

# BC COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION

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BCCFA Year In Review - Jennifer Gunter, Executive Director







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## Community Forests







BCCFA with Minister of Forests Lands and Natural  
Resources Ops – Honourable Steve Thomson



Meetings with Tenures Branch Staff, Victoria BC





Union of BC Municipalities Convention



# Strategic Plan 2012-2017

## Four Areas of Focus

1. External Relations and Government Policy
2. Member Services
3. Education
4. Operations and Governance





## Annual Progress





## External Relations & Government Policy

### ▣ **Advocacy for Community Forest Management in BC**

- Community Forest Program Expansion
- Indicators Project
- Administrative Streamlining





## Community Forest Program Expansion

1. Increase the number of Community Forest Agreements, making them broadly available to communities and First Nations
2. Ensure Community Forest Agreements are large enough to be efficient, economically viable and able to provide the maximum benefit to local economies.



# Community Forest Program Expansion

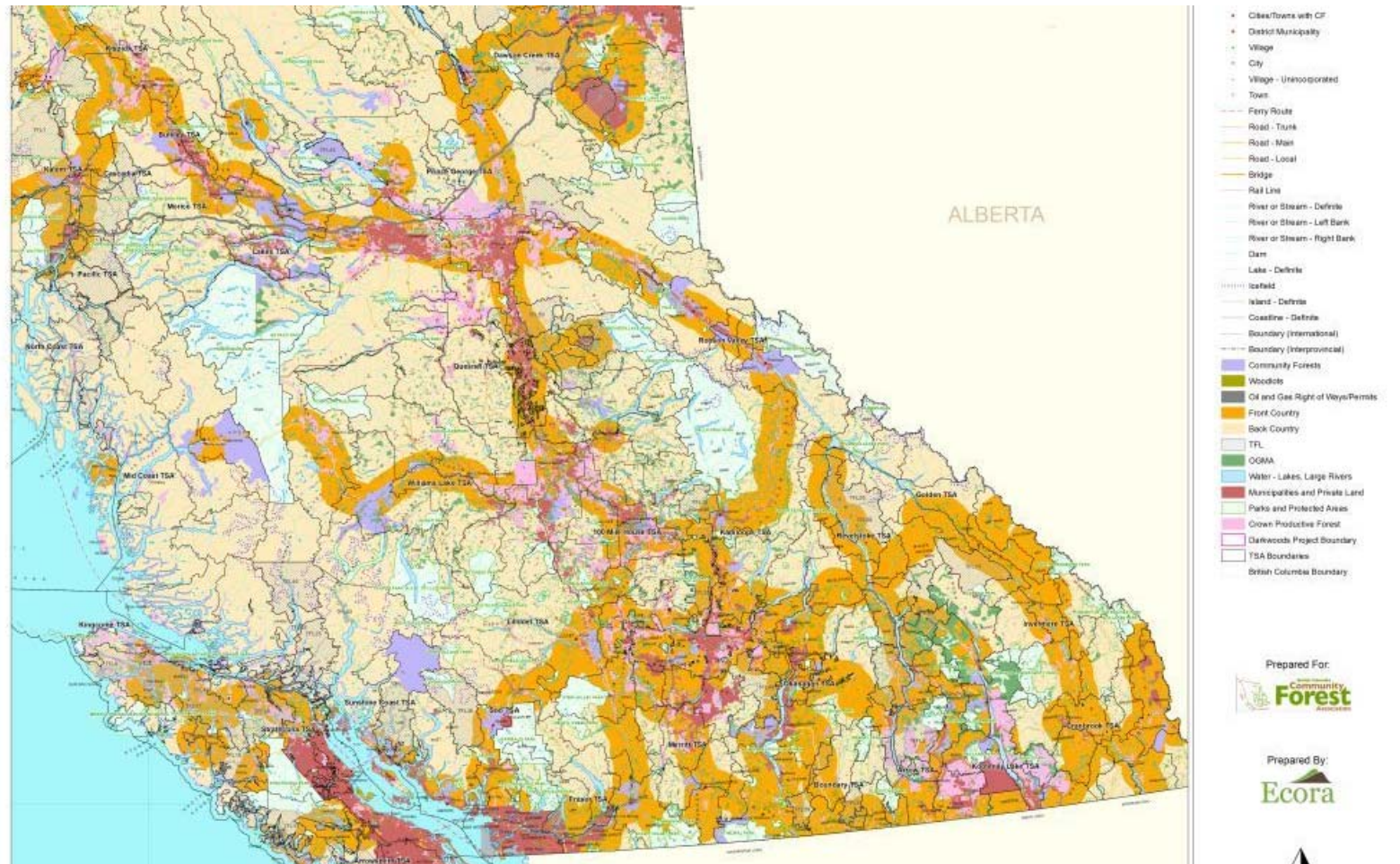
- ❑ Community Forest Program Joint Working Group
- ❑ Higher Level Strategy





## Consultation on Area-Based Tenure

1. Increase the diversity of area-based tenures by expanding the Community Forest Program.
2. Incorporate a mandatory “take-back” or provision.
3. Take a landscape approach, and carefully consider the areas that are best suited to the full range of area-based tenures.
4. Include a mandatory requirement to demonstrate community support for the application.



## Front Country Map





## Community Forest Indicators Project



## Measuring the Benefits of Community Forests



## Administrative Streamlining







## Land Based Investment

- Budget for community forests & woodlots cut to \$0 in 2013-2014
- Spent the year reintegrating CFAs for participation in 2014-2015
- New Forests for Tomorrow Annual Operating Plan, coordination by LBI Leads in government
- Community forest projects will total \$950,000 in 2014-2015.



# Member Services

- ❑ Core Service to Members
- ❑ Communications
- ❑ UBC Extension Project



UBC Summer Interns In Nakusp CF





## Digital Technology Project



## Membership – Adding Value

- ❑ WoodSourceBC.com and Fibre Connections
- ❑ Bridges II: Creating more Regional Economic Value from Regional Forests
- ❑ FPInnovations: Forest Sector Technical Support Services for BC Communities



## Education

*British Columbians are knowledgeable about community forestry, and the benefits that community forests bring to communities in BC*

- Events & Tradeshow
- Newsletter and Website
- Speaking Engagements





## Education





# Operations and Governance

- Organizational Development: Policy Board
- Operating under direction of 5 Year Strategic Plan
- Next Steps: Review Membership Fee Structure



**Thank You**

