



Educational Connections



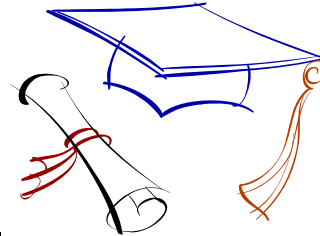
NACFOR's Social Goals and Objectives

GOAL 3: Promote community stability	Expand training opportunities for youth
GOAL 5: Promote community involvement in local forest management	Provide and promote the disposition of forestry-related educational tools within the community. Establish educational partnerships

Nakusp Secondary Bursaries

NACFOR presents awards totalling \$2000 to 2 or more graduating students of Nakusp Secondary School.

Two categories:



- ❖ Students pursuing university or college education with preference given to fields related to forestry, environmental studies or science.
- ❖ Students pursuing further education in trades or technology with preference to fields related to forestry or environmental studies.

In May 2014 NACFOR
partnered with local schools
on several tree planting
projects



Trees were staked and labelled
to allow students to track their
tree's growth over time.

Nakusp Elementary School students learn about how seedlings grow.



NSS Outdoor Education Program

NSS Outdoor Ed students spent a day tree planting with NACFOR and Greenpeaks Resource Management, a local planting contractor



Students were introduced to forest ecology and stand management concepts, followed by a few hours of production planting

Reconciliation Through Art - SD 10 Arrow Lakes

Learning to strip bark from cedar trees for weaving with Eloise Charet



Reconciliation with the Land, respect for traditional Aboriginal skills and arts, intergenerational learning, connection with place

This school-based project was a positive step to conversations about working together for multiple uses of the forest and an opportunity to teach students about forestry and the workings of a community forest.



“Place-based learning gives the students a vested interest in their learning. They have a connection to their learning, and from there can broaden out into a regional, national, and international level.” Mr. Parkstrom , Lucerne School teacher, New Denver



“One day you will be called upon to do great things. And you will not understand why, and you will say “No. I can’t do this. It is hard.” But you can do it, and the forest can teach us, about our intuitive knowledge which you all have. This intuition, learned from nature, will help you do these difficult things in your life.”

~Eloise Charet, local elder, New Denver, weaver~



Selkirk College Forestry Program



In the fall of 2013 the second-year forestry class from Selkirk College in Castlegar spent two days on the Nakusp community forest.

The purpose of the field trip was to provide an opportunity for the students to develop field skills in an operational setting .

This partnership supports NACFOR's strategic goal to provide training opportunities for entry-level forest workers and youth.



UBC Partnerships

UBC Masters of Sustainable Resource Management

In 2013 a team of five students from the UBC MSFM program developed a two-part forest health strategy for the NACFOR chart area:

- a model that looks at how forest health agents may affect timber supply with climatic changes
- a forest health tracking strategy with a hazard and risk rating system to guide operational planning.



UBC Co-op Internship Program

Two fourth year UBC forestry co-op students were sponsored for a three month work term at NACFOR through the UBC Forestry Co-op Internship Program.

The students worked on a wide range of projects during their work term including the 20-year strategic plan, cutting permit development, forest road inventory, silviculture, trails and recreation and public relations.

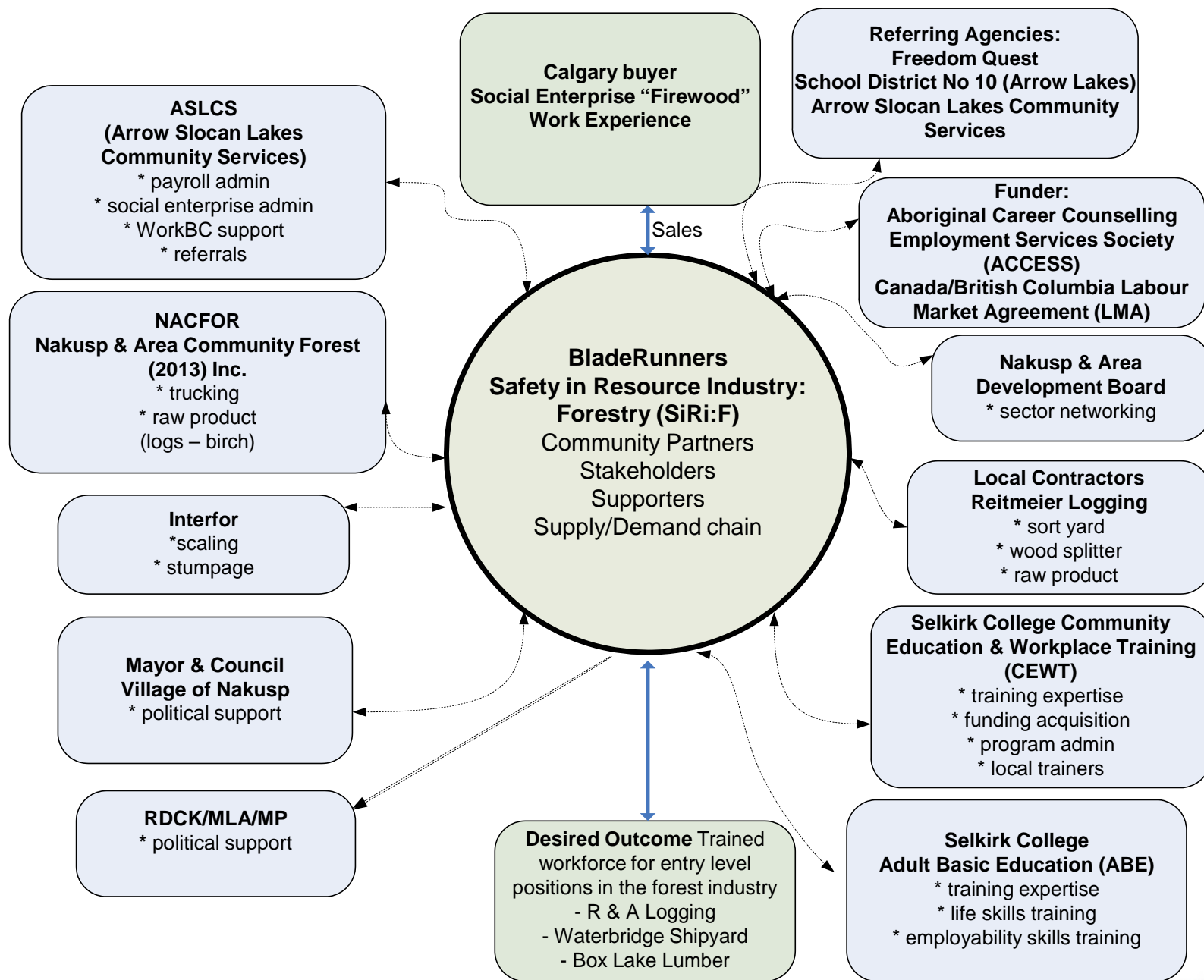


Skills Training – The Birch Firewood Project

NACFOR partnered with a community wide group including Selkirk College, the Nakusp & Area Development Board and Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services to start a workforce training initiative.



The BladeRunner Firewood Project provided 10 local youth who had employment barriers with basic workplace training in technical and job-readiness skills through the sale of birch firewood.



West Kootenay Logger Training Initiative (LTI)

Partners

Nakusp & Area Community Forest
Kaslo and District Community Forest
Selkirk College

Situation

- We are faced with a critical shortage of trained loggers and log haulers, an aging workforce, and perception issues around choosing logging as a career path.
- At the same time there are stable, interesting and well-paying jobs available locally for people who are willing to work hard, while living a good local lifestyle in a natural environment.



West Kootenay Logger Training Initiative (LTI)

Concept

- Provide a basic core of courses coupled with extensive on the job workplace training in a real logging setting.
- The focus will be on producing a skill set and attitude that is suitable for hire as trainee/junior loggers by local contractors.



West Kootenay Logger Training Initiative (LTI)

Will help logging companies that have:

- A need for workers that have a proper and basic skill set and some relevant workplace experience,
- Existing workers that could be retrained in other functions to increase operational flexibility, help with employee retention and strengthen the organization,
- People with the right attitude that could be hired if they had some proper initial training.



West Kootenay Logger Training Concept (Draft HBW)

