BCCFA Annual Update

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Inaugural Meeting, March 2002

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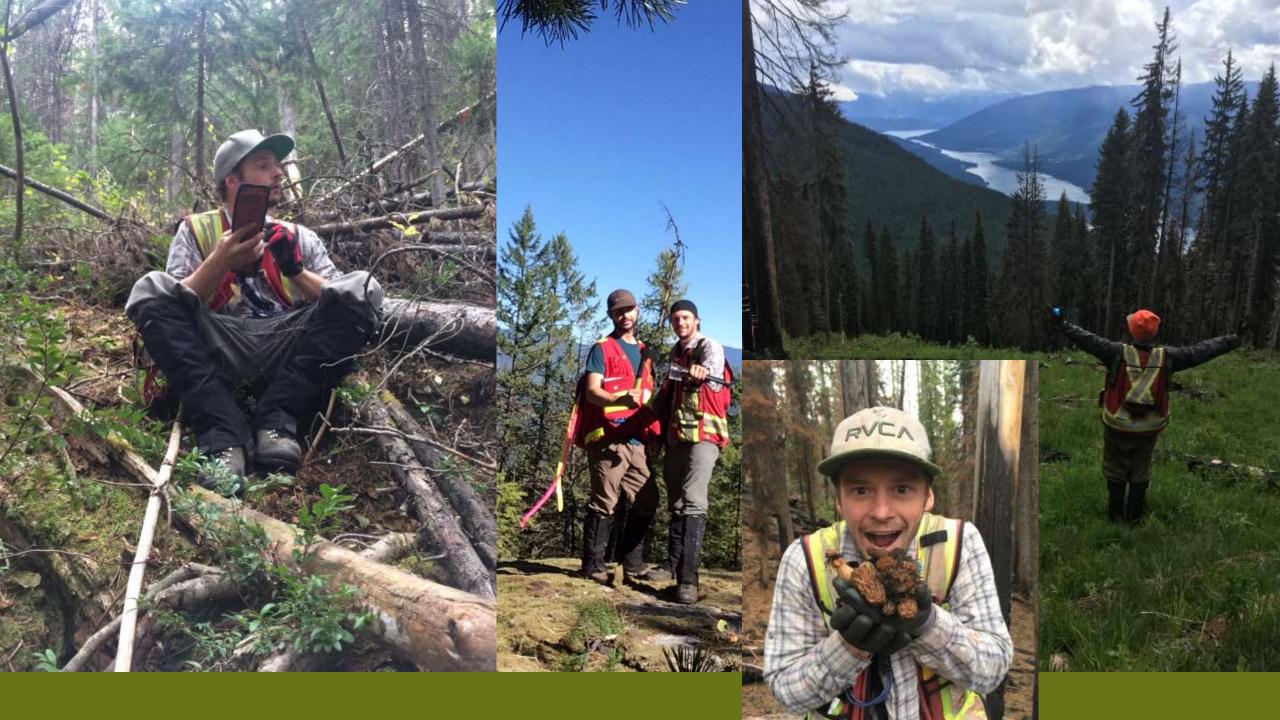
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- 1. Bamfield
- 2. Bella Coola
- 3. Burns Lake
- 4. Cheslatta
- 5. Chinook
- 6. Cortes
- 7. Cowichan Lake
- 8. Creston
- 9. Esk'etemc
- 10. Fort St James

- 11. Fraser Lake, Village of
- 12. Harrop-Procter
- 13. Kaslo
- 14. Kitamaat
- 15. Ktunaxa
- 16. Likely-Xats'ull
- 17. Logan Lake
- 18. Lower North Thompson
- 19. McBride
- 20. Nakusp

- 21. Port Alberni
- 22. Prince George
- 23. Revelstoke
- 24. Sunshine Coast
- 25. Tumbler Ridge
- 26. Valemount
- 27. Wells Barkerville
- 28. Wells Gray
- 29. Westbank



BCCFA Focus Areas



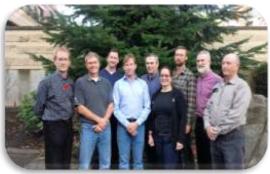
External Relations and Government Policy



Member Services



Education



Operations and Governance

1. Pricing

2. Legislative Change

3. Land Based Investment & Wildfire Management

4. Extension Services

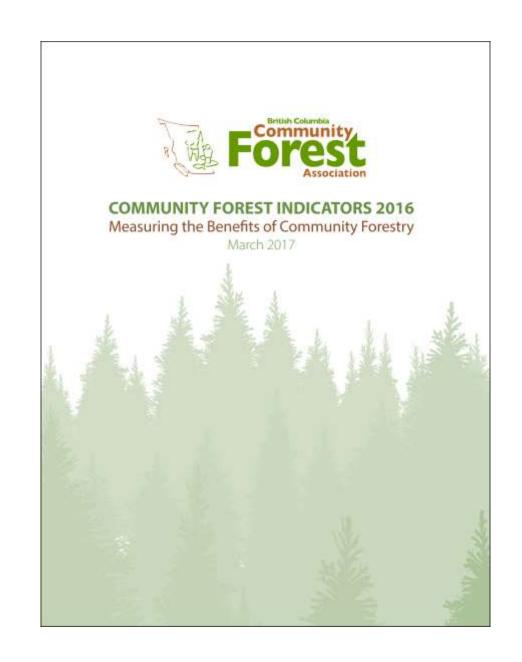
5. Community Forest Indicators

Top Priorities



Measuring Success

Community
Forest
Indicators
Survey & Report



Community forests generated an average of \$1.9 million of economic activity.



They contributed \$257,000 on average in cash and in-kind donations, a significant boost to rural communities, most with populations of 3,000 or less.

Community Forest Indicators Survey & Report



Investments in Silviculture & Forest Stewardship

Intensive Silviculture & Forest Stewardship

Survey respondents collectively invested \$1 million of their own funds in intensive silviculture in the reporting year.

Average of those that invested was \$76,961.

\$1.3 million more from outside sources.

37% of respondents invested in **forest stewardship**, incremental to legal requirements.

Average investment: \$108,000

Average # of hectares each: 4,538

Investments in Recreation

Averaged 20 Km of trail Total 284 Kms



Proactive efforts to reduce wildfire hazard

40% invested Average \$52,000





Number of Jobs: Total of 1,462 workers



Telling our stories











Additional Survey Questions

What key challenges are you facing in your community forest?

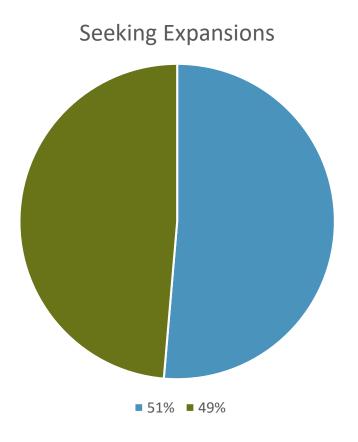
What are the things impacting your CFA from being successful or of doing business?



"Other" challenges

- Contentious & expensive operating area
- ➤ High % of hemlock, distance to market, steep terrain
- Provincial land use decisions impacting THLB
- Minimal community interest
- > Vulnerable to market downturns

Survey respondents looking to grow





Opportunities identified



BCCFA Priority #1

Maintain existing policies that support community forest agreements that recognize the unique characteristics of community forest agreements, enabling them to harvest in highly constrained areas while managing for multiple values, to generate economic benefits for their communities, and encourage investment in the land base.



BCCFA Priority #2

Increase the number of community forest agreements, making them broadly available to communities and First Nations that are committed to meeting the goals and requirements of the Community Forest Program.

Ensure community forest agreements are large enough to be efficient, economically viable, and able to provide the maximum benefit to local economies.



BCCFA Priority #3

Facilitate investment in activities such as wildfire hazard reduction, restoration, intensive silviculture, and economic diversification by providing support through programs such as Land Based Investment – Forests for Tomorrow, Forest Enhancement Society, Forest Carbon Initiative and the Rural Dividend.

Thank you www.bccfa.ca jgunter@bccfa.ca

