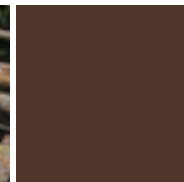




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## The Benefits of Outdoor Education and Woodlot Licence Contributions

by Sara Grady

Teachers have known for decades about the benefits of outdoor education. Studies have shown that when you turn nature into classroom great things happen: retention and engagement increase, especially in students who don't thrive in a traditional classroom setting; students who might have been apathetic towards science develop greater curiosity; and, they tend to be more mindful of issues around conservation and sustainability in their day-to-day lives. These are just a few of the benefits.

And they're one of the many reasons Heidi Christison – a Science teacher at Boundary Central Secondary School in Midway, BC – has partnered with the Boundary Woodlot Association and turned woodlots into a classroom for her Grade 11/12 Environmental Science students.

She began the semester by tasking her pupils with their own "passion project". Students were challenged to explore an environmental issue in-depth: food waste, landfills, acid rain, water use, etc. While they studied the core curriculum, they launched their own personal research, tapping into Heidi's guidance during the five regular, one-on-one consultations throughout the semester.

She challenged her students to seek out experts and conduct interviews, giving them transferable skills, and creating networking opportunities, while broadening their understanding of environmental issues.



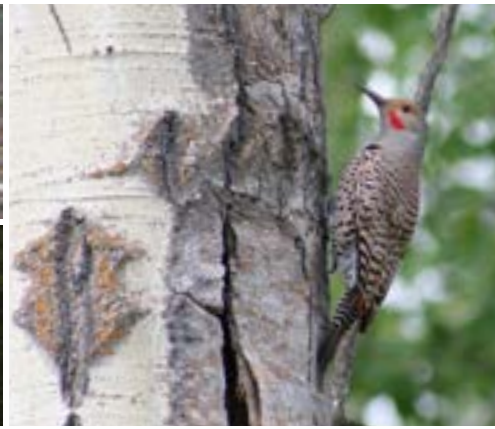
*George Delisle speaking with Boundary Central Secondary School's Environmental Science class about "wildlife trees" – vital to 'excavator birds' like the Williamson's Sapsucker, which is on the Endangered Species List. George's woodlot licence in Rock Creek boasts the largest population of this rare bird in the region.*

Heidi's students have enjoyed a wide range of outdoor experiences over the course of their time in her "classrooms". For example, they've gotten an ecological perspective on the Kettle River with local biologist Barb Stewart, who discussed the importance of

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# The Times They Are A-Changin'

by Brian McNaughton

In 1964, Bob Dylan released a song called The Times They Are A-Changin'. It's now 2022, and as it relates to WLs, truer words were never spoken...er sung. These days, nary a meeting goes by without a discussion about the new vision for BC's forest sector and modernizing BC forest policy. Buzz words like 'transformational change' and 'paradigm shift' abound.

In the spring 2022 Almanac, I highlighted a few of the government initiatives that are underway, notably old growth deferrals, Forest Act changes, and FRPA changes. But there are many others including the redistribution of tenures (which includes identifying crown land in WLs as special purpose areas), cumulative effects assessments, wildlife strategy, species-at-risk, and the Ministry of Environment's watershed security strategy. Individually and collectively, these initiatives are going to materially change Woodlot Licences and the way they must be managed.

In addition to representing WL interests with regards to each of these initiatives, going forward the Federation is going to have to remain mindful and address the overarching changes that are going to result from these initiatives, and what the impacts might be on WLs. In my opinion, they are:

1. Downward pressures on the timber harvesting land base in WLs and the AAC. Whether it's via a constraint, deferral, or designation of crown land as a special purpose area where the underlying intent is to remove it from a WL and grant it to someone else, there



Brian McNaughton, General Manager

is a limit to the impacts that a small, area based tenure like a WL can handle and still survive.

2. Increased administration and additional legal and licence requirements. Just in the past few months, obligations have changed so all WLs now have 6 new

inventories to do and interior WLs have to do full waste assessment surveys. Trust me, more obligations are being planned.

3. Less freedom to manage. The ministry is going to assume greater authority and control. This is already evident in the changes that have been made to FRPA and the Forest Act, and the policy intentions aimed at giving delegated decision makers more discretion and strengthening compliance and enforcement. There is no disputing that government has the right to do so on crown land, but what WLs need to play close attention to is (a) that private property rights are not eroded and (b) that accountability shifts to government

along with the additional authority. Current legislation is constructed to hold licensees, not the government, responsible.

The good news is that by most accounts WLs are held in high regard by the provincial government. They fit government's vision of more volume being managed locally, healthy ecosystems and sustainable forest management. That opens the door for the Federation to engage with government, and the Ministry of Forests in particular. In the coming months,

the Federation's biggest challenge is going to be working with government to only effect changes that will improve WLs and the WL program, and not be overly and unnecessarily burdensome. WL holders can help by continuing to practice exemplary

management and espouse the merits of the WL program at every opportunity to your MLA, local politicians, and the public!

Hope you all have a great summer! ♦



## Links of Interest

- Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca>;
- BC Government: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca>





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

Contact Tom Bradley email: [tom@woodlot.bc.ca](mailto:tom@woodlot.bc.ca) ♦

# Your Participation is Needed!

by Mark Clark

Your Federation has been hard at work, representing the needs of woodlot licensees by actively participating in many new government initiatives including old growth deferrals, changes to laws, licence requirements, administration, permitting processes, etc. All of these challenges could have a profound impact on the business of running a Woodlot Licence as well as the lives of woodlot families throughout BC.

The Federation and the Woodlot Product Development Council have engaged in a Strategic Planning Process that is being led by Colin Sauer of the Governance Group. The Federation and Council have been in existence for approximately 35 and 25 years, respectively so it was time to examine the way in which we conduct our business. The process will involve



Mark Clark  
President

soliciting input from all 847 Woodlot Licensees in the Province in order to make changes so both organizations are structured to meet your needs effectively and efficiently. I urge you to participate. **Fill out the survey, attend meetings**

**and make your voice heard.** The government initiatives I mentioned earlier confirm that we are embarking on a new era for BC's Forest sector. It's essential that the Federation and Council's governance models and organizational structures align so that you receive effective representation during these changing times.

I'd like to close by letting you know about funds available for Association Projects. The Council and Federation are collaborating to provide funding and other support directly to Woodlot Associations

to address projects of importance to you, the Association members. Associations identify projects, then submit a simple application (with a budget) to the Federation. A project is approved if it is consistent with the purposes of the Council and priorities of the Federation. Two projects have already been approved. The Shuswap Okanagan Woodlot Association received funding for waste assessment training while the Boundary Woodlot Association is acquiring and putting up wildlife tree signs. The signs will identify important habitats on Woodlots while helping the public understand that trees of all ages can provide value to wildlife, carbon, water, and recreational ideals, while providing a sustainable source of timber products. Several thousand signs are on order and will be made available at the Woodlot Conference in Abbotsford on October 14-16, 2022.

Hope to see you there. ♦



## 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). ♦

## 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 by January 31. 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>. ♦

stable riparian zones, and their impact on endangered species like the Lewis Woodpecker. They also gained a supply-chain perspective during a tour of Vaagen Fibre with Dan McMaster.

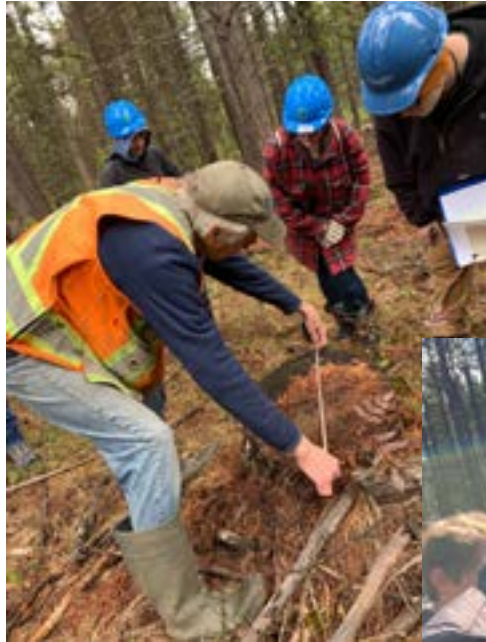
The Boundary Woodlot Association has played an important role in the curriculum this year, hosting three field trips under the supervision of George Delisle, long-time licensee and advocate for proactive forest management.

Students were given an opportunity to tour his Woodlot Licence (W0041) in Rock Creek and get hands-on experience taking bore samples, measuring the circumference of stumps and counting new and old growth in mapped-out sections of his woodlot. They were taught about leaving behind “wildlife trees” – vital to ‘excavator’ birds like the Williamson’s Sapsucker, which is on the Endangered Species list. George’s woodlot boasts the largest population of this rare bird in the region, a feat that was accomplished by design, not by accident.

A second day-trip to Bridesville took the classroom past the Lehmann Springs Conservancy Area – an unmanaged federal reserve. George took an opportunity to talk about the merits of managing forests for wildfire and overall stand health, pointing out that the lack of thinning has created what he calls a “replacement block” in the event of a wildfire: the entire block will be engulfed and have to be replanted. The stand included trees as old as 600+ years, as well as multiple snags pocked with holes made by nuthatches, chickadees and several varieties of woodpecker.

Farther up the road George and crew toured a block of Crown land adjacent

to Heidi’s property, a part of the forest that hasn’t yet been logged, and which covers two distinct ecosystems. As the students ascended the path they were taught how to estimate the age of a tree based on its whorls, and saw examples



*George Delisle measuring the circumference of stumps, an indicator to determine a tree’s age and size.*

of blocks recovering from wildfire and evidence of Douglas Fir beetle infestation. And, much to their chagrin, found themselves hiking in snow!

One of the key points George made regarding old growth was focussing less on the number of trees on any given block that might be classified as “old growth”, rather looking at the attributes of an old growth forest as a whole. He made the case that strategic thinning and logging of certain blocks would actually enhance the resilience and productivity of a forest – not just for its economic value, but for its value as a living ecosystem that sustains wildlife.

When asked what her students have taken away from their time with



*Wildlife tree holes*



*Students learning how to determine the age of a tree by looking at a bore sample they had taken.*

George, Heidi explained that they came to understand forestry as another form of farming. She’s confident that it opened their eyes to the complexity of managing a forest for timber, but also for its environmental benefits.

The woodlot program has grown and thrived since the late 1970s, however many of the early adopters are looking towards retirement. A new generation of forest stewards are needed to take their place. Perhaps one of Heidi’s students will be inspired to do just that after their time spent in the woodlot classroom. ♦

# Modest TAB rate increases, Staff Changes and Waste Manual Review

by Ed Hughes

## TAB rates 2022/23

You may be aware that our TAB rates have increased by as much as three times over the past year. The increase is a result of the past year of lumber and other forest product increases, and other factors, which are used to calculate Market pricing system stumpage rates. Although log prices have not increased to the same degree as lumber, the impact of the increases to TAB rates for coastal woodlots is modest. Table 1 shows the TAB rates for 2021 compared to the 2022 for the North and South zones on the coast, with increases ranging from \$4.34/m<sup>3</sup> for Spruce and to \$11.86/m<sup>3</sup> for Western Red Cedar.



Ed Hughes,  
Coastal Timber Pricing  
Coordinator

expected to change this year. Over time (past decade) slight adjustments have been incorporated into the TAB rate methodology following continuous improvements to the appraisal manual. The Coastal Woodlot advisory group has been reviewing

the anticipated changes. As discussed and communicated in past Almanac articles the anticipated changes should not significantly impact our rates nor our 30% adjustment to district averages used on the coast to determine our TAB rates.

## Timber Pricing Branch staff changes

Kelly Schellenberg the acting

working with Kelly and wish her well in her retirement.

The new provincial Timber Pricing Forester has been announced. Welcome to Jason Nunn who was the long-term Interior Timber Pricing Forester and has been involved with many Interior/Coastal overlaps. I look forward to continuing working with Jason in the future.

In addition, many of you know Ross Harris as a past Interior Timber Pricing contractor for the FBCWA and as a Woodlot Licensee in Prince George. Ross is now the Timber Pricing Forester – West Coast Region (MoF Nanaimo office) who has already started with an inaugural meeting of the Coast Appraisal Group (industry and government representatives) in June.

## Coastal Waste Manual - Update

Coastal woodlot licensees can expect to see a coastal waste manual review, followed by changes to our surveying and reporting procedures in 2023/24. Now that the Interior has implemented the new Waste Manual, the attention is expected to be directed towards the Coast soon. We will be able to take learnings gained from the Interior and apply them to the Coast.

Michael Wedel (Cruising Policy Forester) has been appointed to the Waste file. Following the approval of the Interior waste manual has been approved, the next focus will be working towards an acceptable review and implementation strategy for the Coast. Timber Pricing Branch is aware that Woodlot waste surveying and reporting needs to be different based on low Allowable Annual Cut (AAC )

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Table 1: Tab rates for 2022, 2021 and change over year (\$/m<sup>3</sup>)

2022 TAB rates							
	Balsam	Hemlock	Cedar	Cypress	Fir	Spruce	Other
WL/CFA North (30%)	6.17	5.88	7.42	7.60	6.17	5.18	6.67
WL/CFA South (30%)	7.33	10.15	15.63	9.90	14.44	7.11	11.59
2021 TAB rates							
WL/CFA North (30%)	0.28	0.26	0.41	0.21	0.28	0.22	0.28
WL/CFA South (30%)	1.48	2.59	3.77	2.45	4.59	2.77	3.00
Change in rates from 2021 to 2022							
WL/CFA North (30%)	5.88	5.62	7.01	7.39	5.88	4.95	6.39
WL/CFA South (30%)	5.85	7.55	11.86	7.46	9.85	4.34	8.59

We have been seeing significant increases in the cost of wood products over the past year which have followed other commodity price trends. Whether TAB rates are going to increase or decrease in the next year is impossible to predict, but we should be preparing for the worst and hoping for the best!

TAB rate calculation methods are

Senior Timber Pricing Forester on the Coast for many years retired in May. Kelly is a very reasonable and supportive person and she was great to deal with as the “go to” person in Timber Pricing Branch for the Coast. During the Low Volume Cost Survey initiative, Kelly was incredibly helpful. On occasions, Kelly went the extra mile to help with clarifications and Q&A in timely replies. I will miss

# FBCWA and WPDC boards look to the future by initiating strategic planning process

FBCWA and WPDC boards look to the future by initiating strategic planning process.

As many readers will already know, the board of directors of both the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) and the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) have initiated a significant joint strategic planning project. The process is well underway, and it's being facilitated by Colin Sauer of The Governance Group ([governance.ca](http://governance.ca)).

There are 8 members (4 from each organization) that make up a Joint Task Force. These individuals provide input and support to the overall process.

Mark Clark	FBCWA
Ron Beauchesne	WPDC
Tyler Hodgkinson	FBCWA
Gernot Zemanek	WPDC
Rick Walters	FBCWA
Blain Arnett	WPDC
Brian McNaughton	FBCWA
Cathy McClary	WPDC

The strategic planning process is expected to deliver several important recommendations to be presented at the Annual General Meeting of each organization during the Woodlot Conference in Abbotsford on October 14-16, 2022.

There are a few reasons why both the FBCWA and WPDC board of directors wanted to proceed with this important strategic planning process at this time.

One, the Government of BC is currently bringing in a new vision and various new strategies for the forest industry in the province and as such, it's important for all of us to understand the impacts that these new strategies will have on the woodlot program.

Second, our two organizations (FBCWA/WPDC) have been in place for a long period of time and it's extremely important for us to ensure that our current purpose and future vision for success are appropriately aligned with our primary constituents - woodlot licensees.


Third, our two organizations want to ensure we are meeting the needs of our licensees and other stakeholders in the most efficient and effective way possible. Organizational governance practices, working agreements, policies and other critical work processes need to be reviewed to ensure that the most value can be realized from the significant effort being put in.

This is an exciting time for both the FBCWA and WPDC organizations. This project is expected to help both

organizations re-position themselves to be more effective in delivering value to their primary stakeholders – woodlot licensees.

Many of our readers have participated in the survey and interview process in June, but if you missed this opportunity and you'd like to contribute your input to this strategic planning process, please contact any of the Joint Task Force members or contact Colin Sauer at [colin@governance.ca](mailto:colin@governance.ca). ♦

***Please note:***  
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and often small block sizes. The goal will be to produce a waste surveying and reporting system that works for Woodlots on the Coast.

## **Market Pricing System Technical Sub-committee (MPSAC)**

The MPSAC will begin having meetings starting in July through to December.

## **Coast Low Volume and Woodlot Crown Tenure Management Cost Survey**

There is not any added information regarding Coastal Woodlot submissions. The FBCWA is working towards a guidance document to ensure that provincial Woodlot Licence holders are prepared for any future request required by the Timber

Pricing Branch.

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

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio aids Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues, I can be reached at 778-424-6129 (office), (250) 954-8926 (cell) or by email at [ed@huock.ca](mailto:ed@huock.ca) ♦

# Pricing and Timing of Stumpage Determinations, Accurate Record-keeping

by Debbie Zandbelt, RPF

Never a dull moment in the Timber Pricing department. Woodlot licensees are still finding annual cut to sell logs and thus the pricing of stumpage is still a hot topic. In the Interior we expect an updated Interior Appraisal Manual (IAM) on July 1. However, Table 6.2 that holds the stumpage for Woodlots will not change from IAM Amendment #2 issued on May 1, 2022. The August 1, 2022, rate redeterminations for any existing cutting permits and any new cutting permits issued after May 1, 2022, will also use these stumpage rates.



Debbie Zandbelt, RPF  
Interior Timber Pricing  
Coordinator

without mention of Waste Assessments? There have been a few inquiries regarding the April 1, 2022, deadline for implementation of the Interior manual for Interior Woodlots and in particular the submission into the WASTE database.

If the initial Waste Submission status was

‘Submitted’ **prior** to April 1, 2022, into the Waste System then one would use the procedures outlined in the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Coast, Woodlot Licenses, and Community Forest Agreements manual for carrying out the waste assessments.

If the initial Waste Submission status was “Submitted” **on or after** April 1, 2022, into the Waste System then one would use the procedures outlined in the most recent Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version manual for carrying out the waste assessments.

**Note** - if the initial Waste Submission was in “Draft” status and the Waste Submission status was never “Submitted” in the Waste System prior to April 1, 2022, then one would use the procedures outlined in the most recent *Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual – Interior Version* manual for carrying out the waste assessment.

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[Recording Keeping- Section 136 3.a of the Forest Act.](#)

**Section 136(3)(a) of the Forest Act requires Woodlot Licence holders to keep accurate records with respect to timber harvesting including: the volume of timber harvested, and the nature and extent of silviculture carried out.** It also requires tracking of costs of harvesting, log transportation, by any means, constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, and forest management administration.

A request to provide records can be overwhelming to any forest tenure holder who is not prepared with auditable accurate records. Thus, even though I had this same message in the Spring Almanac, the repetition is for those who may have missed it. We are currently working on sample checklists and worksheets to steer the documentation in the right direction. Reminder that all those courses, stakeholder discussions, referrals, and planning time are relevant hours to document.

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The current Interior procedure for Woodlot stumpage rate determination requires that every year on August 1 stumpage rates are updated for a period of one year. There is discussion that this may change. The concept to make our stumpage rates more market reactive is taking hold and thus the rate determinations may change to twice annually; May and November are the dates being discussed. These are also the dates that IAM Table 6.2 currently is biannually updated. It is still at the proposal stage, however if this change is to occur, I will be communicating via the Associations on timing. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts on this idea and how this change may or may not affect your business.

## Waste assessments and regulation

What would an Almanac article be

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. ♦



# JOB POSTING:

# General Manager,

# Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

- *Contract position, term to be negotiated*
- *Part Time (~120 hours/month)*
- *Contract (\$120,000 - \$150,000 per annum)*

## Forests in Good Hands

The Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations is seeking a General Manager to provide leadership and handle operations of the Federation's business.

## About the Position

Reporting to the Board of Directors, this key senior role provides effective leadership in achieving the Federation's purposes, priorities, goals and objectives by building and maintaining solid working relationships with government, industry, First Nations and others within the forest sector.

Duties and responsibilities include:

### Leadership

- Understand and be an effective voice in the development of BC forest policy
- Provide input into forestry and forest related legislation and regulations
- Participate in forest sector, e.g., government, councils and committees
- Make recommendations for decision making in support of the FBCWA Board of Directors and members to achieve the Federation's purposes, goals, priorities, and objectives
- Provide guidance to the Board with respect to governance – e.g., Societies Act, regulations, bylaws
- Ensure that Board decisions are implemented
- Raise the profile of the Woodlot Licence program and the FBCWA

### Relationship Building

- Build and maintain solid working relationships with government, industry, First Nations and others within the forest sector
- Act as spokesperson on behalf of the Federation, speaking at public events, media interviews and during consultations and meetings with public and private stakeholders
- Lead and facilitate meetings to increase public awareness of woodlot licences and encourage participation in local Woodlot Associations

### Management and Administration

- Establish and manage the Federation's day-to-day operations and

administration including business processes, priority setting, and the preparation, approval, implementation, and delivery of annual work plans and budgets

- Provide guidance and oversight to Federation contractors and consultants
- Support volunteers, committees, and Woodlot Associations in carrying out the Federation's business
- Submit General Manager's reports for inclusion in Woodland Almanac issues
- Prepare and deliver annual update on activities for AGM
- Provide reports to the FBCWA Board of Directors for monthly conference call, and participate in Executive Committee conference call
- Participate in other meetings, as required

### Licensee and Member Support

- Manage and contribute to communications including the Federation's website, extension, outreach and support services
- Research and prepare guidance and extension documents for WL licensees, contractors and others

Other duties may also be requested by the Federation.

The General Manager is an independent contractor who reports to the FBCWA Board of Directors. The successful candidate may reside and work from anywhere in BC; regular travel is required for attendance at meetings. Non-conventional hours, including evenings and weekends are also required.

In addition to contractor fees, the contract includes provision for travel expenses, training, and technology.

The General Manager may not be a woodlot licence holder and should be registered with the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

### About the FBCWA - Forests in Good Hands ([www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca))

The FBCWA is a non-profit society, whose members are Woodlot Associations that represents the interests of the 845 woodlot licence holders throughout the province of BC. The Federation seeks fair and reasonable forest policy that allows all woodlot licensees and owners to practice exemplary forest management and natural resource stewardship in a socially,

economically, and environmentally responsible manner.

### About the Ideal Candidate

You will already be knowledgeable about the Federation and its work, and will have experience in a leadership (senior manager) position within the forest sector and/or government. You will have a working knowledge about forestry and forestry-related legislation, regulations, and policy; forest tenure administration; and natural resource management in BC. You will be well respected and seen as a leader by colleagues in the forest sector and government; and have a demonstrated ability to communicate and work with First Nations and high levels of government.

You will have excellent written and verbal communication skills; and be adept at addressing large groups of people. You will be proficient in the use of computer-based applications including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

You will have a keen interest in small tenures and a passion for stewardship of the forest and natural resources. You will be able to bring your understanding of family forestry, small locally owned business, and sustainable forest management, and combine it with your ability to communicate with high levels of government.

Your persuasion skills are excellent and you must be able to relate respectfully, knowledgeably and effectively to a diverse range of people, including ministry staff at all levels and Indigenous people. You will possess a thorough understanding of how government, especially at senior levels, functions. You may already have built solid connections with industry, government, First Nations and communities across BC.

You will be enthusiastic and energetic to accomplish the important work we are doing and bring an innovative, creative and solutions-focused orientation to the organization.

### How to Apply

Please submit the following to [liz@humannaturedevelopment.com](mailto:liz@humannaturedevelopment.com), no later than July 25th 2022:

- Resume
- Cover Letter highlighting what attracts you to this role and how your skills and experience are relevant.
- References ♦



## Scholarship Award Information and Application Form

### RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Applications for this award must be received on or before August 12, 2022. Late applications will not be considered.
2. Applicants must be a direct family member of a woodlot licensee or private land owner who is a member of the local Woodlot Association and/or the FBCWA or a woodlot licensee can sponsor an applicant who has no direct family connection. In cases where the woodlot is not owned by an individual, one applicant per woodlot is eligible to apply in any given year.
3. Applicants must be planning to attend a post secondary institution, including a trades school, within 24 months of the application deadline.
4. Preference will be given to students in grade 12 and recent high school graduates.
5. Preference will be given to students entering a forestry-related program. Students entering other areas of study are welcome to apply, knowing there is preference for forestry related study.
6. **Two scholarships, one for \$2,000.00 and one for \$1,000.00 will awarded to the top two ranked applications.**
7. The awards will be payable on receipt by the FBCWA of documentation confirming registration into the institution for post secondary education. This generally occurs in mid September.
8. Essays, letters and photos from applicants, particularly the successful applicants, may be printed in the Almanac. Video, audio and photos may be posted on our website and/or social media sites.
9. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
10. The Award Committee of the Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations will be empowered to:
  - a) grant this award at its discretion;
  - b) withhold this award in any year if there are no eligible applicants, or for any reason deemed good or advisable.

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### IMPORTANT – FORMAT OPTION!

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please complete the application form and include:

1. A one page (approximately 500-700 word) type-written essay answering the question “**What are the pros and cons of protecting rare and ancient old growth on Woodlots?**”
2. A letter describing the reasons which you feel qualify you for this award. Your letter should also include a detailed description of your experience in forestry, particularly on woodlots. Your letter may include information about your various interests and extra curricular activities.
3. Two letters of reference from previous or current teachers or employers,
4. A copy of your most recent report card, and
5. A recent photo of yourself.

Return to: Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations  
Attention: Nancy Pezel, Treasurer  
173 W. Hoylake Road  
Qualicum Beach, BC, V9K1K3

Or send it digitally to [nancypez@telus.net](mailto:nancypez@telus.net) with a subject heading of FBCWA Scholarship Application

**Applications must be received by August 12, 2022**



**Scholarship Award Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information:**

Currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Program you will be registered in for 2022-23: \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship/connection to Woodlot Licensee or to private land owner for Woodlot #:**

(ie; daughter of Joe Smith, Woodlot #2345) \_\_\_\_\_

**Woodlot Licensee/Private Land Owner to whom you are a direct family member or sponsored by, has been a member of which woodlot association and for how many years?**

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**Please include information on volunteer work, extra curricular activities, membership in school and community organizations, sports, interests, hobbies etc as well as employment information.** (you may use another sheet if you need more room or if it's more convenient for you) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Saw Logs not the Only Viable Aspect of a Woodlot

by Olivia Gash

FBCWA Scholarship Recipient #2

How can a community benefit from a woodlot besides saw logs and pulp logs? It depends largely on the needs of a community, and which species of trees are located nearby. For a community in the Cariboo, value added products appear as both the obvious and the unexpected. To properly answer this question one needs to ask themselves how can the entire life span of a tree be used. A tree can provide an ecosystem, learning opportunities, decoration, heat, and much more.

Woodlot licensees can use their woodlots to educate future generations of the importance of a forest, and its products. They can do this by engaging young members of their communities with the entire logging process, including the selection of trees to harvest, the logging operations, to tree planting. Sharing this information with the next generation allow for the continuation of sustainable woodlot practices in the forest industry. An added bonus of sharing the joy of working in the forest industry is that it sparks an interest in younger generations to pursue futures in this field.

Besides teaching about the forest, helping others is one of the best ways to utilize the forest in an environmentally sustainable way. Producing firewood from standing dead timber that would not be useable in the lumber market is an excellent way to heat homes, generate additional supplementary income while also contributing to the maximum value of a woodlot. Gathering fire wood creates connections in a community and family, while improving the forest.

Another way that woodlot owners can benefit from their land is through the harvesting and collection of botanical forest products. Botanical products such as mushrooms, pollens, berries, mosses and pitch all can have economical value. Morel mushrooms, which grow after a forest fire, should one destroy a woodlot, are highly sought after as they are a delicacy locally and abroad. Botanical products such as these can provide nutrition value as well as economical value.

Along with vital materials such as food and heat, a woodlot can also produce value added decorative products. This type of product would be custom wood cuts, or post and rails. Using dead standing pine it is easy to produce rustic fence building materials that could be used for a rustic fence for a local business or company, where members of the community



can appreciate the natural beauty of the logs. Another way these trees can be used is for house logs, all the materials used of course being from logs that would not otherwise be merchantable because of defects can provide unique and beautiful accents to a home. By using the non-mill grade wood this way woodlot owners are able to gain a profit, benefit their community, and do it all in a sustainable manner.

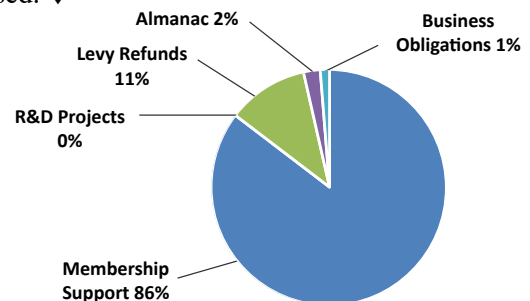
Repurposing the left over materials after the main products have been sold, is the best way for woodlot licensees to put their best foot forward. Finding creative solutions such as educating, nutrients, decoration, and more are just some of the ways that one can get the most out of their woodlot, and all it has to offer, while allowing for the continuation of the local forest industry. The only barrier towards

making the most out of a woodlot is focusing too much on the obviously profitable products. ♦

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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. ♦



# Woodlot Product Development Council Extraordinary Project Proposals (EPP) Awarded and Completed

EPP #	Description	Product	Reference	Status
2021-003	Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building Phase 2	Network Database	Almanac Summer 2022	Complete
2021-002	Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building Phase 1	Final Paper	Almanac Fall 2021	Complete
2021-001	Silviculture Survey Practices	High Gain vs Minimum Practice Decision Chart	Almanac Spring 2021	Complete
2020-002	WL Association Building was awarded but not completed and is now replaced by Association Projects as part of the FBCWA approved Budget & Work Plan for 2022/23.			
2020-001	Mixedwood Management in Northeastern BC	Measurement Data and Report	Almanac Fall 2020	Complete
2019-002	WL Succession and Tax Planning	WL Succession and Tax Planning Guide November 2020	Almanac Fall 2020	Complete
2019-001	Fire Mitigation and Fuel Hazard Reduction on Woodlot Licences	Fire Mitigation and Fuel Hazard Reduction on Woodlot Licences Phase 1 - Situational Analysis	Almanac Summer 2019 & Presentation 2019 Woodlot Conference	Complete
2018-001	WLP Training	Training at various locations	Almanac Winter 2018	Complete

## 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)

For more information, please contact WPDC Coordinator:  
Cathy McClary, Email: [cjmccrary401@gmail.com](mailto:cjmccrary401@gmail.com) | Phone: 250-961-0271 ♦

### 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 Tenures Branch

MEMORANDUM

File: 19720-01 Reference: 270543

June 3, 2022

VIA EMAIL

To: All District Managers

From: Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch

Re: Guidance Document – Management of Cut Control on a Woodlot Licence Due to Timber and/or Forest Resources at Risk

Please find attached a copy of a new guidance document, titled “Management of Cut Control on a Woodlot Licence Due to Timber and/or Forest Resources at Risk” developed in cooperation with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations.

This document is meant to provide guidance to ministry staff and licensees who are managing timber and/or forest resources at risk due to wind, fire, insect or disease on a woodlot licence, and cancels and replaces the following:

- September 22, 2009, memo titled “Guidance When Dealing with a Catastrophic Event Necessitating Increased Harvesting on Woodlot Licences”.
June 27, 2011, memo titled “Guidance Document to Deal with the Two Available Options Regarding Overcut Carry Forward Volumes of Timber Harvested as a Result of Catastrophic Events on Woodlot Licences”.
Advisory Bulletin 2017-01: Managing Catastrophic Events in Woodlots.

If you wish to discuss the content of this document, please contact Emma Neill, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, or Geoff Klassen, Timber Tenures Forester at Forest Tenures Branch. Individual woodlot licensees will be made aware of this guidance through an upcoming edition of the “Woodland Almanac.” This guidance is available online at: Forest Tenure Administration - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca).

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Doug Kelly

Woodlot Conference Photos Requested



The Fraser Valley Woodlot Association is hard at work organizing our upcoming Woodlot Conference & joint AGMs for the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations and the Woodlot Product Development Council. They would like to feature associations and woodlot licensees during the breaks with a slideshow photo presentation.

To help put this together, I am collecting photos that fit within the conference’s theme Woodlots: Rooted in Learning. Suggestions for photos could be of school kid visiting woodlots, fieldtrips, examples of enhanced forest management and managing for cultural heritage resources.

Please send photos to Lisa Marak by September 30, 2022 - communications@woodlot.bc.ca. ♦



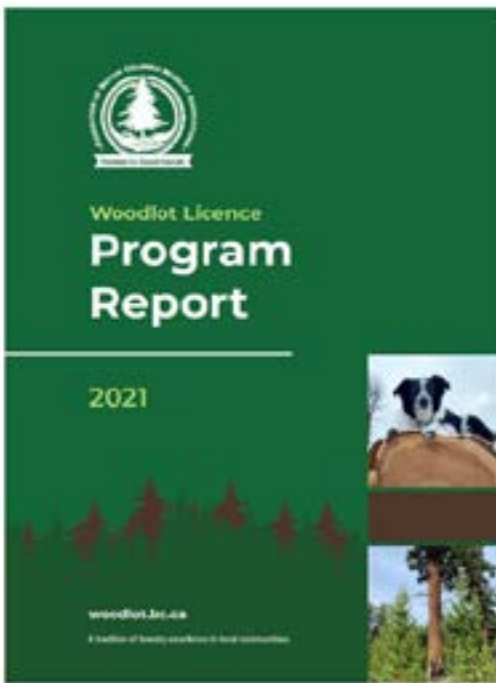
# Considering transferring your WL to another person?

The Ministry of Forests recently posted two documents to its website:

- Woodlot Licence Disposition Guide
- Request for Approval of an Intended Transfer (RAIT) of a Woodlot Licence Agreement form

Both can be found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/forest-tenure-administration/timber-tenure-transfer-disposition>. ♦

## 2021 Woodlot Licence Program Report Released!



BC's Woodlot Licence program report takes a look at what sets the 'Woodlot Licence' apart from other forest tenures in BC. It provides facts and figures, examples of excellence in forest management and highlights social, environmental and economic contributions woodlot licences make in their local communities.

It provides an excellent overview of Woodlot Licences for someone who is unfamiliar with the Woodlot Licence tenure.

To view the report, visit <https://woodlot.bc.ca/publications-reports/>

To request a paper copy, contact [communications@woodlot.bc.ca](mailto:communications@woodlot.bc.ca). ♦

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Family Forestry  
Community Oriented  
Sustainable Forest Management  
Support Value Added  
Supply Fibre to Mills  
Create Local Jobs  
Stewards of Local Forests  
Small, Locally Owned Businesses

Quesnel Woodlot Association  
South Island Woodlot Association  
Nadina Woodlot Association  
Columbia Woodlot Association  
Peace River Woodlot Association  
Kispitox Woodlot Association  
Shuswap Okanagan Woodlot Association  
Kamloops Woodlot Association  
Sea to Sky Woodlot Association  
Boundary Valley Woodlot Association  
Bulkley Woodlot Association  
West Kootenay Woodlot Association  
Robson Canoe Woodlot Association  
Prince George Woodlot Association

# The Death of Internet Explorer (Maybe)

by Tom Bradley

Last edition, I covered the story that Microsoft is “retiring” Internet Explorer (IE) as of June 15, 2022. A week after the deadline for this Almanac article. And that we need IE to see, let alone enter, silviculture activities in RESULTS through the web interface.



Tom Bradley

By the time you read this, we will probably know if previously installed versions of IE kept working after June 15, which is the expected outcome, or at least worked as an emulation under Edge.

Previous experience suggests that the Microsoft PR campaign to get rid of IE may be at least partly hype. I currently use IE 11 in compatibility mode on a Win7 box for RESULTS work - an unsupported and unsafe browser and OS. Bad Actors could gain access to my network and bring it crashing down! Yep. They could. But so far, so good. I do not browse the web or get email on that computer. I report to RESULTS, then I turn the computer off. And I keep airgapped current backups of entire network. I do not loose sleep over it.

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You may not be quite so relaxed about security, and you may not have outdated computers underfoot that you could resurrect as a RESULTS work station. If so, you are going to need to find a way to keep IE working until it is no longer needed for RESULTS work.

Last issue I covered the not-great-but-it works process to use an Internet Explorer emulation under Edge. Since then, my friends at RESULTS Central have also found:

## Internet Explorer Under Chrome

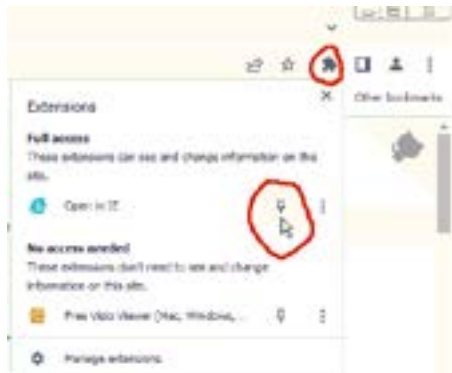
It turns out that there are several developers writing Internet Explorer emulations under Chrome these days.

One of several possible Chrome tools is “Open in IE”. Unsurprisingly, it works more smoothly than the Official MS IE Under Edge emulation.

The web link to the site is impossible to keyboard. Open Chrome and Google “Open in IE”. Select any of the first hits - they take you to the Google Store to get Open in IE.

There is a prominent “Add to Chrome” button on the Open in IE page. Click it. Agree to add the extension.

Then things get funky. You get dropped into a web page with misleading clickbait “Download” links and way too much info. Do two things:

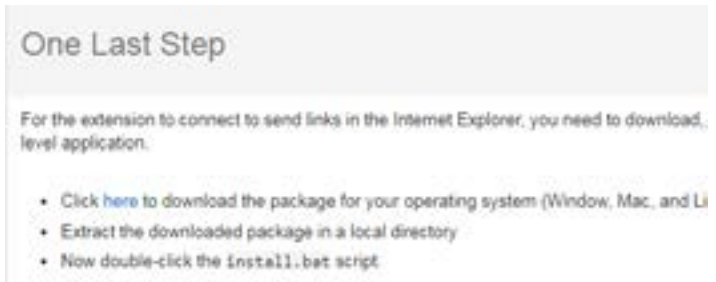


1) Click the little “Thor’s Hammer” extensions icon in the Chrome top icon bar, and

2) Pin “Open in IE” to the extensions menu.

It adds a little “Open in IE” icon to your top menu bar.

Now go to a RESULTS page using Chrome. Click the new Open in IE icon to open RESULTS in IE. And get:



Sigh. OK, not insurmountable. Click the little blue “here” to get the ZIP file. Put it in a folder you can find. Navigate to the folder. UNZIP the zip, double click INSTALL.BAT.

Back to that RESULTS page that refused to load a second ago. Try Open in IE again.... And stuff happens. My system opens a new window with a copy of IE and asks me to log on to RESULTS. And when I go to an Activities page, I see:



Happiness and joy! For RESULTS geeks, anyway.

Aspects that no one has tested yet include “Does this work if there is not and never has been an IE install on the system? Does it work after June 15? How about in Win 11?”

None of us RESULTS geeks have a computer with no IE. June 15 is not here yet. And if Win 11 gets modified to refuse to install IE after June 15, well, there may be a uptick in Heritage Computer values.

## Old Growth TAP Data Moves Again!

Finding and keeping track of the most current OG TAP data sets has been a silly game since November 2021. The

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# RESULTS Reporting

spatial data has been updated multiple times with no notice.

The OG TAP data has now been moved to the BC GeoData Warehouse. This makes it much more accessible, and the date of the data is shown as Data Lineage half way down the page.

Google “BC Data Catalogue” to get to the warehouse, and once you are there, search for “Old Growth TAP” to see the OG TAP data sets.

There is also an “Explore the data in iMapBC” link on each OG TAP page that opens iMap with the data set displayed.

## New RISS-gf

A new version of the *Results Information Submission Specifications - Form and Manner of Reporting (Government Funded Silviculture Activities)* has been released.

The Government Funded Silviculture Activities reporting world is crazy complex and small details change yearly. This is the guide one must use, and it has seen annual updates since 2018.

Most WL will never have to have anything to do with RISS-gf, but FRPA 108 (Government may fund extra expense or waive obligation) reporting is covered. So if you are sadly in the position of having to deal with the stress of a catastrophic event, well, we can offer some challenging RESULTS reporting for icing on your cake. Suggestion: Pay a good service provider to get it done.

RISS-gf also applies to fuel management work, but reporting on such projects is usually the responsibility of the project manager, not the WL.

## WLGML Ver 1.4 Is Out

WLGML Ver 1.4 was released into the wild in April 2022. It does Road Permit submissions to the Resource Road System (RRS), as well as RESULTS reporting and conventional CPs. Seems to work fine, and no complaints have been received from users to date.

Thanks to our friends at the somewhat secretive Skunk Works for helping us out again with this upgrade!



Recently, the Office of the Chief Forester (OCF) and the Federation met to discuss concerns about Woodlot Licence compliance with RESULTS reporting requirements. We had seen some notable improvements since the undertaking in 2016 of the “Getting RESULTS” initiative. Unfortunately, the data quality issues have resurfaced and Woodlot Licence error levels are climbing to concerning levels again.

The main problem areas remain the same:

- No forest cover spatial data provided,
- Failure to report free-growing forest cover at the time of the FG milestone,
- Failure to report post-disturbance forest cover once harvesting is completed, and
- Failure to report completed harvesting and create a RESULTS opening.

We understand there are varied views and opinions about RESULTS. However, there is no other means for Woodlot Licence holders to fulfil the legal requirement as defined under sections 75 and 76 of the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation (WLPPR) to submit an annual report that contains information specified by the Chief Forester in RESULTS Information Submission Specifications - Woodlot Licensees Edition (RISS-wl) into RESULTS. Woodlot licence holders are legally required to meet these reporting obligations and failure to do so is considered non-compliance with the WLPPR and subject to compliance and

enforcement actions.

**The purpose of this notice is to give a heads-up and strongly recommend that all Woodlot licensees verify, or request assistance from their service provider to verify, that they are up-to-date and compliant with their reporting obligations.**

The ministry will be monitoring Woodlot performance more closely and will be working with the Federation to produce information on apparent non-compliance data issues in RESULTS and will report out to Woodlot licensees. ♦



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Forests in Good Hands

## 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. ♦

# How cultural burning enhances landscapes and lives

by Rikki MacCuish

Cultural burning, or the use of controlled fire, is a traditional land management practice Indigenous peoples have used around the world since time immemorial.

It means different things to different individuals. For some Indigenous peoples, cultural burning is defined as follows:

*The traditional practice of planned and controlled use of fire on the landscape by Indigenous peoples for cultural and land management purposes. This includes burning for the health of particular plants and animals, as well as using fire for ceremonial purposes.—prescribedfire.ca*

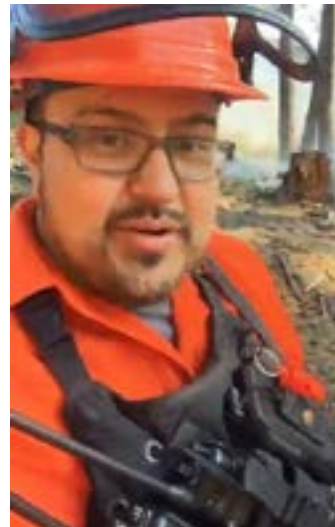
Cultural objectives may include restoration and enhancement of traditional foods or medicinal plants. Cultural burning may also be used to achieve the same land management objectives as prescribed fire, including:

- reduce the buildup of forest fuels
- pest management, such as bark beetles
- ecological restoration
- wildlife habitat enhancement, such as improving wildlife habitat and forage for large mammals like deer and elk
- silviculture
- agricultural land and crop management, such as improving livestock forage

George Campbell is a Wildfire Technician with the BC Wildfire Service and was an original member of the Lytton Rattlers firefighting unit crew based out of the traditional territory of the Lytton First Nation, of the Nlaka'pamux peoples. He has participated in cultural burning since he was a teenager in Boothroyd, where he is now also a member of the Boothroyd Indian Band council. For him, cultural burning is an important



Boothroyd Indian Band youth learning about cultural burning first-hand.



George Campbell, Boothroyd Indian Band council member and firefighter.

way to enhance the landscape.

“There are a lot of things that elders pass on when it comes to cultural burning. They don’t look at it as a reduction of fuels but instead it’s enhancing the landscape and natural resources for things like berries and medicines,” says Campbell.

## Firekeepers

Traditional firekeepers carry an important cultural role, tending to sacred fire in a manner specific to the religious traditions of that culture. That could look like tending to a small wood-burning fire to honour the deceased or conducting controlled burns to clear brush and make way for food plants. Knowledge of how to manage fire was passed down through generations.

Importantly cultural burning is a way for people like Campbell to connect with their heritage.

“We did a cultural burn on our territory and it made me feel spiritually connected to the land,” he says. “Part of the area we were burning was around pit houses and food caches that are centuries old.” “I feel at peace when I’m doing cultural burning because I’m learning so much from elders and firekeepers and the plants.”

## Bringing back cultural burning

B.C. became the first province in Canada to ban cultural burns with the Bush Fire Act of 1874. Those caught burning were subject to fines. This contributed to a loss of firekeeping knowledge and had many impacts on the ecosystems and landscape that we see today.

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) acknowledges this past and is committed to reconciliation. BCWS is partnering with Indigenous communities and First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) in several ways.

At the local level, BCWS

fire centres and zones are engaging with First Nations communities and proponents around burn project planning and implementation. Provincially, in partnership with FNESS, the Cultural and Prescribed Fire Program is shifting to develop the program in true partnership with First Nations.

To learn more about cultural burning, visit:

- [Prescribedfire.ca](https://www.prescribedfire.ca), sharing information about cultural burning and prescribed fire in British Columbia hosted by FireSmart Canada.
- [Revitalizing Cultural Burning](#) from First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS).
- [Get FireSmart Podcast “What is cultural burning and prescribed fire?”](#) with Anthony Pesklevits of [BC Wildfire Service](#).
- [Blazing the Trail: Celebrating Indigenous Fire Stewardship](#), a 47-page book that highlights stories of fire stewardship in Indigenous communities developed by FireSmart Canada in partnership.
- [Good Fire Podcast](#), a podcast about Indigenous cultural burning around the world. ♦

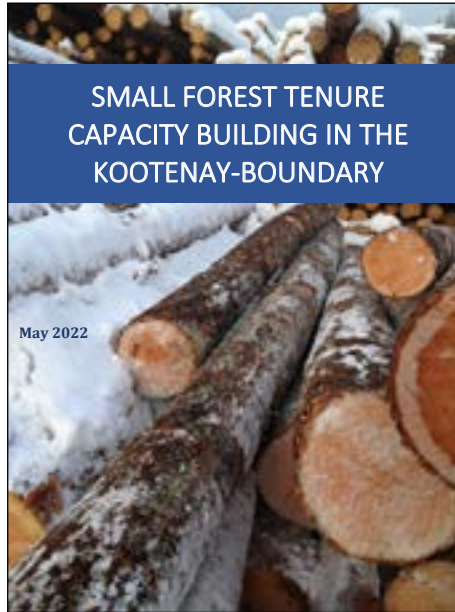
## NEW RESEARCH REPORT:

# Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building in the Kootenay Boundary May 2022

by Corrine Tessier

Thanks to participation from woodlot owners, community forests, loggers and small wood manufacturers, valuable information about the current situation for small operators in the Kootenay Boundary is now available. We encourage you to read the May 2022 research report 'Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building in the Kootenay Boundary', which can be found on the FBCWA website: [www.woodlot.bc.ca](http://www.woodlot.bc.ca).

The report covers existing production, markets and pricing, potential timber volume, harvesting capability, employment opportunities, barriers and limitations to growth and expansion, and recommendations. A number of opportunities for strengthening capacity are emerging from the research, such as a log & information exchange, equipment training, support for business expansion, cooperative models, and more. In its next phase, the Small Forest Tenure Capacity Building project will examine the feasibility of these opportunities and pursue funding



from various sources to implement feasible projects. The report will also add credence to discussions promoting industry change.

We are grateful to those who have funded this project to date: Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC), Nakusp and Area Community Forest, Regional District of Central Kootenay-Area K, and Bell Lumber and Pole Canada. The volunteer steering committee, led by Woodlot owners Brent Petrick and Hugh Watt, continues to provide

leadership.

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