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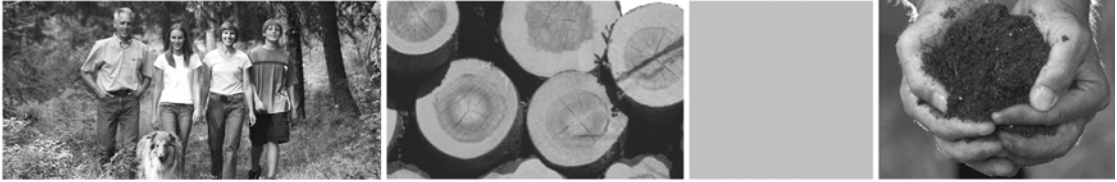


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Most BC woodlot licensees probably don’t know it, but an example of their work was on display – front and centre in fact – when Alex Bilodeau won Canada’s first gold medal on home soil on February 14.

If you watched the electrifying run that gave Bilodeau the gold in men’s moguls, and then watched as he mounted the podium to the cheers of Canadian fans at Cypress Mountain, then you saw the contributions of one woodlot to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The podium Bilodeau was standing on during the flower ceremony was made from an Amabilis Fir tree cut, milled and donated by Spiketop Cedar and Woodlot 0071, two enter-

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PHOTO: WOODLOT COMMUNICATOR
Rod Blake and his buddy Kotaro (above) helped build one of the 23 Olympic podiums with the donation of part of this fir log. The remainder of the log was used for a curved beam in a log house.



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Application

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Educational Information:

Currently enrolled in: _____

Post-secondary school you plan to attend: _____

Program you will be registered in for 2010-2011: _____

Relationship to woodlot licensee or to private land owner for Woodlot #

(e.g., daughter of Joe Smith, Woodlot #2345) _____

The woodlot licensee/private landowner to whom you are a direct family member, has
been a member of which woodlot association and for how many years?

Please include information on volunteer work, extracurricular 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.)



Deadline: April 23!

Scholarship Award Rules and Regulations

1. Applications for this award must be received on or before April 23, 2010. 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.
3. Applicants must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution 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. The award of \$1,000 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.
7. Essays and photos from applicants, particularly the successful applicant, may be printed in the Almanac.
8. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
9. The Awards Committee of the Federation of BC 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.

IMPORTANT

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

1. 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 extracurricular activities.
2. A one-page (approximately 500- 700 word) typewritten essay titled **“How does expanding the woodlot license program benefit British Columbia?”** This is an open-ended topic, so you can decide how to approach it.
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.

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Applications must be received by April 23, 2010



Member reflections

The doubtful blessings of technology

by Dick Brenton

I read with interest Rod Krimmer’s column [“I changed my mind,” Winter 2009]. I too have spent time in Newfoundland and have witnessed the evidence of squandered abundance. Families earned a living for centuries using workable primitive technologies like small motorized boats and cod traps. The social and economic structure of their society was maintained and there was environmental abundance. There was work for all and vibrant markets. There were no draggers degrading the habitat.

For the last 30 years there has been the technology available to catch every fish in the sea. Does that mean we should do it?

There is a point in technological development where we have to realize that we are being more efficient than the earth can support. It was the utilization of technological advancement unbridled by common sense and thoughts of future implications by regulatory authorities that destroyed the Atlantic fishery.

Amazingly, Rod, they have been unable to change their minds as you suggest. It is still going on today by dragging for shrimp and scraping every last codfish off the banks with huge processing ships from many countries staying at sea for months at a time.

Meanwhile, Newfoundland’s rural communities are devastated socially, economically, and environmentally. I’m afraid that greed supersedes wisdom in mankind, making it too difficult to change the way we do things. So what are the lessons in resource use that we have to learn in BC forestry practice?

How can we change the way we do

things, rather than feel frantically driven to compete in a global market? Our technology is very sophisticated now, in both forest and mill. I think we are at the early stages of the situation all too briefly described above. It is not too late for us because we still have productive land on which to grow trees, lots of it!

You mention looking south to the Pacific northwest; they locked up their federal forests for unfounded environmental mania and wrecked their industry. We are aiming in that direction too. We can run 100 loads of logs through a mill with a handful of workers. It’s cheap and efficient, right?

Maybe not. What about all the fellas with no jobs and the associated social and economic costs? I’m not advocating heading into the forest with axe and cross-cut, but how many articles have you read about the ground compaction effects that result from bare-ground mechanized logging? I would say the jury is still out on that issue. But can we change our perception, as you suggest, with all these technical marvels at our disposal? If we cannot, I agree that we are on a course of terminal madness.

Can we have a vibrant society if we decide to slow down and give more people MEANINGFUL employment (not paper shuffling)? Why can’t we go back to mom-and-pop operations in forestry and farming? It worked before and could work again. Produce a good product in the quantity to make people need it.

Global competition has driven technological advancement beyond what the earth can sustain. If mankind can recognize this, we can change the way we do things. At least, that’s my opinion. ♦

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 cjmccclary@shaw.ca.

Letter to the Editor:

Editor:

Early next year I will be moving back to Germany and thus, would like to have my name removed from your mailing list.

In June 2005 I mailed a draft report on the performance of the “Maxwald carriage” to the FBCWA to find out if there was any interest in this type of cable yarding [Editor’s note: See the DATE issue of the Almanac for the resulting article]. Subsequently I corresponded with Cathy McClary, who arranged to have the Almanac mailed to me.

It has been interesting to read the Woodland Almanac and it certainly offered insights on how managing forests in BC vs. Germany is different.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to read the Woodland Almanac.

Sincerely,

Manfred Sproll, Hazelton, BC ♦

■ Message from the President of the FBCWA

Get involved...and communicate!

by Mark Clark

The strength of our Federation relies heavily on the input and participation of woodlot licensees in their local Association.

There are 23 associations around the province and it's imperative that we do everything possible to keep them engaged and active in Federation affairs.

One of the critical tools in that effort is communications. We must get better at providing timely, relevant information to our members, to identify opportunities they can use on their woodlots to maintain the economic, social, and environmental benefits everyone is looking for.

One step the Federation will be taking through the Woodlot Product Development Council is to improve contact information for individual woodlot holders.

This project came about as part of an initiative to provide WL licensees' contact information to the Wildfire Management Branch to facilitate the



Mark Clark,
FBCWA President

MoFR contacting individual licensees should a fire be detected on their woodlot licence.

After discussion in mid-January, the Federation provided an electronic copy of all the woodlot boundaries in the Province to assist the WMB in their Fire Detection System.

But freedom of information restrictions prevent the phone calls from happening, so the Federation will be contacting individuals with a request to permit the use of contact information in case of fire emergencies. You can expect a call or letter in the next little while to ask if you want to be contacted in event of a fire and, if the answer is yes, to provide your updated phone number as well as mailing and e-mail addresses.

I urge you to participate in your local association, attend the meetings and field trips, and gain the sense of camaraderie and improved knowledge that can follow.

And I ask that our current Association leaders give some thought

to their successors, recruit shamelessly if you have to, and help keep our members engaged and our organization relevant.

Promote the champions: people with heart for the project at hand that are prepared to advance the project and who, though personal knowledge and commitment will carry a project forward.

Communications is an imperative that can't be ignored. The support of our members through their local associations gives us strength.

We are a large, diverse group, ranging from ranchers to high school teachers, from loggers to doctors.

To get a feel for this diversity, try loading the Google Earth file "We Are Woodlots" now available on the Federation website. It is an interesting look at us as a group. ♦

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



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This article presents a summary of your responses. To view the results of the survey in details, please visit www.woodlot.bc.ca.

According to our survey, the typical woodlot licensee is a 50-59 year old male who has held the woodlot license for 11 -15 years.

61% of the surveys were submitted by licensees from the Southern Interior, 12% by those from the Coast, and 28% by licensees from the Northern Interior.

Licensees chose the following as the top three factors impacting on their ability to manage a woodlot (in order from most impact to least):

1. Availability of markets
2. Timber pricing and stumpage
3. Legislation, regulations and policies

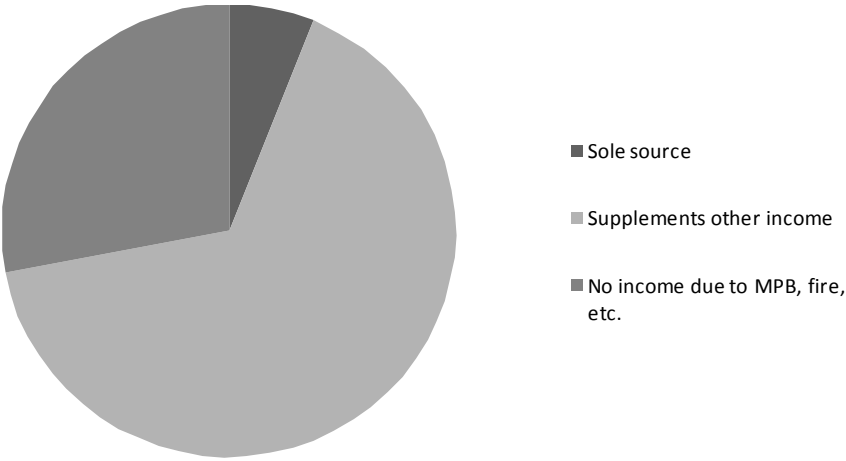
As in last year's survey, over 90% of respondents indicated they belong to their local woodlot associations. Seventy per cent said they "always" or "usually" attend association meetings, and 26% had volunteered with the FBCWA within the past five years.

Almost 90% said they felt well informed, with 85% citing reading the Almanac as the primary source of information, and attending association meetings cited by 55%.

The WPDC's goals are to promote a positive image of the woodlot industry, to educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC woodlots and to initiate and support research programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry.

In terms of investing the levy, most licensees preferred that Council invest conservatively, and were in favour (72%) of preserving capital (although 81% were also in favour of supporting projects that might realize a cost recover in 3-5 years).

How is your woodlot a source of income?



Every year we ask you to rank possible initiatives that could be funded by Council. The final ranking has the top two priorities unchanged from the last two years:

1. Timber Pricing & Tabular Rates
2. Reducing Administration & Planning Requirements
3. Tenure Rights
4. Tax Reforms
5. Economic Recovery

6. Acquiring forest tenure as a long-term investment option
7. Woodlot Program Promotion
8. Investigating Carbon Credit business opportunities
9. Strengthening Communications and Public Relations
10. Relationship Building with similar organizations
11. Implementing next steps to safe certification (WorkSafeBC) ♦

e-bits: information tidbits on e-fm

Acronyms needed in Waste

by Tom Bradley and Coleen Marlow

The new Waste 2.0 uses an acronym to identify submitters. The folks at Residue and Waste say that they did not really know that one was coming.

Some of use have dropped in to e-submit a waste report, and have had no problems whatsoever. We already had an acronym. Other long-time users have been unable to use the new system, and have had to 1) figure out what the problem is, and 2) get an acronym.

As we understand it, if you go to any Waste input or search screen,

and see a text string beside "Licensee", you have an acronym. If you see your 8-digit client number beside "Licensee", you do not have an acronym, and you need to get one.

To get an acronym in the Southern Interior Region, send an e-mail to Peter.Semenoff@gov.bc.ca with the subject line "Acronym request for 12345678 W1234" (with real info, of course). We assume that the process is generally the same for the other regions. ♦



e-bits: information tidbits on e-fm

Request FTA submitter authority early!

by Tom Bradley and Coleen Marlow

We are going to have a DIY

FTA submission program for WL soon. This is good news.

However, you still need FTA Submitter Authority before you can

send a CP submission to FTA. It is easy to get, but it takes 2 to 10 days for the paper to process. Don't do what Tom did, and wait until the last minute. That causes stress!

Request access to Forest Tenure Submission and Reporting well in advance at www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/efm/access.htm. ♦

Report on the 2010 levy questionnaire

One hundred and sixty licensees responded to the online 2010 Woodlot Licensee Levy Questionnaire this year – a 20% response rate.

The levy is the \$0.25 per cubic metre charged on the Crown portion of the annual allowable cut of each woodlot license. It is collected by the BC Ministry of Forests and Range along with the annual rent and is transferred to Council four times per year. The levy funds cannot be used to lobby government.

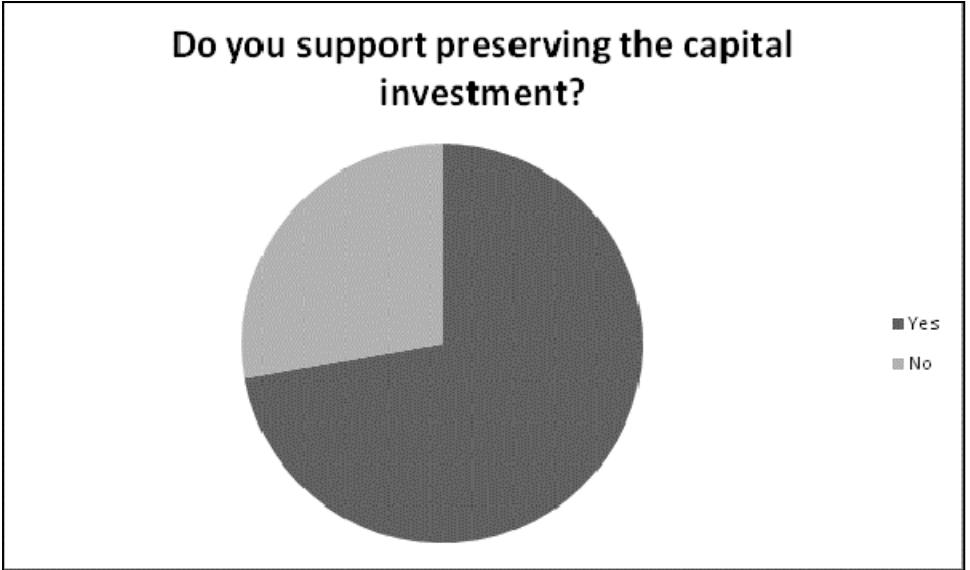
The questionnaire is the woodlot licensees’ opportunity to inform Council on how to spend the levy in the next year. It is the first step in the budget planning process. All answers are compiled and reviewed by Council and Federation directors. A summary of the responses is presented to the directors at their annual budget planning meeting in March. The results from the questionnaire are considered when assigning funding priorities to the joint work plan of the Council and the Federation.

A sincere “thank you” to all the woodlot licensees who took the time to respond!

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In what forest region is your woodlot licence located?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Coast Forest Region (Campbell River, Chilliwack, North	11.6%	18
Northern Interior (Fort Nelson, Fort St. James, Kalum,	27.7%	43
Southern Interior (100 Mile House, Arrow Boundary,	60.6%	94
answered question		155
skipped question		5

What percentage of administration is completed by you as the licensee?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 - 10%	12.5%	19
11 - 30%	11.8%	18
31 - 50%	15.8%	24
51 - 80%	20.4%	31
81 - 100%	39.5%	60
answered question		152
skipped question		8



Priority rating for Activities and Initiatives to receive Council Funding:		
Answer Options	Rating Average	Response Count
Timber Pricing & Tabular Rates	4.29	143
Reducing Administration & Planning Requirements	4.00	146
Tenure Rights (i.e. land claims, private land issues, privatization)	3.91	147
Tax Reforms (supporting National initiatives to advance tax reforms)	3.48	147
Economic Recovery(Sourcing alternate revenues e.g. NTFPs, agroforestry, bio-energy, etc.)	3.25	149
Acquiring forest tenure as a long term investment option	3.02	149
Woodlot Program Promotion (to younger people, among others)	2.92	148
Investigating Carbon Credit business opportunities	2.84	147
Strengthening Communications and Public Relations (Press Releases, digital newsletters, website,	2.76	150
Relationship Building with similar organizations	2.54	148
Implementing next steps to safe certification (Work Safe BC)	2.35	148
answered question		150
skipped question		10

General Manager’s Report

Woodlots well-positioned for upturn

by Brian McNaughton

As I write this report, lumber prices have been on a slow rise and there are other indications that BC’s forest economy is starting to improve. However, industry colleagues are quick to note that they are only “cautiously optimistic.” Translation: indicators are nice but the proof is in the bottom line! Of course, we all hope the economic fortunes of our forest industry are on the upswing. Some positive cash flow from WLs would be a welcome change from the past few years!

For the most part, WLs should be fairly well positioned to respond to an upturn in the economy. Those with approved Woodlot Licence Plans (WLPs) and tabular stumpage rates should be able to react quite quickly to market opportunities, including niche markets as they arise. That said, now would be a good time to check and make sure that your plans are up-to-date and valid. You don’t want to get caught without an approved plan and be facing 6 to 9 months before getting a cutting authority, especially if mar-



Brian McNaughton, General Manager

kets have rebounded. On a related matter, the Federation is working with the Ministry of Forests & Range (MFR) via the Joint Working Group to make it possible to have one cutting permit over the entire area covered by an approved WLP. This is not a new idea. It was brought up quite a few years ago by the MFR, but had to be tabled at that time because tab rates was a concept, not a reality.

The concept is that a WL would have one 4-year CP over the area covered under an approved WLP. The licensee would be free to operate within the bounds of the approved plan as long as the licence was within its cut control limits. It sounds simple enough, but on closer examination two issues came to light.

The first is to figure out how to make FTAS and RESULTS, two of our favorite e-systems, work with one CP. The other has to do with First Nations information sharing and consultation; i.e., making sure it is adequate with respect to potential harvesting over the entire woodlot licence.

There is a Federal Statute called the Migratory Bird Conventions Act (MBCA). All licensees should be aware that the current regulations under the MBCA prohibit the killing of a migratory bird or the destruction of the nest or egg of a migratory bird. In addition, the prohibition is a “strict liability prohibition,” meaning that even an inadvertent killing or destruction is not permitted.

This is not a new Act, but one that many woodlot licensees may not know about. There is some work currently underway to examine the applicability and logistics of this legislation and regulation. It’s worth noting that this applies to all migratory birds, not just waterfowl such as ducks and geese. The Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners is taking the lead on this file, with the Federation paying a whole lot of attention!

Welcome to Blain Arnett, the Federation’s new Interior Stumpage Appraisal Coordinator. Blain has been a woodlot licensee in the Prince George area for nearly 20 years and has considerable experience with timber harvesting and log sales. ♦

New directory helps licensees connect with each other

The Woodlot Directory is now available. Woodlot licensees provide contact information in the directory for other licensees who want to network and who may be traveling through their area. You can order a free copy through Cathy McClary at 1-888-925-9995 or cjmclary@shaw.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*. ♦

■ Coastal timber pricing

Two amendments to Coast Appraisal Manual

by John Marlow

As expected, there has been very little activity in the world of coast timber pricing for the first quarter of 2010.

I suspect a combination of the Olympic Games, trepidation over the upcoming provincial budget, and rumours of another restructuring of the Ministry of Forests have slowed our day-to-day activities.

There have been two amendments to the Coast Appraisal Manual (CAM) this quarter:

Amendment #5, issued on February 1, is primarily made up of house-keeping revisions, including the legal name change of the Queen Charlotte Islands to Haida Gwaii.

The relevant section of this amendment that may affect woodlot licensees who continue to appraise timber under



John Marlow, Coastal Timber Pricing Coordinator

the Market Pricing System (MPS) is that there is now a 500m3 minimum billing history volume required in order to have the your road permit rate determined as a weighted average of your cutting permits.

Where there is <500m3 billing history, the following year's RP rate will be the weighted average of all cutting

authorities with an AAC <7000m3 in that forest district (see Section 7.3 of the CAM).

Amendment #6 had not been issued at the time of writing this report, but should be in place the first week of March.

This CAM Amendment sets the tabular stumpage rates for the Woodlot Licence Program and Community Forest Program for 2010; the new rates are effective March 1, 2010.

	Zone	
Species	Northern Coast	Southern Coast
Balsam	1.25	0.66
Hemlock	0.25	0.47
Cedar	0.25	1.00
Cypress	0.25	0.61
Fir	0.25	0.52
Spruce	0.25	0.62
Other	0.25	0.64

The rates for 2010 will be as shown in the table above.

The status of all CAM amendments, as well as a copy of the current CAM, can be viewed at the following website: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva.

There have been no Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee meetings this quarter, so there has been no progress on clarifying the MPS / tab transition protocol. I would expect that meeting to occur sometime in the next quarter.

Please feel free to contact me anytime in regards to any coast timber pricing issues. ♦

Fun, fellowship and forward thinking!



Plan to attend the FBCWA's 23rd and the WPDC's 13th Annual General Meetings, to be held in Quesnel from September 16 - 19, 2010.

Watch for the registration brochure coming in the Summer issue of the Almanac, or visit www.woodlot.bc.ca ♦

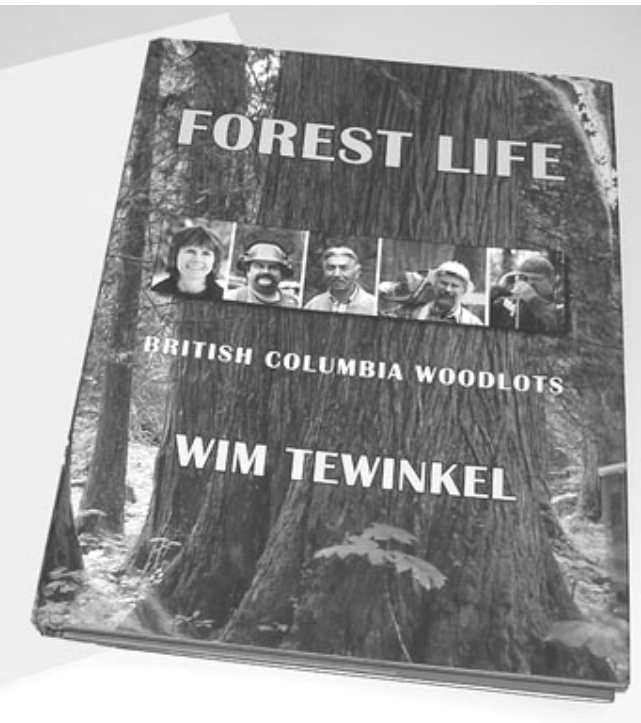
“Forest Life” makes a great gift

Mother's Day is coming (May 9, 2010)! Are you looking for gift ideas? Look no further!

Forest Life: British Columbia Woodlots by Wim Tewinkel showcases and celebrates BC's woodlots, woodlot licensees, and their families.

Through beautiful photos and a few words, this book captures the seasonal beauty of coastal and interior woodlots and portrays the landscapes and diversity of our forests as well as the stewardship of those who manage them.

You can order it from www.woodlot.bc.ca for only \$39.95, or woodlot licensees can buy it from their woodlot associations for only \$20.00♦



Book review: “Forest Life” earns 4.5 cones out of 5

from the April 2010 issue of BC Forest Professional; reprinted with permission

by Roy Strang, RPF (ret.)

Part of the foreword says it all: “Through photographs and a few words, this book attempts to capture the seasonal beauty of coastal and interior woodlots as well as the spirit and culture of woodlot owners and their families.”

The author has succeeded very well in this attempt: abundant, splendid illustrations depict the scope and variety of BC's forests.

Scenes of woodlot activity show the wide range of practices required to realise all the many management opportunities in a woodlot, and thumbnail sketches tell something of the self-reliant operators who dedicate their lives to thoughtful, sustainable

I was surprised not to find mention of two notables in the gallery of woodlot owners — Merv Wilkinson and Tom Wright — and wonder at their omission.

My only other criticism is the caption above a picture of burned trees which will mislead an uncritical reader. It says, “A forest destroyed by fire.”

When only a stand of trees has been “destroyed,” the forest remains in being.

This is a handsome and valuable addition to BC's forest literature. ♦



Help “Stop the Spread”

The Invasive Plant Council of BC has hired 13 workers in rural communities across BC to deliver invasive plant awareness programming.

“Stop the Spread” is a collaborative education and outreach program between the Invasive Plant Council of BC and the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee with funding provided by Western Economic Diversification.

For more info, visit this website: info@coastalinvasiveplants.com ♦



February 27, 2010

Lisa Marak
Communication Chair
Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations
381 Pheasant Road
Williams Lake, BC
V2G 5A9

Dear Ms. Marak:

On behalf of Canadian Women in Timber, I would sincerely like to thank you for the copy of the book "Forest Life — British Columbia Woodlots." It is a beautiful book and we truly appreciate that you would think of our organization.

Thank you once again.

Yours truly,

Alison Anderson, Chair
Canadian Women in Timber

Brian McNaughton, General Manager
Cathy McClary, Coordinator
Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations
381 Pheasant Road
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Dear Brian and Cathy:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! - for a copy of the book "Forest Life—British Columbia." It is a great book and a wonderful read. Throughout my career I have been a very strong supporter and advocate of woodlots. This book certainly strengthens those feelings.

Thank you again. Have a great holiday season and a great 2010.

All the best,

Mike Apsey, CM, LLD, RPF (Ret.)
Victoria, BC

Interior timber pricing

As long as a mill is running, it needs logs

by Blain Arnett

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Interior Timber Pricing Coordinator.

Firstly, a big "thank you" to Dean Daly for all the work he did for woodlot licensees; the time, effort and wisdom he provided under this portfolio is much appreciated.

Thank you also to the Federation for offering me a chance to help provide information and analysis regarding stumpage to woodlot licensees.

Also, thank you for all the e-mails and words of encouragement from old friends and colleagues.

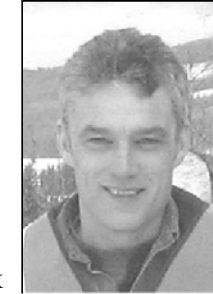
I have been providing woodlot management consulting services to licensees since 1988 and have managed a woodlot license (#1173) since 1992.

The woodlot is located 20 km west of Prince George in the heart of pine beetle country. The pine beetle first started to be a serious threat on the woodlot in 1996, and by 2004 all the mature pine had been killed.

While we were very aggressive in the detection, eradication, and harvesting of infected pine, the beetle pest was not to be stopped. All the mature pine stands were killed, logged and planted.

Woodlot 1173 is now basically large plantation with a low AAC due to very little mature timber supply.

Over the past 20 years many methods of calculating stumpage on woodlots have come and gone. Many types of management plans, development



Blain Arnett, Interior
Timber Pricing
Coordinator

plans, cutting permits, and appraisal methods have been used on woodlots (how such a small area of land can require so much planning at times has been very frustrating and costly to many licensees).

No matter what type of system we are using to determine stumpage, it needs to be easy,

simple and fast. In order to be successful, a woodlot licensee must be able to have a cutting permit and stumpage rate issued economically and quickly.

The current tabular rate system is fast and simple for determining stumpage; however, some of the steps to get a cutting permit issued are still causing timely delays.

Today's market conditions are dreadful: even with historically low stumpage rates, it is very difficult for a woodlot license to operate and generate a profit (make no mistake profits are good, they allow you to stay in business).

When a potential log-selling opportunity comes along, a woodlot licensee must be able to react quickly in order to sell the wood. Waiting 2 to 3 months to get a cutting permit approved, even while knowing the tabular rate stumpage, could cause a loss of the sale to the mill.

We have seen a recent increase in lumber prices. While it is hoped the lumber market gains strength and improves the bottom line for our local sawmills, it remains to be seen if the increased lumber price is a short-term response to low lumber inventories in the US wholesale yards.

While increasing lumber prices can cause stumpage to increase, it should also increase a mill's buying price for logs (let's hope so).

Keeping our woodlot stumpage pricing system and the processing of a cutting permit easy, simple and fast will be an important focus of this portfolio at this time.

Please feel free to forward any comments, phone calls or e-mails regarding your concerns or issues. I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or gregg-creek@shaw.ca, and remember, as long as a mill is running, it needs logs; so there is always a log market, if stumpage and price are right. ♦

FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licenses and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products.

The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy.

BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. ♦

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“...podiums harvest by members of the FBCWA come from the heart.”

prises managed by the Burgess family of Port Hardy on Vancouver Island.

“I knew which tree I would use the moment I was asked,” says Jim Burgess.

“I hope the athletes enjoy standing on our beautiful North Island wood,” adds Jim’s wife and business partner Karen.

The program was an initiative of the provincial government in support of the Vancouver Olympics. In total, 23 podiums featuring 18 different native wood species were sourced from around the province to use at the various venues around Vancouver and Whistler.

In fact, the Burgess podium wasn’t the only one to come from a BC woodlot. The podium that will be used for the medal presentations in Whistler during the Paralympic Games was built from Interior Douglas Fir donated from two woodlots operated by Rod Blake and Jim Brown-John in the Horsefly and Likely areas of the Cariboo.

“I am proud to be a small part of the Olympics,” says Stephen Brown-John, who comanages Woodlot 1577 in Horsefly with his father Jim. “It is an honour that champions will stand

on the best lumber the Interior of British Columbia has to offer.”

As the Burgesses, Blakes and Brown-Johns will attest, the podiums built from wood harvested by members of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations comes from the heart.

“Well-managed family woodlot operations are a source of pride for our community and make significant contributions to the local economy,” said Port Hardy Mayor Bev Parnham.

“Woodlots support the evolution of new business and aid in the diversification of our rural economies.”

“In addition to employment and recreation access, woodlots offer com-

munities the security that the forests near them are managed in a responsible manner,” added Rod Blake. British Columbia’s Ministry of Forests and Range sourced the wood and coordinated production of the 23 podiums.

The rough lumber was converted to panels at Metro Vancouver’s Bayview Millworks, and cut into complex shapes using sophisticated computer controlled machinery at the University of BC’s Centre for Advanced Wood Processing.

They were assembled at RONA’s Vancouver 2010 Fabrication Shop, a communitybased training centre that teaches carpentry skills to new Canadi-

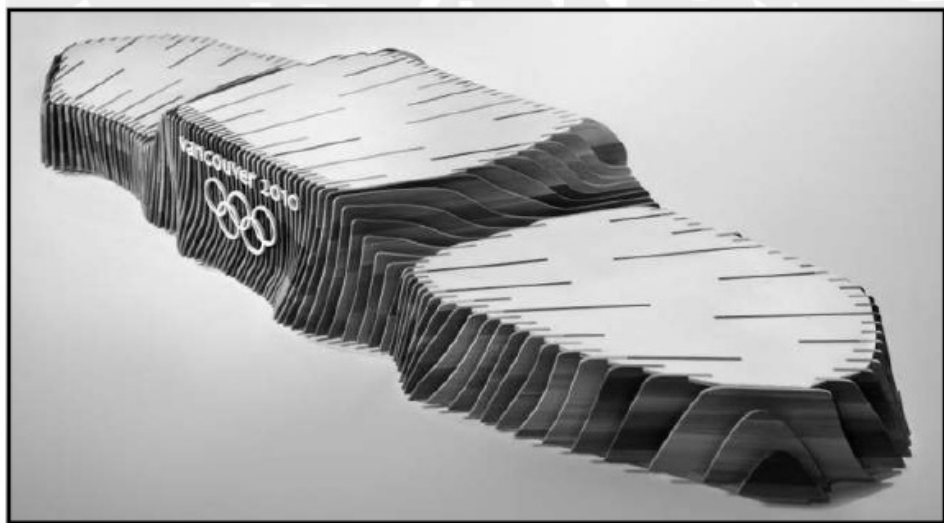


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An Olympic podium made from BC woodlot timber

SISCO

The Southern Interior Silviculture Committee (SISCO) is holding their Winter Workshop from April 12-14, 2010 at beautiful

Naramata Centre on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake.

The workshop’s topic is “Searching for Sustainability in Forest Management: Is Good Silviculture the Key?” It includes guided forest walks and discussions

on climate change, economic change, and more.

Come to one of BC’s loveliest orchard and vineyard landscapes on the lake – Naramata in the spring.

For details, visit SISCO’s website at www.siscobc.com ♦

Cariboo celebrates Forest Capital title



As the Olympic torch crossed Canada, so did the Forestry Capital of Canada.

On January 22, representatives from Norfolk County, Ontario officially handed over the Forest Capital of Canada designation to the Cariboo Regional District in BC.

This special designation awarded by the Canadian Forestry Association is part of a long – standing tradition of recognizing a Canadian community that demonstrates stewardship and sound practices toward sustainable forest development, management and conservation.

“The Canadian Forestry Association applauds the Cariboo Regional District’s positive, proactive approach in seeking ways to provide support to its forest industries in the wake of the economic downturn and the effects of the Mountain Pine Beetle,” says CFA General Manager, Dave Lemkay.

“This title truly represents the dedi-

cation, perseverance and faithful stewardship that are required by the forest industry, its forestry professionals and their families,” says Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo MP Cathy McLeod.

One of the first major events for the new national forestry capital was participating in the interactive BC Street Pavilion at the Richmond Olympic celebration site, O Zone, a venue that showcases the best of BC.



The Cariboo Chilcotin’s 2010-2011 Forest Capital of Canada designation serves as the overarching theme of the region’s pavilion set amongst a “forest” made of trees transported directly from the region.

Industry representatives, along with

UBC Forestry faculty and students, joined the BC Street team to discuss forestry and forest health issues with visitors.

There have been on average 7,500 visitors a day to the BC Street Pavilion, including NHL coaching great Pat Quinn, who dropped the puck on a fun game of road hockey involving a number of CRD and Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) members.

Some of the highlights of the CRD Forest Capital of Canada display are a character log in the middle of the pavilion for all to sign, the interactive kiosk, complimentary biodegradable wooden cutlery (a great example of a value added product produced from aspen or birch found on BC’s woodlots), and many more promotions.

The FBCWA is a proud sponsor of this Olympic venue, helping bring the Cariboo Regional District to the 2010 Olympic Games as well as supporting reforestation in the Cariboo Chilcotin area. ♦

Forest Recreation Regulation for business or industrial activity

Heads up, woodlot licensees!

Under FRPA there is a Forest Recreation Regulation (FRR). Section 16 of the FRR requires authorization from a recreation officer district if a recreation site, recreation trail or interpretive forest site is to be used for business or industrial activity.

Be aware that Section 16 applies regardless of what is in your Wood-

lot Licence Plan (WLP) or Forest Development Plan (FDP).

So, for example, even if your approved WLP contains a result or strategy, you will still require authorization from a recreation officer!

A MFR district office may approve a cutting permit or road permit even if it overlaps a recreation site or trail.

The onus is on the licensee to recognize the need for, and obtain, au-

thorization from a recreation officer.

So if you are planning operation on your woodlot licence, and there are recreation/interpretive sites and/or trails that will be affected, then you will want to check with your District Recreation Officer to see if authorization is required before using the trail or site.

It’s not always obvious which trails or sites will require authorization! ♦

FORCOV and RESULTS

by Tom Bradley and Coleen Marlow

April 30 is almost upon us, and the brave could be about to try their hand at updating their forest cover data in RESULTS.

It is not really that bad, but a word from experience: SAVE right at the start.

RESULTS Central has reduced the number of Reserve Type codes that we can use. If you open the existing

forest cover data for a block, say to put in the new info from your regen survey, and the block has a retired reserve code in *any* SU, nothing is going to save properly.

The worst case scenario: you spend an hour entering data, hit Save, it won't, and by the time the dust settles your work is gone. (Personal experience talking there.)

Be safe. Open your forest cover

and SAVE. If it gives you grief, check the Reserve Type coding in all your SUs.

You'll win in the end, no problem, but you won't have an hour's worth of hunt-and-peck data entry riding on the bubble the whole time, and you'll be a lot happier. ♦



Has your Woodlot License been impacted by a catastrophic event?

by Brian McNaughton

If the answer to that question is **YES**, you may want to discuss your options with the district woodlot forester, district manager and/or regional woodlot forester.

A catastrophic event could be a wildfire, beetle epidemic, blow-down or some other event which necessitates a licensee harvesting a lot of timber in a short period of time.

If the forecasted harvest volume exceeds your license's available AAC, then you require authorization from the Ministry of Forests & Range before harvesting any volumes which exceed the AAC.

The penalties for harvesting without available AAC can best be described as extreme!

In the past, the only option was an AAC uplift. This gave a licensee the right to harvest timber in excess of their 5-year AAC.

The volume exceeding the AAC resulted in what is called an overcut carry forward; i.e., the volume of timber harvested today would be applied against future AAC. In effect, what

this does is put the WL out of business until the overcut volume has been accounted for.

There is another option called a Cut Control Limit Exemption. For those of you who enjoy reading legislation, it's under Section 75.9 of the *Forest Act*.



Essentially, it allows a District Manager to authorize a licensee to overcut their cut control limit (i.e., the 5-year AAC) with some conditions.

One of the conditions would be that the WL licensee prepare and submit a new Management Plan with AAC calculation after all the harvesting is done.

Based on that plan, the District Manager then determines an AAC

which (a) takes the cut control coverage into account and (b) sets a new AAC for the WL on a go-forward basis. The woodlot licensee stays in business -- albeit at a new, and probably reduced, AAC level.

One important thing to note ...and it involves money! Under the cut control limit exemption approach, once the DM sets the AAC to address the over-harvest, a licensee will receive an annual rent billing for all that volume. It has to be paid all at once.

Under the AAC uplift, over-cut carry forward option, annual rent payments are spread out over future years.

I've tried to simplify what is a very complex topic. The main point is that if you find yourself in this or a similar situation, talk to your district manager or woodlot forester OR the regional woodlot forester.

Gather information applicable to your situation so you can make an informed decision about which option is best for you.

The catastrophic losses memo can be found at www.woodlot.bc.ca – the Federation's website. ♦

Links of Interest

1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports:
www.for.gov.bc.ca.hva/logreports.htm

The Ministry of Forests and Range has released a second status update on implementing the recommendations from The Working Roundtable on Forestry report: www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/Forestry_Roundtable/ ♦



Therapy

Editor's note: Rod Krimmer is retiring as an Almanac columnist after nearly two years of "My two cents' worth" columns, so this will be his last column. Thank you, Rod, for sharing your interesting ideas — the Almanac will miss you! And, if there are any other would-be columnists out there, please contact Cathy McClary!



Rod Krimmer,
Almanac columnist

I've been referred to as a Luddite before, but that's a bit of an exaggeration. I am not opposed to all technology, just the technology that leaves me frustrated, powerless and broke.

I remember my elementary school teacher boldly telling her class long ago that, with all the new labour-saving devices being invented every day, the biggest problem our generation would have to face would be finding something to do with our leisure time.

"Wow," I remember thinking, "lucky us."

That, and the other empty promise of clean energy, enough to power the world in a tablespoon of uranium, never quite materialized.

I now spend most of what could be my leisure time labouring to fix, replace or upgrade my labour-saving devices.

Recently, I tried to get on a government website. It is now my only option for information required to manage my woodlot license. Up popped a "window" that informed me my perfectly good computer did not recognize the new security certificate that had been posted on the site since January. Access denied. Solution, buy a new computer.

And then there is the recent automobile recall. The cars are mechanically just fine. They are merely having a "software problem" that causes them to accelerate unexpectedly.

Am I the only control freak who actually wants to be in charge of his own vehicle? Who is driving whom here?

It's not that I have anything against computers. They are just a tool, right? Why, then, do I feel that the tool controls me instead of the other way around?

A good tool is an extension of myself. It allows me to magnify and build upon my innate power as a human being to achieve new and formerly unheard-of results. A monkey wrench is a good tool. So is a sledgehammer. Oops, there's my Luddism showing again.

It seems that novelty is the new mother of invention and she has no time for necessity. Novelty, by definition, is short-lived. It's almost unachievable, in fact, without constant re-invention of itself into the newest, latest and greatest whatever.

I try, unsuccessfully, not to play that game. I'm waiting for the electromagnetic pulse from enhanced sunspot activity (reputed to take out all electronic devices) to blast us all back to some form of reality.

But, in the meantime, where's that jetpack my young schoolteacher promised?

I think I'll sit back a bit now and hope that someone else will rant on about the important things in life. All those little things that bug you in the back of your mind, there's nothing like writing them down to get them out of the way. It's the best therapy.

At least, that's my opinion.

Rod Krimmer, W0550, Big Lake Ranch ♦



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Retired MLA Corky Evans uses politically incorrect “L-word” during 2009 woodlot banquet talk

by Deborah Greaves

On a windy Saturday evening in September 2009 at the Legion Hall in Kaslo, retired politician Corky Evans was the keynote speaker at the AGM of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations. He spoke to a room full of people who live and work in and around the forests of British Columbia -- and unabashedly abandoned political correctness.

“I’ve wanted to make this speech,” said Evans, “for a very long time.”

Evans explained that after years of political loyalty to various government departments and organizations, this evening in Kaslo was an opportunity to speak personally.

Evans presentation described the evolution of forestry in BC, the way it’s been managed in recent decades and reasons he feels it should change.

The current public policy and tenure system was introduced in the 1950s. “I do not believe that the public policy of the 1950s and ‘60s was wrong,” Evans said. “Certainly, it achieved the capitalization objectives of the leadership of the day. Certainly, it created work for people and spawned the conditions for the development of the modern union movement and created decades of stability for lots of the small towns we come from or live near... The gist of the rest of what I have to say, however, is that those public policies, right or wrong at the time, have now served their usefulness and are now counterproductive and should end.”

“If we accept that the era where we needed tenure to capitalize industriali-

the interests of community vs. those of corporations.”

“My real motivation is hard to for me to articulate and even harder to say out loud. It has something to do with love...not a word I am used to using in a speech... It is a word that persons in public life are afraid to use for fear of being branded a flake or a lightweight or weak. I think that the missing component in corporate management of land is love.”

He said that communities, on the other hand, have many objectives.

“They are messy things, communities. They want wealth but they also want to live in a way that does not preclude the interests of their grandchildren’s future. They want clean water and honest leadership. They want all kinds of stuff. From the forest, they want jobs, and huckleberries, too.”

Evans said that “a community cannot function on the notion of a ‘bottom line.’ Every issue in a community is somebody’s ‘bottom line.’ Thus, a community needs eclectic management of its surroundings, the kind of management most likely provided by someone who cares, first and foremost, about the land.”

Evans went on to detail why and how he feels a reformation of the current forest industry management methods and the economic structure around them can and should be carried out.

And then, he talked about love.

What corporate managers can’t bring to land-based work, said Evans, “is the kind of devotion that goes with caring for land in the quasi-spiritual way that every successful farmer I

environment person than Jerry, and I soon met his colleagues, who were a match.

These men and women had me questioning many of my favourite activities. Take alpine skiing, for instance: Clearcut!

Or how about a game of golf? Clearcut! Maybe those pretty farms down in Courtenay with flowing fields of grass? Another clearcut!

They reminded me that these were clearcuts with NO intention of reforestation. And so I started listening, learning and asking questions.

The North Island Woodlot Association (NIWA) is primarily a collection of woodlot licences that are small, area-based forest tenures, unique to British Columbia.

In effect, each is a partnership between the licensee and the Province of BC to manage public and private forest lands.

A woodlot can be held by an individual, private company, community or First Nation and can be renewed or extended over many years.

Presently there are 36 woodlot licences in the Campbell River District, harvesting approximately 101,500 m³ of wood per year.

Of the 826 woodlot licences in British Columbia (546,000 hectares), 83 are on the coast, of which 45 belong to NIWA. Quadra Island has 11 woodlot licences, giving it the highest density of locally owned, operated and managed forests in the province.

I have learned that every sapling these individuals plant is a part of who they are, as emphasized by Karin Nighswander, a licensee’s wife, speaking of her husband: “The way Mark goes about his work, it is as if he expects to live 300 years.”

Roads they build are low-impact

and are named after their children.

These tenures are special in that they can stay in the family. What licensees do today, they do for their grandchildren yet to be. I have witnessed many hours of profitable work diverted to saving a few skinny wind-blown cedar trees. Some are successfully still standing.

Each licensee seems to bring a personal interest to the forest. Mark Nighswander bought 46 hectares of largely clearcut, unforested land from Raven Forest Products Ltd. which he added to the woodlot licence he was awarded in 1999.

He has spent hours and dollars in reforestation. Special features are his pond, hosting ducks and other local wildlife; and planting and pruning. Unless he lives to be 300 years old, he will never witness the fruits of his labour, but his descendants and the greater community will.

Alex Hartford holds the oldest licence on Quadra Island; most of his parcels feature some of Quadra Island’s favourite hiking trails.

Men like Grant Hayden bring their skills to the community by assisting in community trail upgrades and clearing. Dick Whittington also operates a sawmill on his woodlot license.

John and Coleen Marlow are a husband-and-wife team, both Registered Professional Foresters.

One of the most recent licensees on Quadra Island is the Cape Mudge Band, which was awarded two woodlots in a Forest and Range Agreement.

We can be proud of many projects in our district. In 1931, 415 hectares (1028 acres) of land, the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands, was gifted to the Province of British Columbia by the Elk River Timber Company.

Given in trust, the land was to be



PHOTO: AUDREY HUNT, WORLDWEB.COM
A closeup of the intrepid faller

used in experimental work in reforestation and forest management and now stands as the oldest plantation in the province.

Today I look at that picturesque farm field enclosed by a white rail fence, the golf course or worse yet, my favourite ski hill with a different eye.

While my horse picks and searches for small grass patches in and through the trees, Logger Mike stands tall and proud in Campbell River and reminds me of the industry that carved this community and the local men and women who stand proud in sustainable forestry practices.

I am grateful to have my ideals challenged and recognize the value of a working forest, one that is cherished by our local loggers and foresters.

More information about the North Island Woodlot Association is at www.northislandwoodlot.ca or www.woodlot.bc.ca

Jill Benner, AKA Jill Brocklehurst, wears many hats and is proud to write this article as a woodlot licensee’s wife living on Quadra Island. ♦

Logger Mike: A Campbell River icon

By Jill Brocklehurst

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Leafing through “Edge of Discovery; A History of the Campbell River District” and pausing at photos taken in the early 1900s, not much remains the same.

Much of the old-growth forest was harvested and a community was built on the back of this perpetual industry.

It has been my experience that you can construct buildings and pave roads, but once our backs are turned, you can’t stop the forest from returning.

On Friday, October 30, 2009, The Campbell River Courier-Islander announced: “Campbell River icon Logger Mike is back atop a new spar in the downtown core after an absence of almost two years.

Crane and rigging crews lowered a 460-year-old yellow cedar spar into a specially designed stand and then hoisted 25-year-old Mike back into place.

Mike was last seen downtown February 2, 2008 when he came down from the rotting Tyee Plaza transit shelter spar for a little R & R (rest & retouching).”

Symbolic of economic challenges in Campbell River, the City has again invested in downtown revitalization projects. “Big Mike” first appeared in 1984, during economic challenges brought on by a nation-wide recession and lengthy strikes and lockouts at the Elk Falls Mill and Westmin Resources Ltd.

The year 2009 has marked another economic test for this community, but

this article isn’t about our economics, rather it features our forests and the return of “Highrigger Mike,” who gives us reason to ponder.

I moved to British Columbia from Ontario in 1993 thinking I was an environmentalist. I was appalled at the clearcuts and the apparent destruction of our natural resources. I was right-eous in my views, conscious of my footprint on Planet Earth and arrogant in my positional stance...until I met my husband -- a Quadra Island woodlot licensee -- in 2000.



PHOTO: [YVRWFC](http://www.vvrwfc.com), [HTTP://OUTDOORS.WEBSHOTS.COM](http://www.outdoors.webshots.com)

Logger Mike (shown in his former location) continues to be a landmark in Campbell River's downtown area

Jerry confronted me on all my beliefs and had me questioning the pil-lage of forests for ANY use outside of wooded parkland and a working forest.

Our most frequent conflict came with my plea for pasture. In 2003 I brought my new horse home to our 24-acre private land portion of Jerry’s woodlot licence.

I was thrilled when he opened a less than one-hectare plot and put a great six-foot fence around it, although I told him horses really only need a four-foot high fence.

We talked about how he was going to drain the soil and turn a marshy area into drier land. We discussed grass seed and I was tickled! Yes, my husband does love me!

You can imagine my confusion when the boxes of seedlings arrived and Jerry began calling it the “Maple Field.”

What should have been pasture, in my mind, was a maple plantation in his! The six-foot fence was to keep deer out, not horses in.

Well, we experimented as he proclaimed an interest in agro-forestry, a combination of forestry and agriculture practices. Fortunately, my mare passed the test.

Real conflicts began when he purchased a logging horse named Tim, a big ol’ Belgian draft horse (everything my husband does revolves around trees!).

Tim loves maple trees AND his favourite scratching post is a sapling about two or three inches in diameter and 15 feet high. We now have several snapped in half.

So why would an article about logging appear in Synergy Magazine, “dedicated to Mindful Living”?

As a self-proclaimed environmentalist, I had met my adversary. I had never met a more pro-the-natural-

know brings to their work.”

“We need forest managers for whom a beautiful log is a product to be proud of; grown to maturity in an economic rotation, straight, bucked to the specifications of the buyers, and maybe even clear of knots up for forty feet. We do not want forest managers who see volume of trucks loaded as the definition of success, but those who, instead, see the quality and value of the wood on those trucks as their objective.”

Vancouver Island woodlot licensee Shawn Flynn said he enjoyed Evan’s speech.

“He shared his experience as an individual within a system,” Flynn said. “Getting the public land benefits back in the hands of those who live in them is an ongoing concern as urban people are removed from the vast majority of the earth’s reality.”

“I think most of us could really relate to his love of the land,” added RPF Nancy Pezel of Evans. “Most woodlotters aren’t in the business to

get rich, they are in it because they love the land and want to manage it to the best of their ability, while making some money at selling logs.”

Corky Evans ended his speech with a definition of the kind of forest manager he feels is needed now: “I think....such a person has to love the work and love the land and love wood. Let the institutions and the corporations own the pulpmills. Let the sawmilling geniuses own and operate the sawmills and market their boards. But let the people who live in the forest and care for the forest engage in the business of growing trees and selling logs.”

Nancy Pezel concluded during Evans’ AGM talk that she was hearing a call to action: “It was almost like a motivational speech. He is challenging all of us, the owners of the land, to get tenure reform done so we can all live in communities with sustainable forests that are managed for all resources.” ♦

New guidelines re: slope limitations

In November 2009, WorkSafe BC revised its guidelines on slope limitations for equipment in forestry operations.

The revisions can be found at www2.worksafebc.com/publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp#SectionNumber:G26.16

It’s the Federation’s understanding that the use of the word “owner” would include a Woodlot Licensee who hires a contractor to log on the WL or private land.

The guidelines include recommendations regarding risk assessments and development of safe work plans which have to be specific to the site on which operations are taking place.

Woodlot licensees who operate or intend to operate on slopes are advised to be aware of these revisions and ensure they are in compliance before commencing operations. ♦

Bigleaf Maple Syrup Festival a success

Submitted by Harold Macy

The unique flavour of West Coast maple syrup attracted visitors from all over Vancouver Island last Saturday.

"The festival was a huge success, with over 2,300 visitors in attendance," says Aimee Greenaway, Program and Collections Coordinator at the BC Forest Discovery Centre in Duncan.

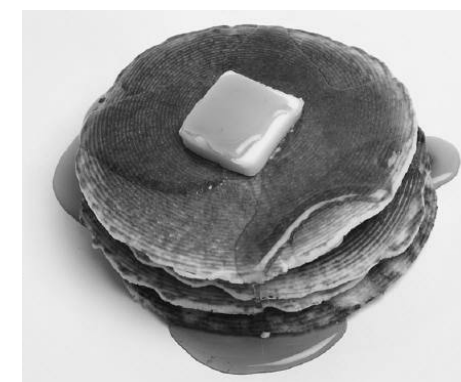
"Visitors participated in tapping and syrup making demonstrations, sampled local maple syrup and enjoyed the festival atmosphere. This year, we expanded to include a Slow Food Canada maple tasting workshop hosted by Mara Jernigan and a variety

of delicious maple-flavoured foods provided by the Cowichan Valley Inn."

"The quality of syrup was impressive this year," says Gary Backlund, local maple syrup producer. "Sap production was dramatically lower this season, likely due to unseasonably warm temperatures, but the Sapsuckers still managed to create syrup and food products that were better than ever."

Almost half of the visitors travelled from outside the Cowichan region to attend the festival.

"This is truly a Vancouver Island event," says Greenaway. "The Bigleaf



Maple Syrup Festival creates an excellent opportunity to showcase the Cowichan region to Island visitors. We look forward to welcoming new maple tappers and more workshops at next year's festival." ♦

E-FM update

By Tom Bradley and Coleen Marlow

WASTE

The new Waste on line reporting system is running ... and seems to work well.

The requirement for an Annual Plan for Waste has been dropped, which removes one small hurdle for users (and retires Tom’s favorite e-FM application name).

Coleen and Tom have both used new Waste. The fact remains that e-Waste is a challenge for occasional and first-time users, although it becomes easy once you are familiar with it.

The point that many licensees are spending \$300 to \$500 or more to assess and report on <\$50 of waste remains an open issue.

FTA

Tom is working on the error-checking and users’-guide-authoring steps for the simple FTA cutblock submission program announced at the AGM, with funding from the MFR.

It works. The program is dead easy to use. It wants a shape file outline of your block or blocks, and some basics like woodlot number, name, phone, CP name, etc. It writes the required XML/GML to upload to FTA. The process takes 40 minutes, start to finish, and the e-Phase of your CP submission is done.

Delivery: Spring 2010.

RESULTS

While there have been no great changes in the world of RESULTS, there has been one little adjustment that Coleen finds helpful. Under the Admin tab, in Standards Admin, a toggle field has been added for

“Default Standards Indicator.”

Clicking “Yes” substantially reduces the list of potential stocking standards to sort through.

Also, for Coastal licensees, a new group of **coastal specific standards** have been added and can be accessed by:

Go to the Admin tab in RESULTS

Use RCO as the “org unit” (instead of HFP – where the other defaults exist)

Ensure the “client” is blank

Set the “Default Standards Indicator” toggle to “yes”

Preferably set a BGC zone to shorten the list

Search

You should get a listing of useful defaults that specify “WLFMR und FPC” and “WPPR.”

Data cleanup

A small amount of 2010 funding was allocated for continuing the cleanup of the flawed legacy data entered for WL by the MFR before 2007.

A significant portion of the remaining flawed data is in the “unknown unknowns” category, and will not become evident until future e-submissions or reporting are carried out.

A MFR document on outstanding data integrity issues, and the protocols for dealing with them, is expected soon.

CIO Forum

Following up on the **Road Systems Rationalization Project**, which in Stage 1 was primarily an “in-house”

MFR process, CIO representatives and licensees are now participating in the Forest Road Process Improvement Project or **FRPIP**. FRPIP information workshops were held in the Interior and in Victoria last fall. A leadership team was assembled from stakeholders, and detailed business process workshops were held in Victoria in early 2010. (Business Process: Who does what, when, and why.)

Senior government managers have deemed that the road use permitting process on FSRs and a road reporting program are priorities. Task groups were established for these priority areas, drawn from the FRPIP Leadership Team, CIO Forum representatives, and licensees. Each group will produce a detailed business requirements document by March 31st.

What does that mean for woodlots? In the short term, not much will change. When/if the Resource Roads Act (RRA) comes into effect, it will supersede any previous legislation and regulations. Woodlots, majors, and all other industrial users will all be affected by the new RUP application process and roads reporting.

This may not be as bad as it sounds. The leadership team has been directed to keep it simple. Industry and BCTS feedback has said the same. Primary differences for woodlots will be the following:

Road Use Permits (RUP): When/if the Resource Roads Act comes into effect, it will be possible to issue a RUP on any road permit road, including those on woodlots. The primary impact, of course, will be that other users can get permits to use your

roads, which opens issues regarding maintenance and liability. Those details are yet to be thrashed out, but the point has been made quite vocally.

Roads Reporting: The tentative plan is to have a web portal with tabs accessing simply designed “fill-in-the-blank” style forms (NO spatial

submissions). Information will likely be required on an annual basis and will include current info by RP and Section on such factors as:

Road built? Yes/no km’s

Major engineering structures?

Yes/no

Deactivation? Yes/no Type?



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Forest and Range Act General Bulletin (Number 21), “Managing Section 48 of the FRPA – Natural Range Barriers” was completed in mid-February, 2010 and provides guidance for range and forest practitioners seeking solutions for mitigating the removal or ineffectiveness of natural range barriers.

For more information, visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/rco/pfit/index.htm

A new release of the Provincial Forest Inventory Data (PRID) also known as Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI) is available. The release of the PFID is updated for harvest using information provided by industry to the Reporting Silviculture Updates and Land-status Tracking System (RESULTS) database and projected to 2009 for annual growth: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/vridata/

Radio Protocol Update

Standardization of radio call procedures across the province will be a contributing factor towards making travel on the forest road network even safer. The MFR have worked towards deriving standard radio call procedures for use based on the technical report produced by FPInnovations. To access the report, see www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/engineering/Road_Radio_Project.htm

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