



How Community Forests are Changing the Way BC's Forests are Managed

The Year in Review

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2018



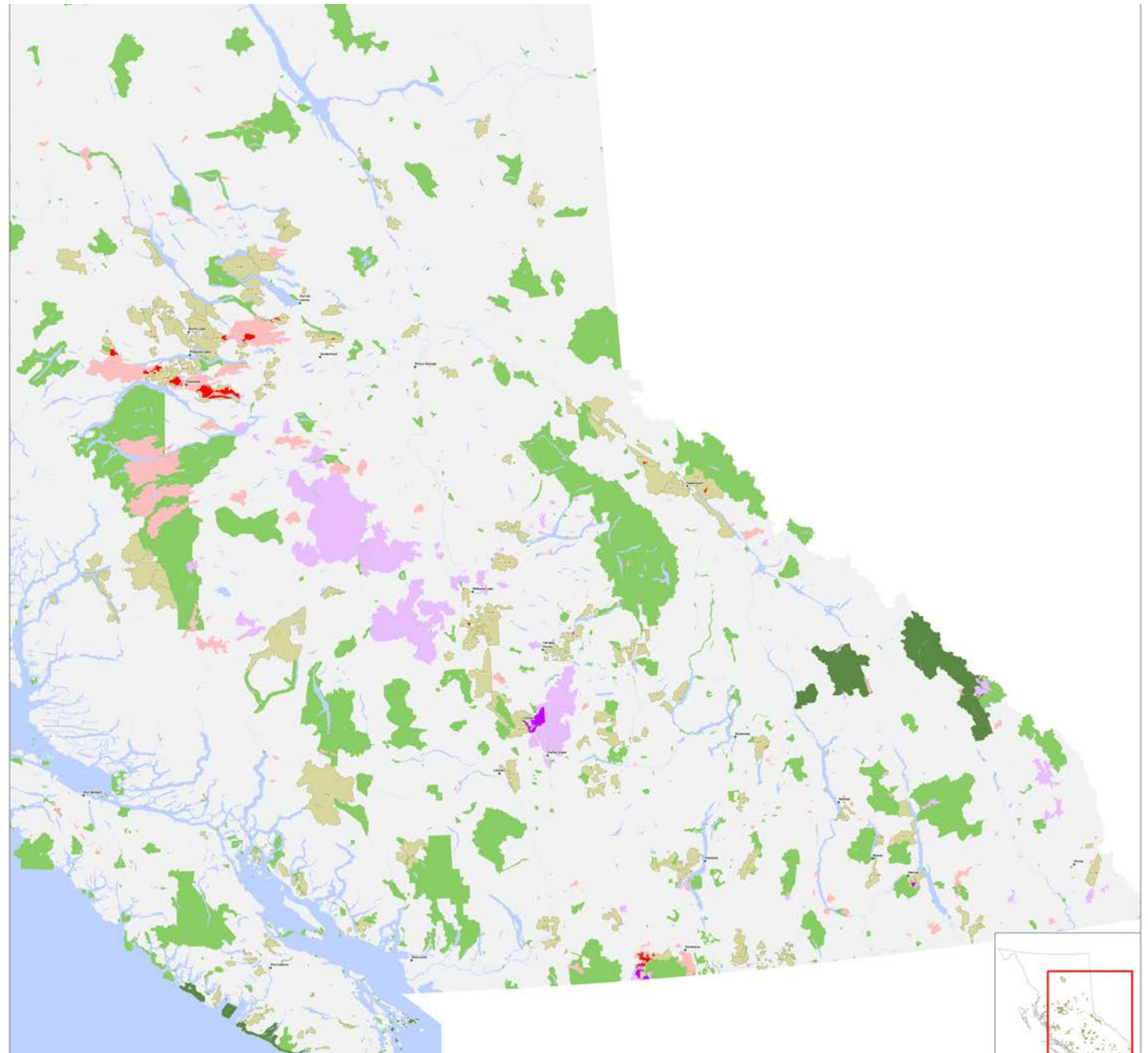
Wildfires

2017

- 1.2 million HA
- 8 Community Forests

2018

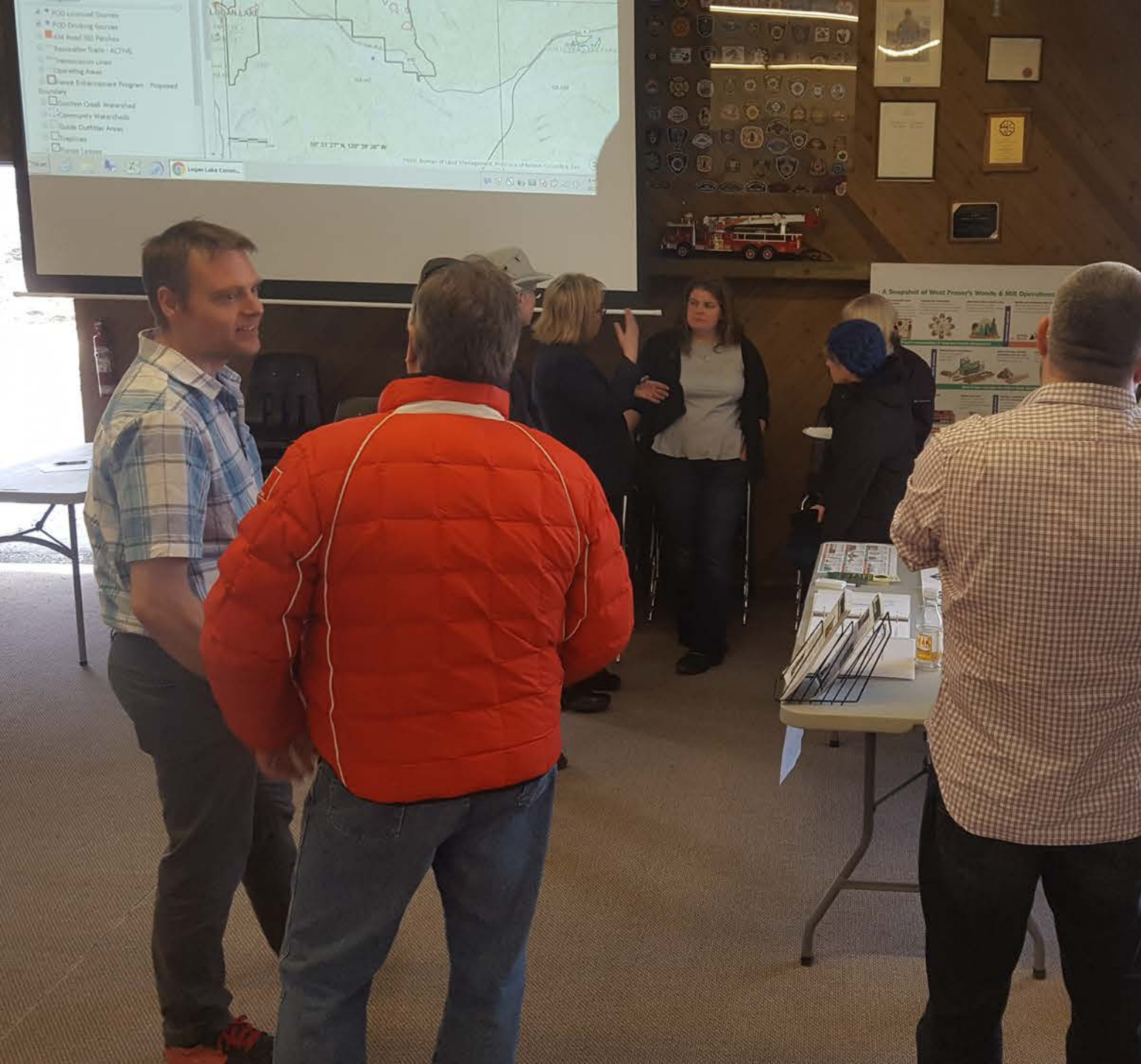
- Over 1.3 million HA
- 15 Community Forests





BC Government Initiatives

- UNDRIP
- Coast Forest Sector Revitalization
- Interior Forest Industry Renewal
- FRPA Improvement
- Caribou Recovery
- Flood & Fire Review Implementation
- Wildlife and Habitat Conservation
- Species at Risk
- Modernizing Land Use Planning



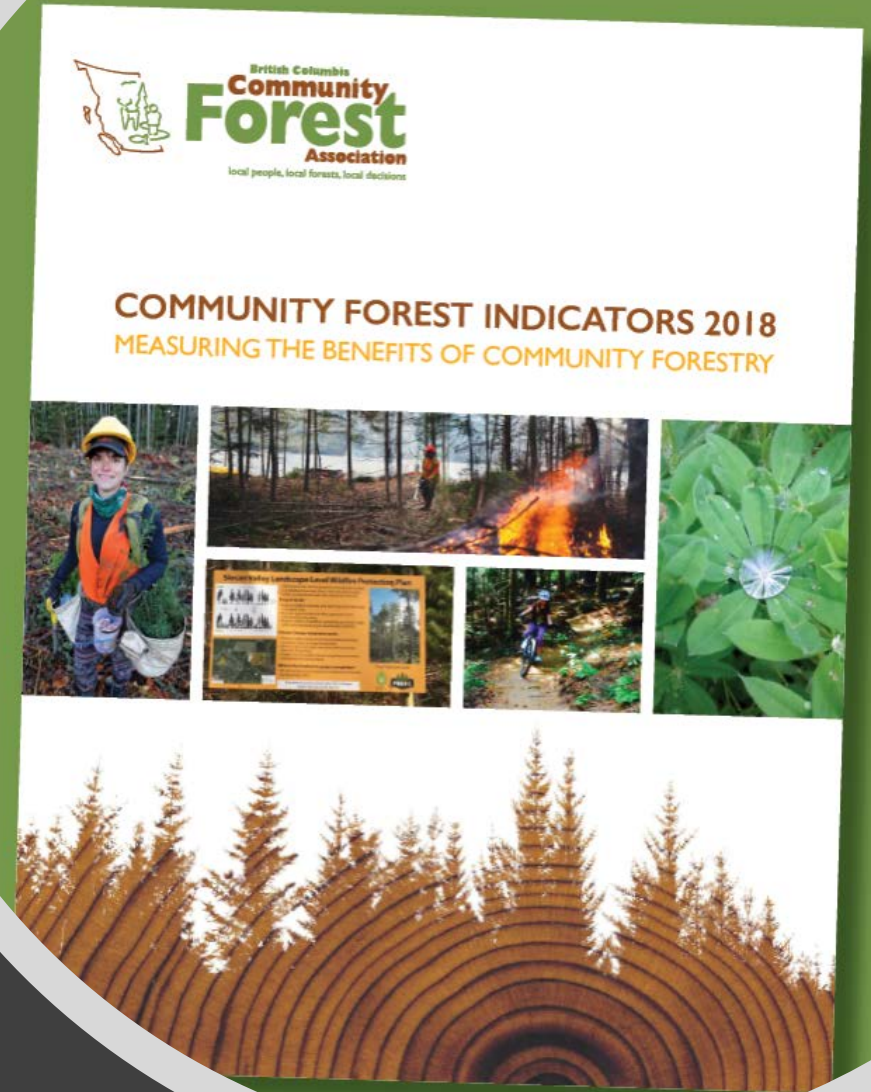


Community forests are a
powerful tool

- Protecting communities from catastrophic wildfire and adapting to climate change;
- Building partnerships with Indigenous communities;
- Energizing rural development.

Community Forest Indicators Survey

- Last Year's Results (2018 Report):
 - CFs created 65% more jobs/m3 that industry average in their forestry operations.
- Generated on average \$1.3 million/year in economic activity.
- Contributed an average of \$359,000 in community donations.





Economic Benefits

- Results of the 2019 Survey:
- Average contributions to local and regional economies of \$2 million in expenditures
- Funds leveraged by CFs \$5.3 million



Economic and Social Benefits

Total of \$11 million cash contributed to communities through grants, with an average of \$335,000

Economic and Environmental Benefits

\$2.4 million total investment
in Intensive Silviculture

Average \$70,000 investment
by community forests


Accessed \$1.3 million from
outside sources




Proactive Wildfire Management

- 77% have collaborated with their local government on wildfire planning and mitigation.
- Total of \$795,000 of CFs own \$
- Average \$40,000



**SIFCo** HEALTHY FORESTS — HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACING

The point at which crown land meets our towns and villages is known as the Wildland Urban Interface.

The ecologically sensitive management of these areas has become a primary focus of SIFCo. For a number of reasons we are witnessing a prolific build up of fuels on our forest floors. Couple this with changes in our climate and the threat of forest fire becomes very real and a great concern.

Our vision is to be pro-active in creating protective boundaries at the landscape level, known as landscape level strategic fuel breaks, so as to prevent unnecessary damage to the places where we reside if a wildfire were to occur.

To learn more please watch the video below.



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Socio-Economic Impacts of British Columbia's Community Forest Program

Sales to Value Added Mills



Summary of
Revenue for
Major Licensees
and Community
Forests
Based on a
harvest of
1,466,638 m³*

Provincial Revenues	Major Licensees	Community Forests
Total Stumpage Revenue	\$17,767,208	\$2,522,355
Employment - Personal Income Taxes	\$4,717,284	\$7,067,110
Local Revenues		
Local Government Property Tax Payments	\$2,287,955	\$2,287,955
Contributions and Dividends	\$85,030	\$12,042,822
Total	\$24,857,478	\$23,920,242

* **1,466,638 m³** was the total harvest volume reported by the community forests that participated in the 2018 Community Forest Indicators Report. To draw an accurate comparison, the data from major licensees was pro-rated to this value.

A scenic mountain landscape. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is partially covered in snow under a clear blue sky. The middle ground shows steep, forested slopes. The foreground is dominated by a hillside covered in a dense forest of trees with vibrant golden-brown foliage, suggesting an autumn setting. A dark, semi-transparent banner is positioned across the lower third of the image, containing the text "Community Forests" in white.

Community Forests



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Thank you