



BCCFA 2024 Indicators Survey

1. Introduction - Please Read Carefully

As a member of the BCCFA you are asked to participate in the 10th annual survey of the benefits that Community Forest Agreements (CFA) bring to their communities and to the province. The survey results, combined with your stories and photos, provide us with our most important and valuable tool in advocating for community forests and the provincial policies that support their success. This fact cannot be underestimated, particularly in these times of tremendous change in government policy.

Are you the right person for your organization to take the lead on the survey? If not, you can forward the survey link to the right person to complete the survey or you can complete the survey as a team. The link is customized for your organization, not for an individual.

Your 2023 Survey Responses

Each BCCFA member who completed the survey in 2023 was sent a copy of their responses on January 19 from smulkey@bccfa.ca. It is helpful to have it on hand when filling out the 2024 survey.

2024 Indicators Support Documents

[Link to support docs](#)

Documents at this link include:

- **Survey Methodology includes the objectives, rationale and methodology behind the questions to measure the 18 Indicators.**
- **Copy of the 2024 Indicators Survey Questions - This pdf. document is provided to give you a heads up on the survey content. You must submit your answers in the electronic survey, not in this document.**
- **2024 Stories Template with Robin Hood Memorial Award Pitch - If you prefer to focus on numbers in the online survey, you can use this template to tell some stories and make your pitch for the esteemed Robin Hood Memorial award. You can also tell stories and make the pitch directly in the survey. Please send high quality photos separately or in addition to embedding them directly in your submission. The embedded ones are not high enough quality to use in the Indicators Report.**

Confidentiality

All responses to the survey will be amalgamated to tell the collective story of the immense benefits CFAs provide. Information received from individual CFAs will be kept confidential unless a CFA agrees to share specific information.

Reporting Year

Most of the questions make a reference to the reporting year. The reporting year is your most recently completed fiscal year. It is important to stick with this time frame in all of your responses. Do not switch to a different time frame, for example, a calendar year. We know that for some of you this requirement makes your data and stories seem like old news. We encourage you to report on more current stories and photos but keep your data to the last full fiscal year.

Follow the instructions for each question and do the best you can

Your effort to complete as much of the survey as possible is appreciated. Please do the best you can to provide responses to each of the survey questions, particularly Indicators 1 and 6. Educated estimates or ballpark numbers are acceptable. When making an estimate, please err on the side of caution. It is important that we don't inflate our data. To help with survey compilation please enter "0" if you did not make an investment when asked. This will help us distinguish between zero investment, and an answered question.

You can come back to the survey at any time.

You must click NEXT at the bottom of the page, to save your data in Survey Monkey. If you press next and the survey does not forward to the next page, then you have incorrectly entered some information. You may have added a \$ sign or a m3 or entered text that the survey question will not allow. To help us in the compilation of survey responses, we ask that you enter numbers only.

The survey is extensive.

If you are being timed out or the browser you are using is not able to support the survey, we recommend using Google Chrome as your browser. If you are having problems, clear your cache and cookies, since that will act as a reset and usually fixes things. The steps to clear cache and cookies are slightly different depending on the browser you're using. Each browser has great instructions for this in their help centre.

Stories and Photos

Stories are at the heart of who we are and what we do. To truly explain the full benefits of community forests to decision-makers and the public, we need the stories and photos that best describe your work and the positive, local impacts of your community forest. Tell us the stories that are important to you, even if they are about events or activities that did not take place in the reporting year. We need a rich collection of photos to accompany the stories for the Indicators Report, so send Susan your pictures of minimum 1MB quality. You have two options for writing up your stories. Option 1 is to put them right in the survey at the end of each indicator. Option 2 is to focus on the data in the survey and write up your stories in the separate Stories Template document.

Make a pitch for the Robin Hood Memorial Award

You may make a pitch for the Robin Hood Memorial Award directly in the survey or in the stories template. The criteria for the award can be found at the end of the survey, including the requirement to complete this survey to be eligible.

Closing date for survey completion is April 15, 2024.



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2. Community Forest Information

* 1. Please provide the following information:

Licensee:

Your name and position:

Community:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

* 2. Community forest website address. If none, enter - none

* 3. What is the population of the community directly served by your community forest?



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3. Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

Instructions

In Indicator 1 we are asking: "What were the total number of workers and number of hours that were generated by the community forest in the reporting year in each of the categories below?"

It is of utmost importance to estimate all components of the land base activity so that we have as complete a data set as possible. We understand this is the most

onerous indicator to answer, but it is also our most important data when combined with your response to Indicator 6 because it helps us to calculate jobs created by community forests in comparison to the rest of the industry. **Remember that educated estimates are acceptable.** Having data on the jobs/m³ created by community forests is of critical importance in our advocacy efforts.

In this indicator you will report on:

- 1. The total # of workers with the community forest during the reporting year in each category.**
- 2. The total number of hours for workers in each category.**
- 3. The number of metres harvested in the reporting year.**
- 4. AAC - Annual Allowable Cut**
- 5. The total number of volunteer hours on your CFA which includes board, staff, contractors and community partners and members.**

The number of workers and number of hours will be asked in two separate questions. Your total number of workers and total hours of all workers will include staff (direct), contracted and any subsidized employment. This includes workers that are run through the community forest books and contracted crews.

In this Indicator we measure both the number of jobs per year & the number of jobs per metre. When members report on the number of employment hours, the BCCFA will be able to report on the average number of Person Years (PYs) per metre of community forest volume, and to make a comparison with the rest of the industry. The survey references "Person Years" (PYs). This is the 4th year we have used PYs, and it replaces "Full Time Equivalent" used in previous reports. In accordance with BC Stats, one PY is equivalent to 1750 hours.

We also know that in community forestry, many volunteer hours contribute to the successful operation of community forests that are not accounted for in contracts, wages and budgets. The volunteer hours that you report will help to inform BCCFA policy advocacy efforts, including tab rates discussions. Please estimate the total number of volunteer hours contributed by your board, staff, contractors and community partners and members to make the licence successful and meet the **8 goals of the community forest program.**

A worksheet to help with this indicator is available [here](#). We encourage you to use the worksheet through the year so when it comes to survey time, your data is more easily accessible.



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4. Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

4. Estimate the total number of workers in the reporting year in each of the categories below.

Forest Management:
Include any forestry management or forest manager associated with the CF and involved in planning or management of the community forest.

Accounting: If you have outside accounting and bookkeeping services, record it under accounting.

Staff/Administration: This includes any staff support or other administrative activities but would not include the CF manager who would be recorded above under forest management.

Logging: Actual logging work activity and includes any harvesting activity. It also includes road building activities that a general logging contractor may undertake in preparing the site and making lands. Include scaling and grading that happens during logging as well.

Hauling: Will include all activities associated with moving logs from harvest site to processing. This will include logging truck hauling, barge and tug hauling by water.

Log Sorting: Activities at a log sort yard - or log sorting that takes place away from the logging site. Sorting and scaling (bush scaling and grading) at the logging site is considered logging.

Road building: Road building done to access logging sites, but not done by main logging contractor as part of logging.

Road maintenance: Road maintenance on logging road not performed by main logging contractor. Includes snow removal and grading, general road maintenance.

Silviculture 1: Planting and planting prep work.

Silviculture 2: Wildfire mitigation, fuel management activities, spacing, pruning, root removal, and any other silviculture work outside of planting.

Trail building and maintenance: Trail building and maintenance in the community forest

Specialty consulting: Include services purchased that are typically not done by the forest manager and include engineering, hydrological assessment, biologists, and other consultants hired to support community forest work.

Botanical collection: Plant harvesting including berries, mushrooms, greens, oils, boughs, bark, and others

Research and scientific study

Commercial firewood:
Include only firewood
production that results
in paid work for
commercial or
donation purposes. Do
not include firewood
activities where the
individual cuts wood
for own purposes.

Mill processing: If the
community forest is
operating their own
wood processing
facility or small mill
include all workers
from the processing
site.

Other - Try to allocate
to another category
before selecting this
category. Please do not
include work that the
the CF staff are doing
for another licensee,
outside the boundaries
of the CF. If you use
this category explain
what the activity is in
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5. Please describe any other categories for question 4 above and the total number of workers generated in that category.



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5. Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

6. Estimate the total hours generated by paid workers with the community forest in the reporting year in each of the categories below. Please make sure you think of each worker you indicated in your jobs answer above.

Forest Management	<input type="text"/>
Accounting	<input type="text"/>
Staff/Administration	<input type="text"/>
Logging	<input type="text"/>
Hauling	<input type="text"/>
Log sorting	<input type="text"/>
Road building	<input type="text"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="text"/>
Silviculture 1 - planting	<input type="text"/>
Silviculture 2 - spacing, pruning including wildfire mitigation, fuel management activities	<input type="text"/>
Trail building and maintenance	<input type="text"/>
Specialty consulting	<input type="text"/>
Botanical collection	<input type="text"/>
Research and scientific study	<input type="text"/>
Commercial or donation firewood	<input type="text"/>
Processing at a mill owned by the CF	<input type="text"/>
Other - please describe in Question # 7 (e.g. snow plowing)	<input type="text"/>

7. Please describe any other categories to question 6 above and the total hours of workers involved in that category.

8. Estimate the total hours of CF workers in the reporting year working outside of the CF. This will include crews directly employed by the CF such as fire fighting and wildfire mitigation.

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6. Indicator #1: Number of Jobs

9. What was the total number of m³ harvested by the community forest in the reporting year? Please be sure you enter the volume that corresponds to the same period as the activities reported above. Enter a numerical value only for m³. Comments can be added at the end of the section.

10. What was your Annual Allowable Cut in the reporting period?

11. Please estimate the total number of volunteer hours contributed by your board, staff, contractors partners and community volunteers to make the licence successful and meet the 8 goals of the program. For example: Number of times a year your board meets, times the number of hours of each meeting or the number of hours where board and staff participated in unpaid community educational, recreational and community engagement activities. Many volunteer hours contribute to the successful operation of community forests that are not accounted for in contracts, wages and budgets. The volunteer hours that you report will help to inform BCCFA policy advocacy efforts, including tab rates discussions.

12. Comments

13. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.

7. Indicator #2: Total Economic Activity

Instructions

Please provide:

- **the total value in dollars of sales and expenditures made by your community forest in the reporting year. The value of sales and expenditures should be available on the annual income statement of the community forest. These figures represent total operating expenses and includes fixed and production costs, including things like debt financing.**
- **an estimate of the direct costs above and beyond mainstream forest operations to gain social licence and to be successful.**

14. What is the total dollar value of your sales in the reporting year? Enter a numerical value only. Round up to a whole number. Comments can be added at the end of the section.

15. What is the total dollar value of your expenditures in the reporting year? Enter a numerical value only. Round up to a whole number. Comments can be added at the end of the section. Note that community contributions and dividends are counted in Indicator # 3 Community Contributions and are not to be reported here.

16. Community forests are incurring direct costs above and beyond major licensees to gain social licence and to be successful. This is the main reason why our jobs/m³ figures are greater than the industry average in our forest management & logging operations. Please tell a story and provide an example with amounts where possible, that illustrates the incremental costs you incur and/or extra Person Years that help make your community forest a success.

17. Comments

18. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.

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8. Indicator #3: Community Contributions

Instructions

You are being asked to report:

- 1. The total cash contributed to the community through shareholder dividends, grants, infrastructure improvements, special projects etc. in the reporting year.**
- 2. The total in-kind contributions to the community measured in dollars. in the reporting year.**

Tally the total cash contributions made by your community forest in the reporting year. Next, tally the total of in-kind contributions for all projects and activities, estimated in dollars. For example donation of 3 hours of machine time to a community project can be calculated using the going rate for the piece of equipment. Likewise the dollar amount for volunteer time (including that of your board) can be estimated by using an average community wage.

19. What is the total cash contributed to the community through shareholder dividends, grants, infrastructure improvements, firewood donations, special projects etc. in the reporting year? Enter "0" as a response if you did not make a contribution.

20. Estimate the total amount of in-kind and volunteer contributions to the community measured in dollars in the reporting year? The average individual rate may be calculated at \$55 p/h. For machine/operator in-kind and volunteer contributions please calculate at standard industry rates. Enter "0" as a response if you did not make a a contribution.

21. Comments

22. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.

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9. Indicator #4: Funds Leveraged by the Community Forest

Instructions

You are being asked to report:

The total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects leveraged by CFA revenues. Tally the total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects accessed due to a contribution of community forest dollars. For example as noted in the 2019 Indicators Report, Lower North Thompson CF reported that \$34,210 in cash and in-kind contributions were leveraged to receive a \$100,000 grant from the BC Rural Dividend Fund.

23. Were CFA profits used to leverage dollars raised from outside sources?

- yes
- no
- do not know
- Other (please specify)

24. What were the total dollars raised from outside sources for local projects, leveraged by CFA profits in the reporting year?

25. Comments

26. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.

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10. Indicator #5: Cut Control

Instructions

You are being asked to report on:

- 1. Whether your community forest is on target to meet the cut control in the current period and if no, why.**
- 2. The total cubic metres of undercut in the last cut control period, if applicable. Enter numerical values only.**
- 3. Relevant comments. If you are operating in your first cut control period, please let us know in the comment section.**

27. Are you on track to meet your cut control in the current period?

Yes

No

If no, why?

28. If you answered no above, how much volume is in your undercut?

29. Comments

30. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.

11. Indicator #6: Distribution of Log Sales

Indicator 6 Instructions

Community forests primarily supply wood on the open market to major industry and to small and medium sized mills and value added manufacturers. In doing so, they contribute to the diversification of manufacturing while supporting small and medium sized mills. We support this diversity because it creates more economic resiliency and greater benefits for communities.

The data from this question will be linked with the responses from Indicator #1. You must answer both Indicator 1 and 6 to help us get the data to report on jobs. We will then use the standard BC employment coefficients for each mill category to generate more facts on the employment benefits of community forest logs in comparison to the rest of the industry.

The BCCFA would like to better understand how our members are marketing their logs and to learn about any multi-year arrangements with the major mills in their area. Some of you may feel reluctant or uncomfortable to disclose sensitive information about your markets. We want to emphasize that your responses are confidential and will not be shared unless you are in agreement.

We also want to know if/how you are dealing with post-harvest waste.

Survey respondents will report:

- 1. The volume of sales to mills in each of the categories, based on the annual log input of a mill/manufacturing facility as described below.**
- 2. How you market your logs.**
- 3. Your involvement and or interest in markets for wood waste.**
- 4. Your activities to increase utilization and reduce burning.**
- 5. Interest in operating own small/micro mill**

To assist respondents in answering this volume to mills question, the MOF can provide scale site data from HBS for the period on which you are reporting. Please contact the BCCFA if you require assistance.

31. Estimate the volume in m³ sold to each of the mill types below. Please do not leave this section blank! If you sell logs through a broker, go to the next question.

Chip mills	<input type="text"/>
Mill operated by the Community Forest	<input type="text"/>
Small lumber mills with a capacity less than 95,000 m ³ per year	<input type="text"/>
Medium lumber mills with a capacity greater than 95,000 m ³ per year but less than 295,000 m ³	<input type="text"/>
Large lumber mills with a capacity greater than 295,000 m ³ but less than 850,000 m ³	<input type="text"/>
Very large mills with a capacity greater than 850,000 m ³	<input type="text"/>
Pellet mills	<input type="text"/>
Types of pole mills	<input type="text"/>
Pulp and paper mills	<input type="text"/>
Veneer, plywood, osb and other panel mills	<input type="text"/>
Cabinets and furniture	<input type="text"/>
Engineered wood products	<input type="text"/>
Log home mills	<input type="text"/>
Millwork	<input type="text"/>
Pallets and containers	<input type="text"/>
Remanufactured products	<input type="text"/>
Shake and shingle mills	<input type="text"/>
Firewood	<input type="text"/>
Wood export as logs from the province	<input type="text"/>

32. Please enter the numerical value of the volume in m³ sold through a broker. If 0 please move to the next question.

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12. Indicator #6: Distribution of Log Sales

33. What procedures do you use to market and sell logs from the community forest? Tick all that apply

- tender the decked log
- tender the standing timber
- sell to regional log sort
- log broker
- long term fibre flow agreements
- processed by mill owned by the community forest
- direct sales to local, small mills and or value added enterprises
- Other (please specify)

34. Do you sort your logs for sales to get the highest value?

- yes
- no
- Other (please specify)

35. How many entities do you open up your log sales to? (i.e. how many bidders do you invite?)

36. How many entities did you sell to in the reporting year?

37. What % of your logs are sold to mills that you consider local?

38. Do you have a multi-year management contract with a holder of a fibre processing facility?

39. Do you have a multi-year fibre contract with a holder of a fibre processing facility?

40. Please explain how this arrangement/contract reflects best value for your community forest. What is the term of the contract? Does it allow for market fluctuations in commodity prices?

41. Markets for waste and residue. Check one that best applies.

- We currently have markets for waste or residue. Please describe below.
- We are actively seeking markets for waste or residue. Please describe below.
- We currently have markets and we are actively seeking new markets. Please describe below.
- Please describe

42. Please describe any efforts you are making regarding utilization of lower quality fibre and post harvest residuals, particularly as it relates to enhanced benefits, like a reduction in fuel loading and lower carbon emissions.

43. What is the top challenge you face in your effort to utilize residual fibre? Please tell us what has worked and what has not.

44. Are you shipping pulp or other low value fibre at a loss that would otherwise be waste in order to achieve environmental or social benefits?

- Yes
- No

45. Have you accessed external funding such as FESBC to help pay for shipping of residual fibre?

- Yes
- No

46. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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13. Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

Instructions

This is an economic indicator where we are looking to find out about your investments to improve opportunities on your community forest for the future. You will report separately on work paid for by the community forest, and work paid for with funding from outside sources such as the Forest Investment Program. Enter numerical values only and round your figures up to a whole number. No decimals or dollar signs, please.

You are being asked to report:

- 1. The total value, in dollars and in-kind, of the community forest's investment in intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the listed categories. Respondents will report the total treatment cost, including planning, development, and administration of these projects.**
- 2. The number of hectares treated.**
- 3. Brief description of the incremental activities.**
- 4. Investments in incremental activities/silviculture past the free to grow stage**
- 5. Number of trees planted in total in the reporting year**

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14. Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

47. What is the total dollar value of your community forest's own investment in intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the reporting year? Total treatment cost includes planning, development, and administration of projects plus the cost of all activities (spacing, brushing, enhanced genetic stock, fertilization). Enter "0" as a response if you did not make an investment.

48. What is the total in-kind dollar value of your community forest's investment in intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the reporting year? Total treatment cost includes planning, development, and administration of projects plus the cost of all activities (spacing, brushing, enhanced genetic stock, fertilization). Enter "0" as a response if you did not make an investment.

49. What is the total dollar value of BC's Forest Investment Program funding invested in intensive silviculture in the reporting year? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

50. What is the total dollar value from any other outside sources for intensive silviculture, incremental to legal requirements in the reporting year? Total treatment cost includes planning, development, and administration of projects plus the cost of all activities (spacing, brushing, enhanced genetic stock, fertilization). Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

51. Give a brief description of the incremental activities.

52. What is the number of hectares treated in the reporting year?

53. Does your CFA make investments in incremental activities/silviculture past the free to grow stage? E.g. rehab of roads back to productivity, NSR on previously harvested areas prior to establishment of the CFA, harvesting of 'scharby' or no value stands to return to productivity or pre-commercial thinning and pruning to increase stand value?

Yes

No

Please describe



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15. Indicator #7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture

54. What is the total number of trees planted in the reporting year?

55. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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16. Indicator #8: Economic Diversification

Instructions

Report the total value in dollars of revenue from diversified sales for the reporting period including all products for which the CFA holder has the authority to manage according to Schedule C of the CF Agreement, for example, sales of berries, jams, herbs, floral greens, or the provision of services off the community forest land base, for example, Wildland Urban Interface management and consulting services, value added milling or other business activities .

56. What is the total value in dollars of revenue from diversified activities for the reporting period? Enter "0" as a response if there was no revenue.

57. What was the activity in which dollars were earned?

58. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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17. Indicator #9: Community Accountability

Instructions

You are being asked to report:

1. On your annual reporting to the community on the commitments made in your current Management Plan. This is a legal responsibility in your license document.

Yes/No

2. The various strategies you employ to share information and report to the local community.

3. The number of in-kind and volunteer hours contributed to community accountability activities.

59. Do you meet your legal responsibility to report annually to the community on your community forest's performance on the commitments made in the Management Plan?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

60. In the list below of potential strategies & tools that can be used to communicate the community forest's performance on the commitments made in the Management Plan, tick all that apply to those used by your organization.

annual meeting

open house

website

Facebook or other social media

meeting minutes are available to the public

financial statements are available to the public

meetings are open to the public

newsletter

local print newspaper

field trip

Other (please specify)

61. What is the number of volunteer and in-kind hours contributed to community accountability? Enter none if there was no contribution.

62. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



18. Indicator #10: Public Engagement

Instructions

While Indicator #9 focuses on reporting out annually to the community, this indicator measures the efforts of the community forest to engage with the diversity of community members and perspectives. This year we are asking a new question to learn about community forests and shared decision making and co-management.

- 1. Select from the list the community sectors that your community forest engaged with in targeted outreach and consultation activities.**
- 2. Report the total number of formal agreements in place with these groups.**
- 3. Report on those relationships where shared decision making or co-management are a mutually understood principle of the relationship.**
- 4. Report on number of volunteer hours contributed by board, staff and contractors related to public engagement.**

63. Select from the list the community sectors that your community forest engaged with in targeted outreach and consultation activities in the reporting year.

- water users
- property owners
- tourism associations
- chamber of commerce
- environmental groups
- hunters
- firewood cutters
- ranchers
- miners
- trappers
- mountain bike groups
- hiking groups
- motorized vehicle recreation groups
- horseback riding groups
- cross country ski groups

Other (please specify)

64. A formal agreement is one that has been signed by two or more parties. How many formal agreements did you have in place in the reporting year with these groups?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

65. Please list the organizations you have formal agreements with:

66. Please describe any local relationships where shared decision making or co-management are a mutually understood principle of the relationship.

67. What are the number of volunteer hours contributed by board, staff and contractors related to public engagement? Enter "0" as a response if there was no contribution.

68. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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19. Indicator #11: Investments in Community Education

Instructions

You are being asked to estimate the time spent by community forest staff, contractors, employees and volunteers on all educational activities in the reporting period. This includes school presentations, field trips, public events, as well as

training supported by the community forest (such as first aid, faller certification etc).

1. Estimate the total value in dollars of all community forest investments in education in the reporting year
2. Estimate the number of hours contributed by board, staff and contractors for educational activities in the reporting year.
3. Your involvement in a K-12 educational program.
4. Your involvement in National Forest Week.

69. What is the value of the community forest's own money spent on education in the reporting year? Enter "0" if you did not make an investment

70. Estimate the number of hours, both volunteer and paid staff time, spent by your organization on coordination and delivering educational activities in the community in the reporting period? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

71. Do you conduct educational activities with K-12 students?

- Yes
 No

72. If you do work with K-12, are any of your activities linked to National Forest Week?

- Yes
 No

73. Comments

74. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



20. Indicator #12: Investments in Recreation

Instructions

You are being asked to report on investments in recreation activities and infrastructure or features, on and off the community forest, including trails for hiking, biking, skiing, horseback riding, information kiosks, cabins or warming huts, and viewpoints.

- 1. Estimate cash & in-kind investments made.**
- 2. Estimate the number of volunteer hours contributed to recreation infrastructure and activities.**
- 3. Estimate the total number of kilometres of trail the community forest has built, maintained or funded. Include work done by another organization, on or off the community forest, with dollars contributed by the community forest.**

75. Estimate the amount of the CFA's own money spent for recreation infrastructure and activities, on and off the community forest in the reporting period. Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

76. Estimate the number of volunteer and paid staff hours spent on recreation infrastructure and activities, on and off the community forest, in the reporting period.

77. Estimate the total number of kilometres of trail the community forest, or other groups with community forest funding, built or maintained in the reporting period.

78. Comments

79. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



21. Indicator #13: Proactive Management of Wildfire Hazard

Instructions

Report on:

- 1. The value of investments, which includes the community forest's own funds**
- 2. The amount of funds from outside sources, cash and in-kind to reduce wildfire hazard.**
- 3. The number of hectares treated.**
- 4. The estimated number of volunteer hours contributed by board, staff and contractors for wildfire risk reduction activities.**

80. What is the estimated value of investments funded by the community forest to reduce wildfire hazard in the reporting period? Please include the monetary value of staff remuneration utilized in wildfire activities along with money spent. Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.



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22. Indicator #13: Proactive Management of Wildfire Hazard

81. What is the value of investments funded by outside sources to reduce wildfire hazard in the reporting period? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

82. What is the estimated number of volunteer hours contributed by board, staff and contractors for wildfire risk reduction activities in the reporting period? Enter "0" as a response if there was no contribution.

83. What is the number of hectares treated in the reporting period? Enter "0" as a response if there were no hectares treated.

84. Have you collaborated with your local or Indigenous government on wildfire planning and preparedness (for example through funding from BCCFA, FESBC, FINES, SWPI or CRI Program)?

Yes

No

85. Comments

86. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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23. Indicator #14: Forest Worker Safety

Instructions

Report on:

- 1. Whether or not your organization is Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council**
- 2. Whether or not your organization requires employees and/or contractors to be Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council or an equivalent program.**
- 3. The number and severity of safety incidents in the reporting year.**
- 5. The activity associated with the incident/s.**
- 6. Description of the incident/s.**

87. Is your organization Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

88. Does your organization require employees and/or contractors to be Safe Certified with the BC Forest Safety Council or an equivalent program?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

89. What was the number of safety incidents recorded in the reporting year?

90. What was the severity of the incident/s?

- Minor
- Serious (requiring attention)
- Fatality
- Other (please specify)

91. With what activity was the incident/s associated?

- field work
- roadwork
- falling
- skidding
- processing/bucking
- loading
- hauling
- silviculture

Other (please specify)

92. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



24. Indicator #15: First Nations Involvement and Collaboration

Instructions

This indicator will measure the breadth and depth of the community forest's involvement and collaboration with First Nations. It will serve to demonstrate how effective community forest organizations are at building relationships and collaborating with the First Nation or Nations within whose traditional lands the community forest is located.

You are asked to report on:

- 1. Types of involvement with First Nations in the reporting year.**
- 2. Your CFA's responses to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) and current government policy direction.**
- 3. The number of volunteer hours contributed by the board, staff and contractors hours to First Nations relationship building and engagement.**

93. What types of involvement, beyond legal requirements, has your organization engaged in with First Nations in the reporting year?

- The community forest is held by a First Nation
- The governance structure is a partnership with local First Nation(s)
- There is designated First Nations representation on the board
- There is shared decision making with First Nations
- Employment contracts with First Nations
- Cooperative planning
- Profits shared with local First Nation/s
- Memoranda of Understanding
- Capacity building activities such as training and education.

Other (please specify)

94. What is the number of volunteer hours contributed by the board, staff and contractors to First Nation relationships and engagement? Enter "0" as a response if there was no contribution.

95. In recognition of DRIPA and other government intentions and priorities regarding First Nations, what has your CFA done to respond? E.g. Contemplating shared decision making, co-management or co-ownership.

96. Comments

97. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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25. Indicator #16: Management of Sensitive Areas

Instructions

You are being asked to use Vegetation Resources Inventory (VRI) data or better to answer the questions below. The questions are designed to differentiate the areas where no harvesting can occur from areas where modified management practices can occur.

Sensitive areas are defined as: domestic and community watersheds; riparian areas ; visually sensitive areas ('preservation', 'retention', and 'partial retention' VQO's--not 'modification' VQO); 'potentially unstable' and 'unstable' terrain (Terrain Class IV and V); areas with archaeological values or cultural heritage (e.g., per Archaeological Overview Assessments); identified/critical wildlife habitat (e.g. ungulate winter range, wildlife habitat areas, caribou habitat, anything covered by a GAR order); fisheries sensitive watersheds; (buffers on) recreation trails and sites; areas identified as sensitive by the community.

Please do not include the old growth deferral areas in questions 106 to 112. Questions about the deferrals are in questions 113 to 115.

Report on:

- 1. The total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area.**
- 2. The number of hectares within the community forest that are considered**

sensitive.

3. The number of hectares within the community forest that are considered sensitive and operable.

4. The number of hectares within the community forest that are set aside in permanent or long-term reserves.

5. The number of hectares in community watersheds.

6. Update on the Old Growth deferrals on your CFA.

98. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area?

99. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are considered sensitive? Enter "0" as a response if there are no sensitive areas.

100. What is the total number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are considered sensitive and that you intend to operate in? Enter "0" as a response if there are no operable sensitive areas.

101. Briefly describe what you are doing in sensitive/operable areas.

102. What are the number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are set aside in a permanent or long-term reserve or no-go area? Enter "0" as a response if there are no hectares in reserves.

103. Estimate the number of hectares in the Community Forest Agreement area that are in community or consumptive use watersheds.

104. How many hectares are Not Sufficiently Restocked (NSR)? Enter "0" as a response if there are no NSR hectares.

105. Estimate the area in your THLB (operable area) that is identified in an old growth deferral area. We are looking for the area of overlap. Enter "0" as a response if there is no overlap area.

106. Estimate the area identified as an old growth deferral area that is not already in an OGMA or set aside in a permanent or long-term reserve or no-go area. Enter "0" as a response if there is no area.

107. Please provide a brief update on status of the deferral process within your CFA. Check all that apply.

- We have our own plan for management of old growth
- We are developing our own plan in collaboration with First Nations.
- We are voluntarily deferring harvesting in the TAP polygons.
- We are using the field verification guidance to find replacement areas.
- Nothing is happening while we wait for First Nations to provide direction.
- Other (please specify)

108. Do you have a plan for management of old growth on your community forest?

- yes
- no
- Yes and our plan includes the types of old growth defined by the Old Growth Technical Advisory Panel.

109. Comments

110. Tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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26. Indicator #17: Investments in Forest Stewardship

Instructions

You are being asked to consider the descriptions of sensitive areas in Indicator 16 and answer the questions for investments made and hectares treated within the Community Forest Agreement area that are incremental to legal requirements.

Examples of stewardship activities include:

Long term planning

Inventory plots and spatializing Mule Deer Winter Range Snow Interception Cover areas.

Wildlife monitoring study on coarse woody debris corridors to determine levels of small furbearer activity.

Partial cutting to address environmental and social values.

Monitoring of goat habitat and modified operations to meet goat habitat objectives.

Grassland restoration.

Enhanced strategies to manage for wildlife, water quality and visuals.

Be sure to include all costs that are incremental to legal requirements in your tally (inventory & planning, monitoring and research, enhanced surveys).

Report on:

- 1. The value in dollars of investments made by your community forest in enhanced or modified management for ecological or social reasons within the community forest boundaries.**
- 2. The number of volunteer and in-kind hours contributed by the board, staff and contractors in forest stewardship activities.**
- 3. The number of hectares treated within the community forest and outside the boundaries.**
- 4. The CFA's involvement in long-term (60+ years) planning.**
- 5. CFA usage of LiDAR.**
- 6. CFA monitoring programs in place.**

111. What is the dollar value of investments made by the community forest in enhanced or modified management for ecological or social reasons within the community forest in the reporting year? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

112. What is the dollar value of investments from outside sources in enhanced or modified management? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

113. Estimate the number of in-kind and volunteer hours contributed by the board, staff and contractors to forest stewardship activities. Enter "0" as a response if there was no contribution.

114. What is the number of hectares treated within the community forest boundaries in the reporting year? Enter "0" as a response if there was no investment.

115. Has your CFA invested in LiDAR?

Yes

No

Please describe how you are using it and how often you are updating the data.

116. Do you have any monitoring programs in place? If so please describe.

117. Comments

118. Please tell a story here or in the separate stories template.



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27. Indicator #18: Compliance with Environmental Standards

Instructions

You are being asked to report:

1. The number of Ministry of Forests Compliance and Enforcement inspections

conducted, as well as the number of determinations issued against the community forest organization/contractors/employees in the reporting year that related to the potential for environmental damage.

2. The results of a Forest Practices Board audit, if one has been conducted.

3. The results of other agency investigations, if applicable. For example: Department of Fisheries and Operations or the Association of BC Forest Professionals.

4. Self-assessment of management practices.

Respondents can request a compliance report from their District's Compliance and Enforcement staff on their license, and use this info to report on the number of non compliance actions that were issued.

119. What is the number of FLNRO C&E inspections conducted in the reporting year?

120. What is the number of C&E determinations issued against the community forest organization/contractors/employees in the reporting year?

121. Briefly summarize the results of a Forest Practices Board audit or investigation, if applicable in the reporting year.

122. Briefly summarize the results of other agency investigations, if one was conducted (for example DFO or ABCFP).

123. In your opinion, do your management practices (choose one) meet, exceed, or significantly exceed requirements outlined in legislation. Please provide one example

- meet
- exceed
- significantly exceed

Please provide one example.

124. Comments



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28. BCCFA Member Information

125. Is BCCFA membership a worthwhile investment?

- High value
- Medium value
- Low value
- Other (please specify)

126. Do you read the monthly BCCFA Member Newsletter?

- Yes
- No

127. Do you read the monthly Executive Director's Report?

- Yes
- No

128. Do you follow the BCCFA on social media? Check all that you use.

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Instagram
- None of the above

129. Tell us your suggestions to improve communications, the website and/or newsletter

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29. Community Forest AAC

The BCCFA is funded by membership dues which are based on AAC and m3 harvested in the reporting year. Your responses to these next questions will help us plan budgets for the next couple of years.

130. What is your AAC over time?

Current AAC

Estimated future AAC

Estimated date for the future AAC

131. What are your near future harvest projections?

2024

2025

132. Comments

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30. Robin Hood Memorial Award

133. In 2016, the Ministry of Forests created an award that is given annually to the community forest that best exemplifies the values exhibited by the late Robin Hood and the goals and values of community forestry in BC. These values include community leadership, providing local and social economic opportunity, innovation and passion for community forestry. The first recipient of the award was the Likely-Xats'ull Community Forest. Additional recipients include:

2017 - Harrop-Procter Community Forest

2018 - Lower North Thompson Community Forest

2019 - Logan Lake Community Forest

2020 - West Boundary Community Forest

2021 - Westbank Community Forest

2022 - Wetzin'kwa Community Forest

2023 - Williams Lake Community Forest

To apply for the \$10,000 award, BCCFA members are asked to explain why they should be considered for the award. To be eligible for nomination, the recipient must be a CFA licensee, all basic obligations must be current - i.e. reforestation, slash disposal, road maintenance, etc. , the CFA must have no outstanding and/or unresolved compliance and enforcement issues or outstanding financial accounts with the Ministry. A collaborative working relationship with the Ministry is essential. If you have completed the Indicators Survey, we encourage you to make your pitch for this esteemed award.

You can make your pitch below or in the stories template.