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It's More Than Just Old Growth: How the Old Growth Strategic Review Positions Us for Future Forest Management

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14 Recommendations

From the report, “A New Future for Old Forests” (2020)

REQUIRED CONDITIONS FOR CHANGE

- ① Indigenous involvement
- ② Prioritize ecosystem health
- ③ Adopt a 3-zone management framework
- ④ Strengthened governance
- ⑤ Better public information

IMMEDIATE RESPONSES

- 6. Ecosystems at very high risk
- 7. Compliance with existing requirements and guidelines

IMPROVE MANAGEMENT

- 8. Monitoring and evaluation
- 9. Objectives & targets framework
- 10. Update targets & guidance
- 11. Improved inventory
- 12. Innovative practises

ORDERLY TRANSITIONS

- 13. To new management approaches
- 14. For communities

— LEADING TO —

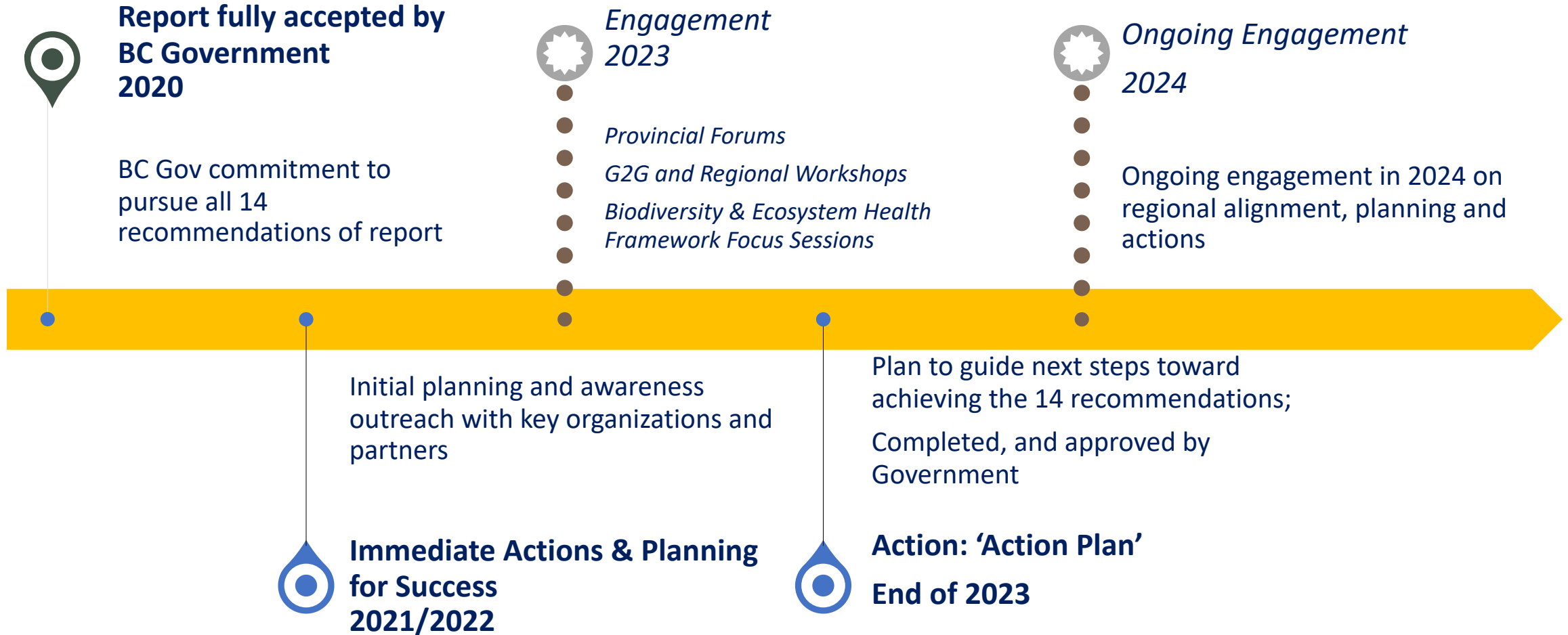
Healthier ecosystems | Better management | Greater public support

Transformational
changes include 1-4

Operational
changes include 5 – 12

Transitional
changes include 13-14

OGSR Roadmap 2020 - 2024



Old Growth Recommendations Progress To Date



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- Harvest deferrals have been implemented on approximately 2.1M ha of at-risk old forests.
- Forest Landscape Planning – 8 NEW Plans (\$25 M)
- BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (\$180 M)
- Silviculture Innovation Program (\$10 M)
- Future Forests Ecosystem Centre – established to map ecosystem shifts due to climate change
- Conservation financing mechanism
- Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) (\$38 M)
- Guardians Shared Compliance and Enforcement Pilot Project & Training (\$8.9 M)
- Biodiversity Guidebook and Land Use Planning Guides – in Development
- Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – \$33 M in grants funding available in FY 2022/23

Old Growth Action Plan & Framework on Ecosystem Health

Engagement Summary

Provincial Forums



2 Forums



74 Different First Nations
(# Individuals)



143 Sector
Participants

Regional Workshops



24

Planned Regional
Workshops Planned



South
6 Workshops

4 First Nation
Workshops

2 Sectoral
Workshops



North
10 Workshops

5 First Nation
Workshops

5 Sectoral
Workshops



Coast
8 Workshops

2 First Nation
Workshops

1 Sectoral
Workshop

5 G2G sessions



6 WLRS Led
Sessions On
Ecosystem Health



1 UBCM Led
Session for Local
Governments

Total Engagement to Date



120 Different First
Nations



205 Individuals from
First Nations



203 Individual
Stakeholders



26 ENGO
Organizations



40 Local
Governments



97 FOR Industry
Organizations



5 Labour
Organizations

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Themes from Regional Meetings



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- *"It's not about old growth"*
- Restoration & increased monitoring
- Community self-determination & local flexibility
- Focus on people and community
- New expectations for biodiversity in BC
- Support for existing actions
- Coordination of Current Planning Initiatives

Old Growth Action Plan

Community Forest Advantages



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- Area-based management
- Local focus and solutions (community and ecosystem-based)
- Stable economy and investments back into the local communities
- Existing relationships, coordination and planning processes

BC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework



Commitments:

- Co-develop a B.C. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework to manage for ecosystem health and minimize biodiversity risks (Phase 1).
- Develop new legislation and update existing legislation and other enabling tools to implement the Framework (Phase 2).

Indigenous Involvement (Recommendation #1)



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Context: The Old Growth Strategic Review Report recommended full involvement of Indigenous leaders and organizations to review the OGSR and any subsequent policy or strategy development and implementation

Discussion Question:

- a) Recognizing each community forest has its own Indigenous involvement in managing old growth, what are some commonalities that are unique to the community forests?

- b) How can the Province further support community forests in advancing Indigenous involvement in forest management planning?

Zoned Forest Management (Recommendation #3)



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Context: The Old Growth Strategic Review Report recommended adoption of a three-zone forest management framework to guide forest planning and decision-making...for the purpose of partitioning the forests into well-defined categories with clear goals to help eliminate confusion, provide greater certainty to industry, and increase transparency for the public.

Discussion Question:

- a) Recognizing that there was considerable disagreement about a 3-zone management framework at regional workshops, what could be a different tool or approach that could be considered to achieve the spirit and intent of this recommendation?
- b) How could this align with the Community Forest Management Plan?

More Inclusive and Stable Governance (Recommendation #4)



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Context: The Old Growth Strategic Review Report recommended adopting a more inclusive and stable governance model that gives local communities and stakeholders a greater role in forest management decisions that affect them.

Discussion Question:

- a) From a community forest perspective, how do you see this being developed and implemented?



Discussion