

Introduction

As a member of the BCCFA you are asked to participate in the 4th annual survey of the tangible social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits that community forests bring to their communities and to the province. We have sought out the most common, universal and easy to measure indicators that can be applied regardless of governance structure or ecosystem to show the provincial impact of the Community Forest Agreement (CFA).

Important Information on the Survey - Please Read Carefully

- The Indicators questions are targeted to CFAs with a full fiscal year of operations completed. If you are a member without a CFA, please skip the Indicators questions and go directly to The Members Information section and answer the questions which apply to your situation.

- For ease of compilation, answer only the question asked in any given cell. If the question asks for a number (2), provide the number, do not spell it out (for example we want you to write a 2 not two). Do not add additional information in a cell. We have tried to design the survey to force numerical responses with no decimals, so be forewarned and plan to round off your answers! We want your comments. Please put them in the space at the end of each section.

- All responses to the survey will be amalgamated to demonstrate the collective story of the immense benefits CFAs provide. Information received from individual CFAs will be kept confidential unless a CFA agrees to share specific information.

- You can come back to the survey over repeated sessions as long as you are using the same computer and browser each time.

- Most of the questions make a reference to the reporting year. The reporting year is your most recently completed fiscal year.

- Stories are at the heart of who we are and what we do. Along with providing data, you are asked to provide a few stories about how your community forest creates local benefits. Story telling captures some important messages that need to be told about community forests and to really show their local impact. Consider telling a story that links to each of the categories of objectives. There is also room to tell a good story at the end of the Indicators questions.

- Following the the questions on the 18 Indicators, you are asked to respond to questions that will support the ongoing planning and advocacy efforts of the BCCFA. Additionally, there is an opportunity to make a pitch for the Robin Hood Memorial Award of \$10,000.

- Please do the best you can to provide responses to the survey questions. You may not be able to answer them all because you need more time to collect data, or simply the data is not available. Your effort to complete as much as possible is appreciated. When necessary to make an estimate,

please err on the side of caution. It is important that a realistic picture of community forestry is reflected in our data and we do not want to inflate our responses.

The closing date for survey submission is March 2, 2018 at 12:00 pm. By completing the survey you are eligible for a free full conference registration for the 2018 BCCFA event in Burns Lake May 24-26 and to apply for the Robin Hood Memorial Award.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call. You can reach Jennifer at 250 384 4110 and Susan at 250 353 1477.

Thanks in advance for your time and efforts.

Community Forest Information

* 1. Please provide the following information:

Name:

Organization:

City/Town:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

2. Please provide your community forest website address

3. What is the population of the community directly served served by your community forest?

4. What is the population of the surrounding area indirectly served by your community forest? For example, Westbank Community Forest directly serves their community of 719, yet they are linked with the West Kelowna community of 31,000

Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

How this indicator links to the objectives

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia.

Rationale - Why we need this indicator

This question is one of the most important in conveying the benefits of community forests. PLEASE make sure you answer as completely as possible. This data allows us to calculate how many jobs/m³ community forests create in forestry, logging and support services. We use the data in Indicator 6 (Log Sales) to calculate jobs/m³ on the milling side. Therefore, it is equally important that you respond as completely as possible to Indicator 6. Together they help us reliably report on job creation and employment in comparison with the rest of the industry.

Local employment in rural communities is one of the primary benefits of community forests. This indicator measures the total direct employment & contract labour generated by community forests in relationship to the harvest volume allocated to community forests.

Methodology

You are being asked to report on:

1. The total # of workers with the community forest during the reporting year in each category.
2. The total number of hours for workers in each category.
3. The # of m³ harvested in the reporting year
4. AAC - Annual Allowable Cut

Instructions

The number of workers and number of hours will be asked in two separate questions. Your total number of workers and total hours of all workers reported will include hours of direct, contracted and any subsidized employment. Your calculations should include all administration, log harvesting, silviculture, recreation and botanicals, and other categories that you may consider important. It may be necessary for community forest managers to ask their contractors to provide estimates.

Calculations & Analysis

One "Full Time Equivalent" (FTE) is equal to 1820 hours per year. This indicator will measure both the number of jobs per year & the number of jobs per cubic metre. When members report on the number of employment hours, the BCCFA will be able to report on the average number of FTEs per m³ of community forest volume, and to make a comparison with the rest of the industry.

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Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

5. What were the total number of workers in the reporting year in each of the categories below?

Forest Management

Accounting

Staff/Administration

Logging

Hauling

Road building

Silviculture - planting

Silviculture - spacing,
pruning

Trail building

Botanical collection

Research and scientific
study

Other - please describe in
Question #6

6. Please describe any other categories to question 5 above and the total number of workers generated in that category.

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Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

7. What were the total hours of workers generated by the community forest in the reporting year in each of the categories below?

Forest Management

Accounting

Staff/Administration

Logging

Hauling

Road building

Silviculture - planting

Silviculture - spacing,
pruning

Trail building

Botanical collection

Research and scientific
study

Other - please describe
in Question # 8

8. Please describe any other categories to question 7 above and the total hours of workers involved in that category.

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Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

9. What was the total number of m3 harvested by the community forest in the reporting year? Please be sure you enter the volume that corresponds to the same period as the activities reported above. Enter a numerical value only for m3. Comments can be added at the end of the section.

10. What was your Annual Allowable Cut in the reporting period?

11. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #1

Indicator #2: Total Economic Activity

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia

Rationale

As long-term area-based tenures, community forests support community economic development and contribute to diversification of rural communities. The total annual cost of sales and expenditures is an indicator of the total economic activity generated by the community forest.

Methodology

You are being asked to provide the total value in dollars of sales and expenditures made by your community forest in the reporting year.

Instructions

The value of sales and expenditures should be available on the annual income statement of the community forest. This figure represents total operating expenses and includes fixed and production costs, including things like debt financing.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally your results and report on the collective economic activity of community forests in BC, and calculate an average expenditure per m3.

12. What is the total dollar value of your sales in the reporting year? Enter a numerical value only. Comments can be added at the end of the section.

13. What is the total dollar value of your expenditures in the reporting year? Enter a numerical value only. Comments can be added at the end of the section.

14. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #2

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Indicator #3: Community Contributions

Rationale

The cash and in-kind contributions made by the community forest are an important indicator of the local economic benefits generated by the community forest. In many cases, these contributions serve social objectives, in addition to economic ones.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The total cash contributed to the community through grants, infrastructure improvements, special projects etc. in the past year.
2. The total in-kind contributions to the community measured in dollars.

Instructions

Tally the total cash contributions made by your community forest in the reporting year. Next, tally the total of in-kind contributions for all projects and activities, estimated in dollars. For example, donation of 3 hours of machine time to a community project can be calculated using the going rate for the piece of equipment. Likewise the dollar amount for volunteer time (including that of your board) can be estimated by using an average community wage.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported

15. What is the total cash contributed to the community through grants, infrastructure improvements, special projects etc. in the reporting year?

16. What is the total of in-kind contributions to the community measured in dollars in the reporting year?

17. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #3

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Indicator #4: Funds Leveraged by the Community Forest

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation, and forest worker safety.

Rationale

In many cases, the profits generated and contributions made by community forests are used as seed money in to access outside grant funding. This indicator will show how CFA funds are used to leverage additional funds for community priorities. As with Indicator #3, in often these projects serve social objectives, in addition to economic ones.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects, leveraged by CFA profits.

Instructions

Tally the total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects, accessed due to the availability of community forest dollars for leveraging.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported

18. Were CFA profits used to leverage dollars raised from outside sources?

- yes
- no
- do not know
- Other (please specify)

19. What were the total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects, leveraged by CFA profits in the reporting year?

20. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #4

Indicator #5: Cut Control

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia

Rationale

Community forests play an active role in the forest sector through harvesting. This indicator will measure our success at meeting cut control requirements, and keeping the supply of logs flowing.

Methodology

You are being asked to report on:

1. Whether your community forest is on target to meet the cut control in the current period and if no, why. Please make your best guess to answer this question.
2. The total cubic metres of undercut in the last cut control period, if applicable.
3. Relevant comments. If you are operating in your first cut control period, please let us know in this comment section.

Instructions

You will provide:

1. Whether you are on target to meet the cut in the current period: Yes/No
2. The total cubic metres of undercut in the last cut control period if applicable. Enter numerical values only.
3. Give any relevant comments or rationale that explains the answers provided.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

21. Are you on track to meet your cut control in the current period?

Yes

No

If no, why?

22. If you answered no above, how much volume is in your undercut?

23. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #5. If you are operating in your first cut control period please provide that information here.

Indicator #6: Distribution of Log Sales

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia.

Rationale

Community forests supply wood on the open market to major industry, and also to small and medium sized mills and value added manufacturers. In doing so, they strive to support the full spectrum of milling and manufacturing facilities. This indicator will provide updated information on the distribution of log sales that can be tracked over time. This year the mill type categories have been redefined to ask respondents to provide detail on sales to those categories and the associated volume. With this data we will be able to use the standard employment coefficients for each category to generate more facts on the employment benefits of community forest logs (links back to indicator #1). This is important because the number of jobs/m³ shows the value, in terms of employment, of the harvest volume allocated to community forests.

The Province has identified priorities to reduce carbon emissions and increase utilization of lower quality fibre. You are asked to describe your efforts to reduce burning and increase utilization. Additionally data on involvement and or interest in markets for waste or residue will identify community forest engagement in new markets.

Methodology

Survey respondents will report:

1. The volume of sales to mills in each of the categories, based on the annual log input of a mill/manufacturing facility as described below.
2. Your involvement and or interest in markets for wood waste.
3. Your activities to increase utilization and reduce burning.

Instructions

To assist respondents in answering this question, upon request the BCCFA will provide scale site data, provided by MFLRNO. Contact Jennifer to access.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

24. Please enter the volume in m3 sold to each of the mill types below. If you sell logs through a broker, please go to the next question.

Chip mills

Small lumber mills with a capacity less than 95,000 m3 per year

Medium lumber mills with a capacity greater than 95,000 m3 per year but less than 295,000 m3

Large lumber mills with a capacity greater than 295,000 m3

Pellet mills

Types of pole mills

Pulp and paper mills

Veneer, plywood, osb and other panel mills

Cabinets and furniture

Engineered wood products

Log home mills

Millwork

Pallets and containers

Remanufactured products

Shake and shingle mills

Firewood

Wood export as logs from the province

25. Please enter the numerical value of the volume in m3 sold through a broker. If 0 please move to the next question.

Indicator #6: Distribution of Log Sales

26. Markets for waste and residue

- We have markets for waste or residue. Please describe below.
- We are actively seeking markets for waste or residue. Please describe below.

Please describe

27. Please describe any efforts you are making regarding utilization of lower quality fibre and post harvest residuals, particularly as it relates to enhanced benefits like reduced burning and lower carbon emissions.

28. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #6

Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia

Rationale

As long-term, area-based tenures, community forest agreements create strong incentives for investment in the future. This indicator will measure investments in the future economic return of the forest. By measuring the investments in intensive silviculture that are incremental to legal requirements, we can demonstrate efforts to increase the growing capacity in community forest, with the intent of increasing the AAC.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

- 1. The total value, in dollars, of the community forest's investment in intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the listed categories. Respondents will report the total treatment cost, including planning, development, and administration of these projects.**
- 2. The number of hectares treated.**
- 3. Brief description of the incremental activities.**

Instructions

You will report separately on work paid for by the community forest, and work paid for with outside sources such as the Land Based Investment Program: Forests For Tomorrow.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

29. What is the total dollar value of your community forest's own investment in intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the reporting year? Total treatment cost includes planning, development, and administration of projects plus the cost of all activities (spacing, brushing, enhanced genetic stock, fertilization).

30. What is the total dollar value from outside sources for intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the reporting year? Total treatment cost includes planning, development, and administration of projects plus the cost of all activities (spacing, brushing, enhanced genetic stock, fertilization).

31. What is the total dollar value of Land Based Investment/Forests for Tomorrow funding invested in intensive silviculture in the reporting year?

32. What is the number of hectares treated in the reporting year?

33. What is the number of hectares treated to date?

34. Give a brief description of the incremental activities.

Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

35. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #7

Indicator #8: Economic Diversification

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to the province of British Columbia

Rationale

One of the provincial objectives for the community forest program is to diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area. The CFA tenure is one of only two forest tenures in BC that has the right to develop and manage Non Timber Forest Resources (NTFRs). Section 43.3 of the Community Forest Legislation through the Forest Act gives rights to harvest and collect fees for NTFRs.

The indicator will show the degree to which community forests are generating revenue from sources other than timber. These include botanical forest products and other prescribed products (such as carbon credits) as listed in Schedule C of the Community Forest Agreement Licence. While little development has occurred in this realm to date, this indicator will provide baseline data.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The total value in dollars of revenue from diversified sales for the reporting period.

Instructions

Report the total value in dollars of revenue from diversified sales for the reporting period including all products for which the CFA holder has the authority to manage according to Schedule C of the Agreement.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

36. What is the total value in dollars of revenue from diversified sales for the reporting period?

37. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #8. Please include information on your additional activities such as the NTFPs that are being gathered, the time required by managers to enable diversification, extra costs to loggers to manage for firewood.

Indicator #9: Community Accountability

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

Rationale

One of the elements of community forests that set them apart from other forest tenures is their accountability to their local communities. This accountability is the cornerstone of local decision-making. In community forestry, management decisions are made by those who have to with live the outcomes. When local people have a hand in management of the forests adjacent to their rural communities, they are more likely to be innovative in the integration of multiple values in their decision-making. This indicator measures whether the community forest reports out annually to its community on its progress towards objectives as identified in the Community Forest Agreement Management Plan.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. Annual reporting to the community on the commitments made in the Community Forest Agreement Management Plan. Yes/No
2. Select from a list, all of the various strategies you employ to share information and report to to the local community.

Instructions

Answer Yes/No if you report annually to the community.

Then tick all strategies & tools used to communicate the community forest's performance on the commitments made in the Management plan. Tick all that apply.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

38. Do you report annually to the community on your community forest's performance on the commitments made in the Management Plan?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

39. In the list below of potential strategies & tools that can be used to communicate the community forest's performance on the commitments made in the Management Plan, tick all that apply to those used by your organization.

- annual meeting
- open house
- website
- Facebook or other social media
- meeting minutes are available to the public
- financial statements are available to the public
- meetings are open to the public
- newsletter
- local print newspaper
- field trip

Other (please specify)

40. Tell us a story about how you have gained social licence in your community to operate the community forest. Social licence is the level of acceptance or approval continually granted to an organization's operations or project by the local community and other stakeholders. Questions to consider - What do you do that helps gain the trust of the community? How do you deal with conflict? How do you respond to a negative issue, or to a person who opposes your plans? What do you do differently because you manage a community forest than is the usual forest management practice? Some examples include -

- At the beginning of the Creston CF, management had to demonstrate good logging practices to build trust in the community before they could log in the watershed.

- In Wells Gray CF special VQO planning and harvesting was conducted to ensure a compatible viewscape from the golf course.

- Kaslo CF invested heavily in a road to provide access to an important recreation area.

41. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #9

Indicator #10: Public Engagement

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

Rationale

While Indicator #9 focuses on reporting out to the community, this indicator measures the efforts of the community forest to engage with the diversity of community members and perspectives. Outreach to the full array of forest users and community members leads to an improved awareness of forest management among members of the public, and increases potential to resolve conflicts over timber harvesting in watersheds and other sensitive areas.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The community sectors that the community forest engages in targeted outreach and consultation activities in the reporting year.
2. The number of formal agreements with community organizations and user groups in place in the reporting year.

Instructions

1. Select from the list the community sectors that your community forest engaged with in targeted outreach and consultation activities.
2. Report the total number of formal agreements in place with these groups.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

42. Select from the list the community sectors that your community forest engaged with in targeted outreach and consultation activities in the reporting year.

- water users
- property owners
- tourism associations
- chamber of commerce
- environmental groups
- hunters
- firewood cutters
- ranchers
- miners
- trappers
- mountain bike groups
- hiking groups
- motorized vehicle recreation groups
- horseback riding groups
- cross country ski groups

Other (please specify)

43. How many formal agreements did you have in place in the reporting year with these groups?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

44. Please list the organizations you have formal agreements with:

45. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #10

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Indicator #11: Investments in Community Education

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

Rationale

Community forests provide an opportunity to link community members to the forest, and to increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and management. As long-term, area-based tenures, community forests provide enhanced opportunities for education and research. Community forests can be laboratories for testing innovative forest practices. This indicator measures the investments the community forest is making in education and capacity building.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. Number of hours spent on coordination and delivery of educational activities in the community in the reporting year.
2. The total value, in dollars, of all community forest investments in education in the reporting year.
3. Your involvement in a K-12 educational program for the National Forest Week data base.

Instructions

You are being asked to include the time spent by community forest staff, contractors, employees and volunteers on all educational activities in the reporting period. This includes school presentations, field trips, public events, as well as training supported by the community forest (such as first aid, faller certification etc).

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

46. What is the number of hours spent by your organization on coordination and delivering educational activities in the community in the reporting period?

47. What is the total value, in dollars, of all community forest investments in education in the reporting period?

48. The National Forest Week BC Coalition is building a data base on Community forests that have specific programs to educate K-12 students. Do you have an educational program targeting K-12?

49. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #11

Indicator #12: Investments in Recreation

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

Rationale

One of the most significant benefits of community forests are the investments the organization makes in creating, improving and maintaining recreational infrastructure and opportunities. This indicator will measure the value of the cash and in-kind investments in recreation that the community forest has made.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The estimated cash and in-kind investments in recreation features in the reporting year.
2. The total number of kilometres of trail built or maintained in the reporting year by the community forest, or by a partner organizations with dollars contributed by the community forest.

Instructions

1. Estimate cash & in-kind investments made.
2. Estimate the total number of kilometres of trail the community forest has built, maintained or funded. Include work done by another organization, on or off the community forest, with dollars contributed by the community forest.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

50. What is the amount of the CFA's own money and in-kind investments in recreation features, on and off the community forest, including trails for hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, information kiosks, cabins or warming huts, and viewpoints in the reporting period?

51. What is the total of estimated \$ from outside sources and in-kind investments in recreation features including trails for hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, information kiosks, cabins or warming huts, and viewpoints in the reporting period?

52. What is the total amount of the community forest's own money invested in recreation to date?

53. What is the total amount of money from outside sources invested to date?

54. What is the total number of kilometres of trail the community forest, or other groups with community forest funding, have built or maintained in the reporting period?

55. What is the total number of kilometres of trail the community forest, or other groups with community forest funding, have built or maintained to date?

56. Tell us a story and/or additional comments on Indicator #12

Indicator #13: Proactive Management of Wildfire Hazard

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

A. Community forests provide economic benefits to their communities and to British Columbia.

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

D. Community forest management is consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values.

Rationale

The combined effects of climate change, the mountain pine beetle, past management increasing forest fuels and the province's limited fire suppression capacity are leading to an increase in wildfire incidence and severity. Community forests are situated in the interface between communities and wild forest lands, and are uniquely positioned to serve as a leader in the coordination and management of these areas to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The value of investments, cash and in-kind made by the community forest to reduce wildfire hazard.
2. The number of hectares treated.

Instructions

You will report separately on the total dollars invested, which includes the community forest's own funds as well as funds from outside sources. Tally the amount for the fiscal year and for the amount invested to date.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

57. What is the value of investments, cash and in-kind funded by the community forest to reduce wildfire hazard in the reporting period?

58. What is the value of investments, cash and in kind funded by the community forest to reduce wildfire hazard to date?

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Indicator #13: Proactive Management of Wildfire Hazard

59. What is the value of investments funded by outside sources to reduce wildfire hazard in the reporting period?

60. What is the value of investments, funded by outside sources to reduce wildfire hazard to date?

61. What is the number of hectares treated in the reporting period?

62. What is the number of hectares treated to date?

63. Have you collaborated with your local government on a Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI) project?

Yes

No

Please comment

64. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #13

Indicator #14: Forest Worker Safety

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

Rationale

One of the provincial government's objectives for the community forest program is to advocate forest worker safety. Community forests are invested in workers going home safely each day.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. Whether or not your organization requires employees and/or contractors to be Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council or an equivalent program.
2. The number and severity of safety incidents in the reporting year.
3. The activity associated with the incident/s.
4. Description of the incident/s.

Instructions

1. Does the organization require employees and/or contractors to be Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council or an equivalent program? Yes/No
2. The number of safety incidents recorded.
3. The severity of the incident/s recorded.
4. Select the activity associated with the incident.
5. Briefly describe the incident.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

65. Does your organization require employees and/or contractors to be Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council or an equivalent program?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

66. What was the number of safety incidents recorded in the reporting year?

67. What was the severity of the incident/s?

- Minor
- Serious (requiring attention)
- Fatality
- Other (please specify)

68. With what activity was the incident/s associated?

- field work
- roadwork
- falling
- skidding
- processing/bucking
- loading
- hauling
- silviculture

Other (please specify)

69. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator#14

Indicator #15: First Nations Involvement

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

C. Community forests promote communication and strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and persons.

Rationale

The BC Community Forest Association promotes forest management which respects First Nation rights and cultural values, and which fosters understanding and cooperation between rural communities and First Nations. Many community forest agreements are held by First Nations, and even more are partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. This indicator will measure the breadth and depth of First Nations involvement in the community forest. It will serve to demonstrate how effective community forest organizations are at working with the First Nation within whose territory the community forest is located.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The types of involvement with First Nations, beyond legal requirements.

Instructions

In the list below of types of involvement with First Nations, tick off all that apply in the reporting year.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

70. What types of involvement, beyond legal requirements, has your organization engaged in with First Nations in the reporting year?

- The community forest is held by a First Nation
- The governance structure is a partnership with local First Nation(s)
- There is designated First Nations representation on the board
- Employment contracts with First Nations
- Cooperative planning
- Profits shared with local First Nation/s
- Memoranda of Understanding
- Capacity building activities such as training and education.

Other (please specify)

71. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #15

Indicator #16: Management of Sensitive Areas

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

D. Community forest management is consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values.

Rationale

Community forests, by their design, must integrate the values of the communities that manage them. This unique model of forest management sees CFA managers gaining the social license to operate in highly constrained areas that have not been previously accessible due to local values. And, while taking all that into consideration, they also comply with the tenure regulations and Acts of British Columbia.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area.
2. The number of hectares within the community forest that are considered sensitive.
3. The number of hectares within the community forest that are considered sensitive and operable.
4. The number of hectares of sensitive areas within the community forest that have been treated prior to the reporting period.
5. In the reporting period, the number of hectares of operations that contained sensitive zones.

Questions 1-4 are likely to be a onetime measure, updated periodically if there is new information. Question 5 will be updated annually.

Instructions

You are being asked to use Vegetation Resources Inventory (VRI) data or better. The questions are designed to differentiate the areas where no forestry can occur from areas where modified management practices can occur.

Sensitive areas are defined as: domestic and community watersheds; riparian areas ; visually sensitive areas ('preservation', 'retention', and 'partial retention' VQO's--not 'modification' VQO); 'potentially unstable' and 'unstable' terrain (Terrain Class IV and V); areas with archaeological values or cultural heritage (e.g., per Archaeological Overview Assessments); identified/critical wildlife habitat (e.g. ungulate winter range, wildlife habitat areas, caribou habitat, anything covered by a GAR order); fisheries sensitive watersheds; (buffers on) recreation trails and sites; areas identified as sensitive by the community.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

72. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area?

73. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are considered sensitive?

74. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are considered sensitive and operable?

75. What is the number of hectares of sensitive areas within the community forest that have been treated prior to the reporting year?

76. In the reporting year, what is the number of hectares of operations that contained sensitive zones?

77. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #16

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Indicator #17: Investments in Forest Stewardship

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

B. Community forests provide social benefits to their communities and to the province; they promote community involvement and participation and forest worker safety.

D. Community forest management is consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values.

Rationale

This indicator will demonstrate the investments the community forest is making in enhanced forest stewardship, incremental to legal requirements.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The value, in dollars, of investments made by your community forest in enhanced or modified management for ecological or social reasons within the community forest and outside the boundaries.
2. The number of hectares treated within the community forest and outside the boundaries.

Instructions

You are being asked to consider the descriptions of sensitive areas in Indicator 16 and answer the questions above for investments made and hectares treated within and outside the Community Forest Agreement area.

Be sure to include all costs that are incremental to legal requirements in your tally (inventory & planning, monitoring and research, enhanced surveys).

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

78. What is the value, in dollars, of investments made by the community forest in enhanced or modified management for ecological or social reasons within the community forest and outside the boundaries in the reporting year?

79. What is the number of hectares treated within the community forest and outside the boundaries in the reporting year?

80. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #17

Indicator #18: Compliance with Environmental Standards

Indicator Linkage to Objectives:

D. Community forest management is consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values.

Rationale

This indicator shows that the management of the community forest is in compliance with statutory requirements for resource management.

Methodology

You are being asked to report:

1. The number of FLNRO C&E inspections conducted, as well as the number of determinations issued against the community forest organization/contractors/employees in the reporting year that related to the potential for environmental damage. .
2. The results of a Forest Practices Board audit, if one has been conducted.
3. The results of other agency investigations, if applicable (DFO is one example, ABCFP is another example)

Instructions

1. Respondents will request a compliance report from their District's Compliance and Enforcement staff on their license.
2. Use this report to report on the number of non compliance actions that were issued.
3. Respondents will report on the results of Forest Practices Board audits.

Calculations & Analysis

The BCCFA will tally the results and derive the figures to be reported.

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81. What is the number of FLNRO C&E inspections conducted in the reporting year?

82. What is the number of FLNRO C&E determinations issued against the community forest organization/contractors/employees in the reporting year?

83. Briefly summarize the results of a Forest Practices Board audit, if applicable in the reporting year.

84. Briefly summarize the results of other agency investigations, if one was conducted (for example DFO or ABCFP).

85. Tell a story and/or provide comments on Indicator #18

Additional Benefits

Use this section to give information on the benefits of your community forest that are not captured in the survey.

86. Describe additional benefits of your community forest. Remember that stories help to convey the benefits of community forestry and when you send photos we will use them in our reporting.

BCCFA Member Information

87. Is BCCFA membership a worthwhile investment?

- High value
- Medium value
- Low value
- Other (please specify)

Community Forest Expansion

We are seeking to update the expansion interests of the BCCFA members. Please enter the same response as last year if nothing has changed.

88. Status of your community forest AAC (current volume, beetle uplift yes or no & uplift volume)

current volume

beetle uplift yes or no

uplift volume

89. If you are seeking a community forest (i.e. no invitation to apply) where are you located and how much volume are you asking for?

Community Forest Expansion

90. Are you currently seeking to expand your existing volume? If yes, why and if no, why not?

91. How much additional volume are you seeking to get to your ideal size?

92. How much additional area are you seeking?

93. What steps have you taken to access more volume/area?

94. Have you submitted a formal letter containing your request to the Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations?

- yes
- no

95. What are the main impediments to your expansion?

96. What opportunities have you identified for expansion?

97. Other comments on Expansion?

Log Sales

Most community forests generate revenue from the sale of logs and not from processing them. Large forest companies are focused on harvesting the species and log types that best meet their mill or market requirements. Community forest managers focus on marketing the full spectrum of species and logs available on their land base to a range of customers. By de-linking the woodlands from the major manufacturers each log finds its best market and end use. This leads CFA holders to consider all forest values and to find ways to diversify their operations, working to capture more value for the wood harvested.

To support these statements the BCCFA would like to better understand how our members are marketing their logs.

98. Do you sort your logs for sales to get the highest value?

- yes
- no
- Other (please specify)

99. How many entities do you open up your log sales to? (i.e. how many bidders do you invite?)

100. How many entities did you sell to in the reporting year?

101. What % of your logs are sold to mills that you consider local?

Log Sales

102. What procedures do you use to market and sell logs from the community forest? Tick all that apply

- tender the decked log
- tender the standing timber
- sell to regional log sort
- log broker
- long term fibre flow agreements
- processed by mill owned by the community forest
- direct sales to local, small mills and or value added enterprises
- Other (please specify)

103. If you have a management contract with a major licensee, please describe the arrangement in general terms.

Community Forest Sustainability

104. Is your current AAC sustainable in the long term?

Current AAC

Estimated future AAC

Target year for the future
AAC

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The Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Forestry

In 2016, the MFLNRORD created an award that is given annually to the community forest that best exemplifies the values exhibited by the late Robin Hood and the goals and values of community forestry in BC. These values include community leadership, providing local and social economic opportunity, innovation and passion for community forestry. The first recipient of the \$10,000 award was the Likely-Xats'ull Community Forest. In 2017, the Harrop-Procter Community Forest was the winner of the award.

To apply for the \$10,000 award, BCCFA members are asked to explain why they should be considered for the award. To be eligible for nomination, the recipient must be a CFA licensee, all basic obligations must be current – i.e. reforestation, slash disposal, road maintenance, etc. and the CFA must have no outstanding and/or unresolved compliance and enforcement issues or outstanding financial accounts with the Ministry. We encourage you to make your pitch for this esteemed award.

105. Please explain why your organization should be considered for the award.

