

UPDATE to BCCFA

Forest and Range Practices Act Improvement Initiative & Proposed Legislative Amendments

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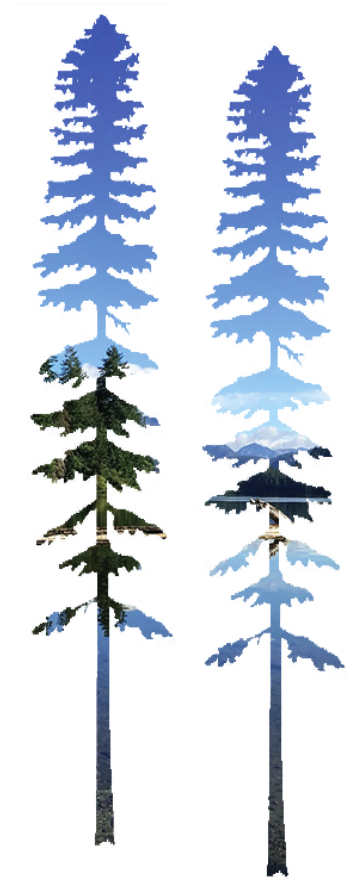


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OUTLINE

Purpose: to provide an update and brief overview of proposed legislative amendments to the *Forest and Range Practices Act*

- *Forest and Range Practices Act* Overview
- Proposed Amendments:
 - Reconciliation & *Declaration Act* Alignment
 - New tools to establish resilient forests
 - Increased transparency and public trust



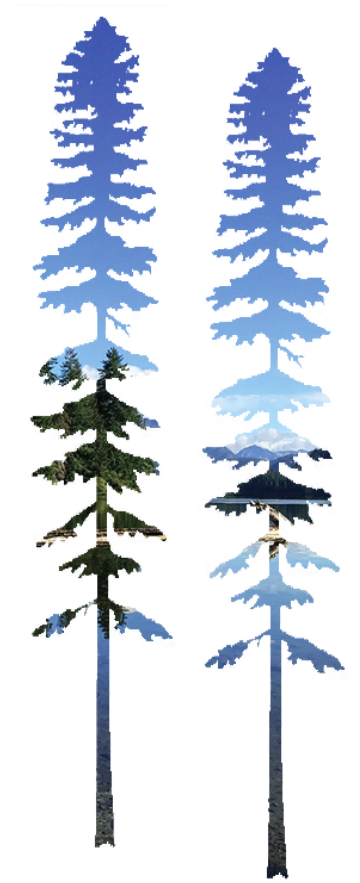
FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT FRAMEWORK

- The *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and its regulatory framework govern how forest and range activities are conducted to ensure stewardship for a suite of resource values.
- FRPA has not been substantially improved since it was introduced in 2002 to replace the Forest Practices Code.



FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

- In 2018, government committed to improving FRPA.
- Commitment is reinforced in:
 - Ministry Mandate Letter
 - Modernizing Forest Policy Intentions Paper
- **The proposed changes support government's long-term vision for stewardship, economic well-being and a continued commitment to reconciliation**



FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT INTENT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

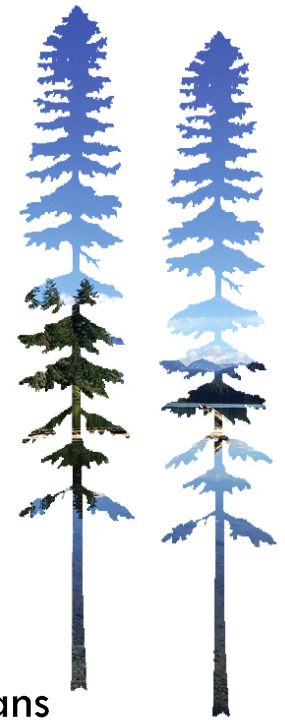
The proposed changes will reshape BC's forest management framework:

- Strengthen the role of Indigenous Nations in forest planning and decision-making
- Reposition government as the land manager
- Reassert the public interest in forest management
- Equip land managers with appropriate tools to establish resilient forests and address climate change, including a new landscape-level forest planning regime



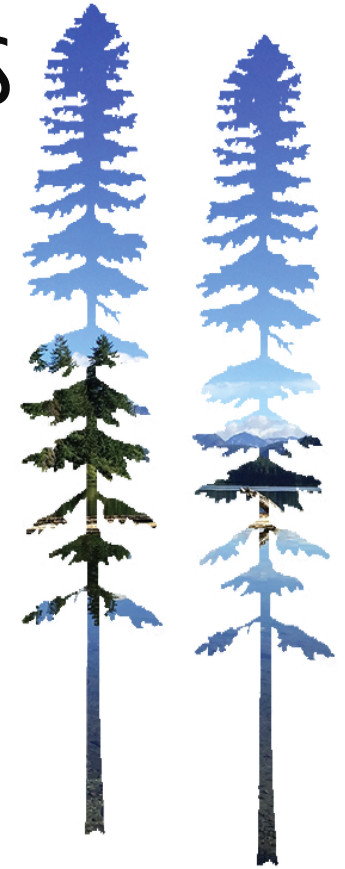
FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT **RECONCILIATION & *DECLARATION ACT* ALIGNMENT**

- Amendments will:
 - Strengthen the role of Indigenous Nations in forest planning and decision-making
 - Better enable government-to-government collaboration in forest management
- Improvements:
 - New opportunities for shared-decision making
 - Requirement to work in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples in developing a Forest Landscape Plan
 - Requirement to seek consent
 - New stand-alone objective for Indigenous values in Forest Landscape Plans



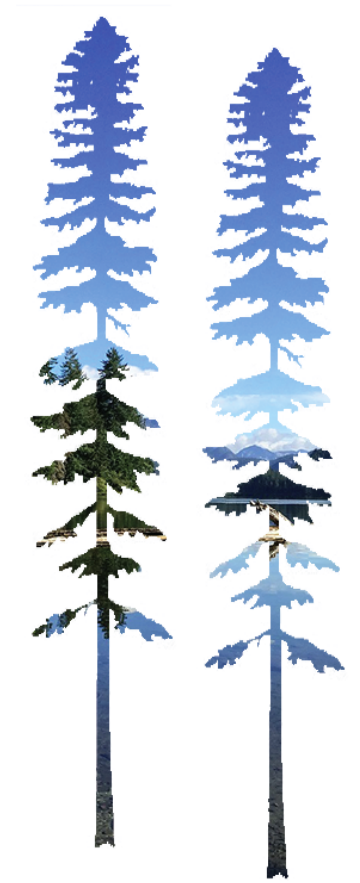
FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT NEW TOOLS TO ESTABLISH RESILIENT FORESTS

- Proposed amendments to FRPA will:
 - Establish a new Forest Landscape Plan framework
 - Improve the existing Forest Stewardship Planning framework
 - Provide land managers tools to ensure forest management practices reflect the public interest and respond to climate change
 - Support government's ability to manage and respond to wildfires, and ensure timely and effective post-wildfire reforestation
 - Enhance government's ability to have management control over forest roads to protect the public safety and environment.



FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC TRUST

- Forest Landscape Plan framework will enable greater engagement with stakeholders, communities and the public on forest management
- Strengthened compliance and enforcement
- Expanded authorities to charge fees relating to the use or occupation of public land.



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