

## 2013 Conference Speakers

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### **Don Brown**

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Don lives in the town of Logan Lake, and manages the Logan Lake Community Forest Corporation. He is originally from the town of Nakusp, and still wanders back there regularly to visit his parents. He attended Selkirk College to earn a Forestry Technology Diploma soon after which he moved to the Cariboo and married his best friend Ella. The crowning achievement of Don's life is his five sons, their spouses and two beautiful granddaughters (and hopefully many more to come). Don earned his RPF status through the Pupil Program, and is now "living the dream" of many Forest Professionals by working in his community in the career that he loves and knowing that his work is going to be of value to Logan Lake and the surrounding area for many years to come!

### **Rick Budhwa**

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Rick is the principal of Crossroads Cultural Resource Management located in Smithers, BC. He is currently working with several government agencies, First Nations and industry to help bridge differences in perspectives and establish cultural resource management (CRM) and indigenous land management initiatives. Over the past 7 years, Rick has been successful in creating and implementing alternative CRM methodologies for multiple stakeholders in British Columbia. These initiatives have resulted in greater collaboration and holistic interpretations within CRM.

Rick's academic, professional and personal research includes; traditional land use, human interactions with their environment, catastrophic paleoenvironmental events, geomorphology, the similarities and differences between scientific and indigenous interpretations, indigenous archaeology, First Nations cultural and natural resource management, indigenous perceptions and interpretations of past and present, oral traditions and oral histories, and British Columbia legal proceedings and government legislation regarding traditional knowledge and oral traditions.

Rick has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario in Anthropology, a Post Baccalaureate Diploma from Simon Fraser University in Archaeology, and a Masters Degree from Simon Fraser University in Archaeology, with an emphasis on Anthropology and First Nations Studies. Rick is a permit holding archaeologist in BC, and a member of the Canadian Archaeological Association, the Society for American Archaeology and the First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group. Rick also teaches anthropology, history and sociology at Northwest Community College.

**Gary Bull**

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Gary has a background in commerce as well as three degrees in Forestry, specializing in economics and policy. He has an interest in global forestry policy issues and is currently studying forest and timber markets in Asia and ecosystem services markets in Afghanistan, Canada, China, Mozambique and Uganda . He is an advocate for interdisciplinary research. Forest Dipl. Tech (1984), Accounting Dipl. Tech. (1988), B.S.F. (1988), M.F. (1991) Brit. Col., Ph.D. (1995) Tor.

Gary has spent most of his early career working in a consultative capacity with forest products companies, resource based communities, various government agencies and environmental non-governmental organizations. Internationally, he has worked with organizations such as the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis in Vienna, the International Institute for Environment and Development in London, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome and the US Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. Recently, he has been supervising research projects with CIFOR, World Bank, Shell Canada, Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF, Iisaak Forest Resources Ltd., Forest Trends and FAO.

**Samantha Charlton**

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Samantha is a hobby wild crafter and herbalist. After spending a few years studying the native plants of BC and teaching these skills to youth in Vancouver, she recently attended and graduated from the Resource and Environmental management master's program at Simon Fraser University. At SFU she focused on co-management of Non Timber Forest Resources in collaboration with the Wells Grey Community Forest. Following her degree, she spent time on Haida Gwaii volunteering for the Misty Isles Economic Development Society on their community forest project. Samantha currently works as a sustainable and active transportation planner for a firm in Victoria BC and still harvests plants and collects plant knowledge on the side.

**Gord Chipman, RPF, Manager, Alkali Resource Management**

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Gord Chipman is from Williams Lake has worked for Esk'etemc First Nation's Alkali Resource Management Ltd. (ARM) since 2009. As Manager of ARM, he is responsible for overall management of which includes developing and maintaining strategic plans, safety standards, effective working relationships with Ministry of Forests and Range and proponents, negotiation of contracts and monitoring contractors, and management of Esk'etemc's Community Forest, Non-Replaceable Forest Licenses, and Woodlot.

**Dean Daly**

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Dean Daly lives in Smithers, British Columbia where he has been a partner in a consulting company Woodcreek Ventures Ltd. since 1998. The company specializes in First Nations joint venture business

development and operations management. Although Dean has contracted widely to industry, government and First Nations groups, his most recent work has been with BC Hydro, Aboriginal Relations and Negotiations group as a Chief Negotiator and UTM as Vice President Social Responsibility and Aboriginal Relations. Prior to forming his consulting company, Dean was Vice-President and Manager of Rayonier Canada Ltd, a forest products company that specialized in exports to Japan, Korea and China. Dean and his wife Janette manage a woodlot in Smithers. He is on the board of the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest.

**David deWit**

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David de Wit is a Wet'suwet'en member of the Laksilyu Clan, belonging to the House on Top of Flat Rock (Tsekalbaiyex). David is the Natural Resources Department Manager for the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, representing the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chief's vision for their territories, working as one for the betterment of all.

David studied Integrated Resource Management in British Columbia and completed a Biology Degree at the University of Calgary. His background involves wildlife habitat assessment, sensitive ecosystem preservation and wildlife corridor design.

David is also actively involved in a number of local groups to facilitate interests of the Wet'suwet'en. Some of these groups include: Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Board of Directors, and the Northwest Community College School of Exploration and Mining Steering Committee.

**Bill Golding, RPF, Silvicon Services Inc.**

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Bill Golding is a forest professional with over 25 years of diversified experience in forest management. Since 1988, Bill has been an owner/manager of Silvicon Services Inc., a Smithers-based multi-discipline forest resource management consulting firm specializing in full phase forest planning, development and management.

In the past 9 years Bill has directed more of his time to the management of forest tenures and licenses, first as the Woodlands Manager of a major licensee in Northwestern BC and currently as the General Manager of the Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Agreement.

In addition to his forest management experience, Bill has been involved with the development and/or delivery of the various provincial Wildlife Danger Tree and Biodiversity training initiatives for over 20 years.

Mr. Golding is registered with the Association of BC Forest Professionals (Registered Professional Forester - 1990) and the BC College of Applied Biology (Registered Professional Biologist - 2003). From 1997 to 2000 he served on the board of the consulting Foresters of BC and was President of the organization in 1999.

In addition to obtaining a BSc. (Forestry) from the University of Alberta, Mr. Golding has a diploma in Advanced Silviculture from the University of British Columbia and holds a Civil Engineering Technology diploma from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

**Kathy Hopkins, RPF, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**

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In Kathy's early career, she spent a decade in field silviculture and forest management, mostly on the coast. More recently, her work with the Forest Service has supported a variety of branches, from Silviculture and Resource Planning, to Competitiveness and Innovation. Kathy has been working on the climate change file since 2006, aiming to help forest managers address climate change in their planning and operations.

**Cathy Koot, B.Sc., R.P.Bio., Research Coordinator UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest**

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Joined AFRF in 2001 and has practiced applied biology with a focus on forest ecology and wildlife, as well as extension since 1995. Experienced with field-based research and monitoring project implementation, measurements and reporting. Extensive familiarity with the biology of terrestrial vertebrates and vegetation, including invasive species.

**Kevin Kriese, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations, North Area**

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Kevin Kriese was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations in November 2010. His area of responsibility includes the Skeena, Omineca, and Northeast Regions. After graduating from the University of British Columbia with degree in forestry, Kevin started his career in the forest industry. He then attended Simon Fraser University earning a Masters in Natural Resources Management. Kevin entered the public service in 1992 with the Ministry of Forests and then worked in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management and the Integrated Land Management Bureau. Kevin has worked in the areas of inventory, timber supply, research, First Nations consultation and land use planning. For the past 17 years he has lived in Smithers, BC and worked primarily on projects in the north. As a regionally based ADM, Kevin's office is in Smithers BC.

**Erik Leslie, RPF, Manager Harrop Procter Community Forest**

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Erik Leslie is a forestry consultant and the Forest Manager for the Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative. He is also on the Board of Directors of the BCCFA. Erik has worked for community organizations, regional governments, forest industry, and First Nations on projects from Haida Gwaii to Labrador. He has extensive experience in forestry planning and operations, community consultation, small business management, and forest certification.

**Casey Macaulay, Resource Operations Specialist, Association of BC Forest Professionals**

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Casey Macaulay is a Registered Professional Forester who joined the ABCFP in 2011 as ‘Resource Operations Specialist.’ This new role within the Professional Practice and Forest Stewardship department was designed to further the ABCFP’s advocacy mandate, specifically relating to forest stewardship issues. For more information about the ABCFP and its work, please see [www.abcfp.ca](http://www.abcfp.ca) Prior to this position, Casey was a planning forester for a major forest company in BC’s Southern interior. Past experiences include: co-management of First Nation forest tenures, managing fiber trade agreements between licensees, developing operational strategies for species at risk and working with various stakeholder groups that have other interests on the land base. Casey administers the Stewardship Committee and the Climate Change Task Force, which are comprised of volunteer members and serve to provide recommendations to the CEO of the ABCFP.

**Satnam S. Manhas, RPF, Ecosystems Services Manager, Ecotrust Canada**

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Satnam has been with Ecotrust Canada since 2008. He is currently working on an alternative forest management and valuation project with the Cheakamus Community Forest. For the last 2.5 years he has been the General Manager of the Clayoquot Forest Communities Program, a unique partnership between five Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations and Ecotrust Canada. It is one of over 50 Model Forest Network sites around the world, and is funded by Natural Resources Canada. Satnam is a Registered Professional Forester, providing assistance and facilitation on natural resource management, planning and community development. He has over 20 years of experience working in Natural Resources Management with First Nations and non-First Nations communities, industries, and government. Satnam studied Natural Resource Management (BSc) and minor in Environmental Planning from University of Northern British Columbia and has a Forest Technologist Diploma from British Columbia Institute of Technology.

**Dave McRae, FP Innovations**

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With over 20 years of industry experience, Dave’s primary responsibility is providing technical services in the area of lumber drying. As a First Nations Liaison, he works closely with local First Nations communities and businesses, helping them develop opportunities for economic development and capacity building. He started his career with Crown Zellerbach (Fletcher Challenge Canada/Timberwest) in 1976 (18 years), then with Doman Industries for 4 years and joined Forintek, now, FPInnovations 17 years ago. He taught at NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology) in Edmonton for 3 years in their Wood Products Engineering Technology department while working for Forintek. He has taught over 300 seminars on lumber drying throughout western Canada and spoken at numerous conventions and workshops both within and outside of Canada.

**Donald G. Morgan, MSc, RPBio**

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Don Morgan is a natural resource management and systems researcher with the BC Ministry of Environment, Ecosystem Protection and Sustainability Branch and the Director of Operations and Vice

President of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre. His main research area focuses on methods for describing and analyzing socio-ecological systems with an emphasis on cumulative effects and climate change adaptation. He applies innovative methods to explore uncertainty, particularly the impact of climate change on ecological processes and its interaction with resource management decisions.

He is a Registered Professional Biologist in British Columbia, and has a B.Sc. in wildlife biology and computational mathematics from Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario (1984), a B.Sc. (honours) from Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario in Quantitative Ecology and Computer Science (1991), and a M.Sc. in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Biology) from the University of Northern B.C (2011).

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Andy Muma is a Land Information Coordinator (GIS analyst) with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. He has worked in the forest industry in BC since 1991 and began working with and supporting GPS technology in 1993. He began his fulltime GIS career in 1995

His job currently entails:

- Technology research and development, Business improvement, matching technology to job function
- Spatial data management and Analysis
- Training

**Tom Niemann, Manager of Log Export and Economic Analysis with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**

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Tom led a recent review of BC's log export policy. Before that he managed emerging issues in climate change and forest carbon management. Earlier work on national and provincial indicators of sustainable forest management led to him writing the first two reports on The State of BC's Forests. In the 90s, Tom spent two years working in Malaysia to help bring better tools and methods of forest management to Southeast Asian nations. Tom has a Bachelor in Forest Science (U of Alberta) and a Master of Forest Science (Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies).

**Grant Thompson, RPF, Forestry Manager and CEO of Heartland Economics LP**

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- Graduated University of Toronto with BScF in 1980.
- Arrived in Vancouver in January 1981 with a fully loaded Austin Mini
- Hired in the first week by Reid Collins and was promptly shipped off to Nelson Island on the Agamemnon Channel for the first of many BC Hydro contracts.
- Wrote my ABCPF policy exam in 1984 after studying by Coleman lantern in our crew tent while timber cruising in the McGregor watershed.
- Between 1981 and 2006 worked in the consulting world employed by Reid Collins, Hugh Hamilton, HA Simons, and as an independent consultant visiting most of the corners of BC.
- First involvement with WFN was post 2003 Okanagan Mt. Park fire assisting with fire salvage on WFN's woodlot and other fire WFN salvage licences.

- In the fall of 2004, shortly after WFN signed their probationary CFA, I convinced the manager that he should hire me as their planning and operational forester. As a consultant I was responsible for getting the first management plan, forest development plan and cutting permit approved.
  - By the spring of 2006 my workload was entirely related to the WFN-CF and I joined WFN as their staff planning forester.
  - In 2007, I became the forestry manager and CEO of Heartland Economics LP.
- Like most CFA managers I now have a 3 page job description with job duties that include budgeting, selling wood, negotiating contractor rates, staff management, liaison with government agencies, liaison with local municipalities, data management, filing, cleaning windows, and making coffee.

**Marc von der Gonna, RPF, General Manager of the McBride Community Forest Corporation**  
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Marc has been the Manager of the McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC) since May 2003. As the sole employee of a new company piloting a new form of tenure, Marc was given an office, phone and license document and empowered to “make it happen”. Five years later, MCFC held a 25 year community forest agreement, became the largest employer in McBride, and had contributed over \$2 million to the community in dividend payments.

Marc has served as a Director of the BC Community Forest Association for 10 years (5 years on the executive) and is the current President. He is a strong advocate of community forestry and believes that community control over local forest resources is vital to successful rural revitalization.

Over his 25 year career Marc has worked at all levels of the BC Ministry of Forests (District, Region, and Branch) and with the Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada (FERIC). Marc holds a BScF from the University of Toronto and a MF from the University of British Columbia.

Marc has settled with his family on 6 acres on the Dore River just west of McBride. He can usually be found scouring the community forest for shed antlers or in his basement workshop carving walking sticks and cottonwood bark.