally, we collected data to allow us to describe the economics of current management practices and if possible, the role of climate change on stand growth and development.

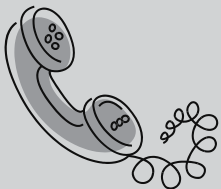
Today it is generally accepted that mixtures provide greater total yields and hence carbon storage than single species stands. Granted, this ignores

the issue of final product value. Early results from this series of trials and others we have established questions whether brushing to meet current free growing standards is necessary on our woodlots to meet timber supply obligations or to establish resilient stands? Our findings may be relevant to more woodlots than just those in the Northeast. There is an initiative underway to stop the use of herbicide on forestry land (<http://stopthespraybc.com/> accessed August 9, 2020) in BC and knowledge

from the Northeast may be beneficial in developing biologically based vegetation management plans in other areas.

Early results from these trials suggest that broadscale broadleaf removal is not warranted for both economic (cost), biological (overall conifer growth) and stand resilience reasons. Preliminary analysis indicates conifer growth in the mixedwoods is as good or better than a TIPSY projected pure spruce stand of the same age. If this is the case, 1) new/different approaches to growth and yield modelling in TASS (Tree and Stand Simulator) or the Mixedwood Growth Model out of the University of Alberta (MGM) will need to be developed in conjunction with the BC Government as well as 2) novel on the ground management regimes.

Given the unknown effects of climate change and understanding that the past does not predict the future, managing our woodlots for resilience will be the most beneficial approach for woodlot licensees. ♦

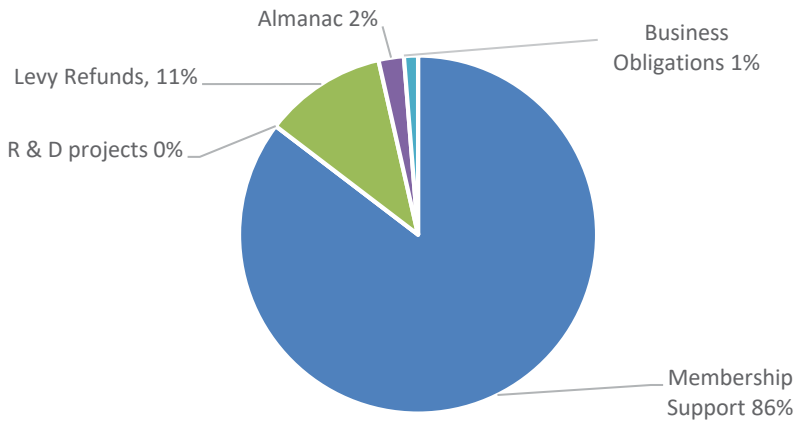


Telephone Support for using the Woodlot for Windows AAC program is available to all woodlot licensees or their representatives.

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# Where your \$0.25 annual levy goes

The Woodlot Product Development Council has a responsibility to ensure funding originating from the woodlot levy is prudently managed and used only for work and activities consistent with the Purpose of the Council which are to: Promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products; educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC woodlots and small-scale forest management and initiate and support research programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry in the province. The pie chart shows a breakdown of where the levy is used. ♦



# Activity Book

Ollie's Woodlot Adventures takes you to a woodlot licence where you will learn about trees, the forest and how it is sustainably managed. An informative and fun resource and activity book for licensees to give students visiting a woodlot or interested in the forest. It even has a colouring page of a woodlot licensee. To order, contact Lisa Marak at [lisa@woodlot.bc.ca](mailto:lisa@woodlot.bc.ca). ♦



  
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## In Memory of Richard Brenton

It is with a heavy heart the West Kootenay Woodlot Association communicates the passing of Richard Brenton. Richard had a woodlot (W491) in the Argenta area for years and was the President of the West Kootenay Woodlot Association for many years in the early days of the Federation. He was a mentor, friend, and formidable advocate for many woodlot people before and throughout the expansion of the program.



Richard loved the forestry life and the great outdoors, his long legs took him through the hills with forestry work and firefighting, and then hiking on weekends. His career in forestry started when he was able to get a position as an assistant ranger in Lardeau when George Benwell was Ranger. George emphasized the field work and not the papers piling up on the desk. Richard could not have been happier.

After the Ministry, Richard, Ann and their boys needed to make a livelihood. Joining with Roy Lake, the crew set up their own re-saw/shake mill and worked the Lake woodlot (W0436) and cedar salvage. Richard and Ann wanted the chance to put their forestry experience and interest into practice on their own woodlot. When Woodlot 0491 was advertised the Brenton clan applied for and were awarded the tenure.

Richard and Ann were woodlot people who took

immense pride in their woodlot and work. The Brenton's were awarded the WPDC Provincial Stewardship Award in 1997. They worked every phase of the woodlot cycle together with the boys, primarily as a two-person outfit with old machines, just doing their best. Their community involvement and challenges were legendary in the Kootenay Lake District, but they lived by their word and never failed to follow through. Richard saw himself as a conservationist, believed in the utilization of our forest resource and was never shy to voice his forestry opinions to anyone who would listen.

Richard worshipped simplicity and loved the old times and ways. With an amazing calm and peacefulness, Richard left the world we know on his own terms: surrounded by family, looking over the north end of Kootenay Lake in the evening sunlight, on his own deck.

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*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).*

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sunshine and the great  
bursts of leaves growing  
on the trees, just as things  
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