

# **A Forest Practices Board Perspective on Community Forest Stewardship**

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# Origins



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# Fundamental Purpose

## **Objective and Independent Assessments of:**

- Compliance with the Forest Range and Practices Act (FRPA) and the Wildfire Act
- Appropriateness of Government Enforcement

## **Public Reports and Recommendations**



# How We Do It

## Must do

- Audits
- Complaint Investigations

## May do

- Special Investigations
- Special Reports
- Appeals
- Recommendations
- Other Work





# Who We Are

## The Staff consist of:

- Foresters
- Biologists
- Engineers
- Accountants
- Lawyers
- Communication

## The Board consist of:

- Broad range of expertise and experience.
- Chair is full time
- Members are part time

# Audit Results of CFA's

YEAR	AREA	COMMUNITY FOREST	CLEAN	AOI	SNC	US
2008	PROVINCE	MULTIPLE (VQO's)	X			
	PG	BURNS LAKE	X			
	KOOTENAY	HARROP PROCTOR	X			
	KOOTENAY	KASLO	X			
2012	PG	VALEMOUNT	X			
	PG	MCBRIDE		1	4	
	S. COAST	SECHELT	X			

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YEAR	AREA	COMMUNITY FOREST	CLEAN	AOI	SNC	US
2012	S. COAST	POWELL RIVER	X			
	S. COAST	KLAHOOSE	X			
	S. COAST	TLA'AMIN	X			
	KOOTENAY	KASLO	X			
2014	N. COAST	TERRACE	X			
2016	PG	TANIZUL		1		
	PG	FT. ST JAMES		2	1	1



# Concerns Involving CFA's

Concerns involving Community Forest Tenures revolve around logging:

- visual quality impacts,
- recreation/tourism impacts,
- water impacts, and
- landslide risks.



# How Do We Help?

- Audits of community forests and commend good performance or help identify areas for continuous improvement
- Respond to citizens concerns or complaints, and provide information about forest & range practices and processes
- Act as a go-between to connect concerned citizens and forest & range licensees and/or government staff to address issues.
- Initiate special projects to focus provincial areas of improvement



# Reports Relevant To CFA's

Board reports and recommendations can address topics of interest to Community Forests:

- *Managing Forest Fuels in Wildland Urban Interface Areas* – recommendations for local governments to assist with fuel reduction and FireSmart efforts
- *Forest Stewardship Plans* – recommendations for public and stakeholder involvement in FSPs
- *Community Watersheds* – recommendations to manage watersheds that supply drinking water
- *Stewardship – A Forest Practices Board Perspective*



# SECIAL INVESTIGATION: Forest Stewardship Plans: Are They Meeting Expectations?

VICTORIA – An investigation of forest stewardship plans, the primary plan governing forest activities on public land, concludes that most of these plans do not meet the public's needs, are not enforceable by government.

“We are recommending that government not renew or approve any forest stewardship plans that don't meet the standards set out in the Forest and Range Practices Act,” said Ryan. “We also recommend that the public consultation process be improved and that professionals who prepare forest stewardship plans, and officials who approve them, are apprised of their responsibilities regarding these standards.”



# Stewardship – A FPB Perspective





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CARIBOU HABITAT – Patchy/irregular distribution of openings and tree retention designed to provide thermal and predator cover, retain lichen bearing trees, and minimize habitat fragmentation.



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COMMUNITY WATERSHED – Recreation activities are managed through signage to reduce impacts in this heavily used community watershed.



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VISUAL MANAGEMENT – Good retention of trees to reduce the visibility of this cutblock from the adjacent lake.



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# Stewardship – A FPB Perspective

... foster discussion and promote stewardship of public forest and range resources...

**The Forest Practices Board defines stewardship as:  
Ensuring responsible resource use today, while  
maintaining the health of the land for future  
generations.**

... the Board recognizes that management of lands and resources in the public interest requires more than a collection of activities and standards prescribed in law ...



# Stewardship – FPB

## Principles:

1. Planning is Comprehensive
2. Planning & Decisions are Transparent and respond to Public Input
3. Practices Sustain Ecological, Economic & Social values
4. Management uses Monitoring and Continuous Improvement
5. Managers are Accountable



# Stewardship – A CFA Perspective

## Community Forest OBJECTIVES:

- Economic benefits
- Social benefits
- Relationship benefits with Aboriginal & non-aboriginal communities and persons
- Environmental Stewardship

## 18 Indicators:

*...Jobs, Contributions, Funds, Investments,  
Engagement, Safety, First Nations, Stewardship...*



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# Future Board Work - 2016

Some upcoming reports:

- An evaluation of FREP
- Steep slope road construction
- Harvesting young stands

Future work:

- Conservation of fish habitat under FRPA
- Effectiveness of current wildlife management
- Recreation management under FRPA
- Managing to and after Free-to-Grow



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