

MANAGING BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FORESTS INTO THE FUTURE



British Columbia
Community Forest
Association

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AGENDA:

1. Vision for BC Forests
2. High-level Re-cap of old growth strategic review
3. Old growth engagement approach



VISION FOR BC FORESTS



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THE VISION



Increasing benefits to more British Columbians.

- Creating a more resilient forest landbase
- A powerful tool to combat climate change
- Enhancing the value added sector including the bio-economy.
- Indigenous People and local communities as partners in forest management
- **Role of community forests?**

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDFIRE



RESILIENT FORESTS

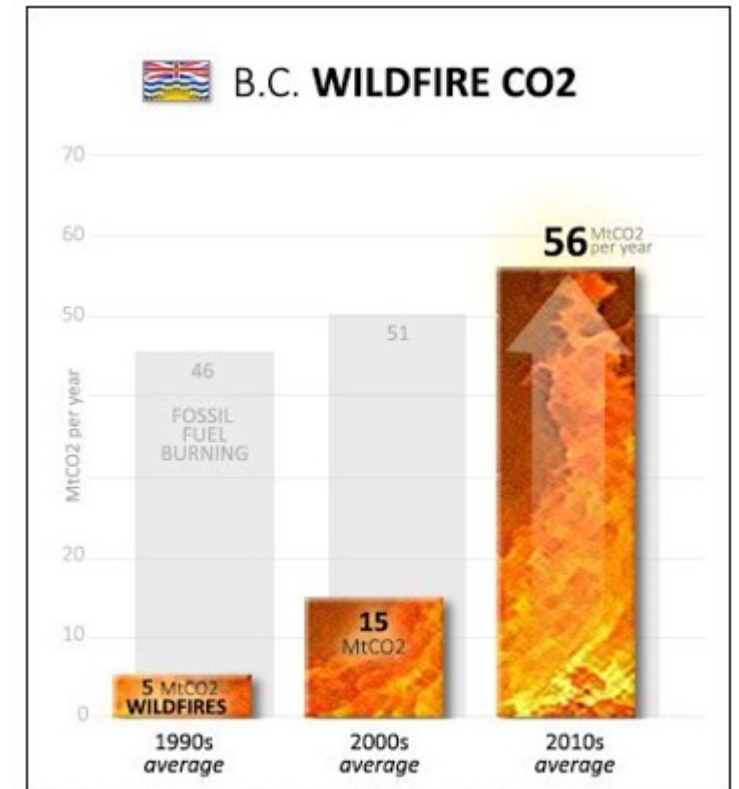
- Enhance utilization Forest
- Enhancement Society
- From static to dynamic
- Forest Landscape Planning
- Wildfire Risk Reduction





CLIMATE CHANGE

- Carbon - Managed forests 18 times the benefit of an unmanaged forest
- BC Wildfire emissions
- *"BC's official greenhouse gas tally was 68 Mt in 2018 and wildfires were 200 Mt, meaning the wildfires that year led to emissions almost three times as large as all of the emissions from powering our homes, vehicles and industries."*



B.C. WILDFIRE CO2 DECADE AVERAGES – Data from B.C.'s Provincial Inventory Reports covers the years 1990-2018. I've estimated wildfire emissions for 2019 at 5 MtCO2 & 2020 thru July 26 at 60 MtCO2, both based on reported hectares burned. CHART by Barry Saxifrage at VisualCarbon.org & NationalObserver.com, July 2021



CLIMATE CHANGE – PRESCRIBED FIRE





VALUE ADDED



Distribution of log sales	
Sales to very large mills > 850,000 m ³ /year	46.9%
Sales to large mills 295,000 m ³ – 850,000 m ³ /year	15.5%
Sales to medium mills 95,000 m ³ – 295,000 m ³ /year	11.4%
Sales to small mills < 95,000 m ³ /year	3.1%
Broker	10.5%
Sales to facilities that use low quality fibre (chip, pellet, pulp & paper)	6.5%
Sales to pole, veneer, plywood & OSB	2.6%
Sales to shake and shingle mills	1.2%
Sales to mill owned by the community forest	0.8%
Sales to firewood	0.8%
Logs exported	0.7%
Sales to value-added mills	0.2%

RECONCILIATION

Indigenous Partnerships

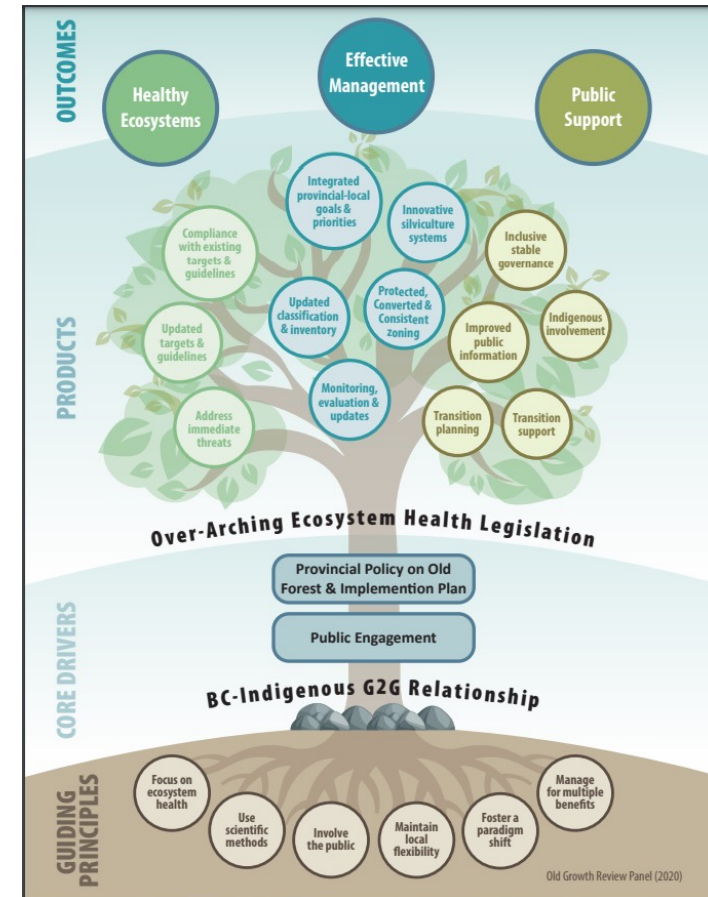
- New revenue sharing model
- Tenure transfers
- Forest Landscape Planning
- DRIPA Action Plan



A New Future for Old Forests



A Strategic Review of How British Columbia Manages for Old Forests Within its Ancient Ecosystems



HEALTHIER ECOSYSTEMS, BETTER MANAGEMENT AND GREATER PUBLIC SUPPORT

Transformational:

Indigenous partnership

Prioritize ecosystem health

Strengthen governance

Better public information

Operational:

Protect ecosystems at risk

Improve management of BC's forests by setting objectives, developing targets and guidance

Monitor and evaluate

Develop innovative silviculture practices

Improve inventory

Adopt 3-zone management system

Transitional:

Transition to new management approaches

Create resilient communities

PATHWAY TO IMPLEMENTATION – OUTCOMES



Short Term

Develop provincial
Old Forests Strategic
Action Plan for fall
2023



Medium Term

Align annual priority
work to deliver on
Action Plan



Long Term

Realize the shared
provincial and
Indigenous vision for old
forests management,
through policy
development, strategic,
tactical and operational
plans

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH



Moving from “engagement” to
“partnership”



Local government, industry,
environmental organizations,
labour groups





Design the process in collaboration with stakeholder groups

Leverage existing relationships and organizations including communities (e.g., UBCM), industry (e.g., COFI), ENGOs, and labour organizations

Prioritize working with innovative, solution orientated leaders

**Targeted
Engagement
with
Communities
and
Stakeholders**

INDIGENOUS COLLABORATION

Implement collaboration approaches based on past successful models

Provide opportunities for First Nations to engage at a broad provincial level, through existing provincial-Indigenous forums, or at G2G level

Collate ideas through the various mechanisms to identify key actions



Thank You