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Presentation Outline

- Reflection on the Year since McBride
- Update on BCCFA Activities
- Looking Forward

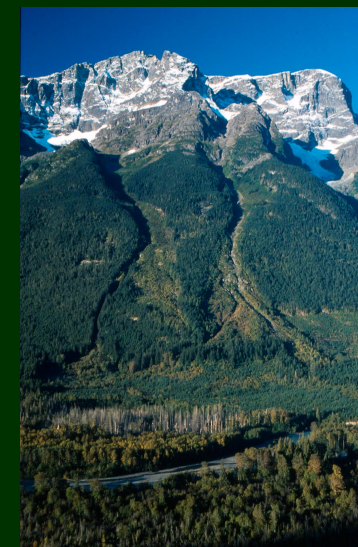


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Since the Spring of 2007

- 6 new community forest opportunities have been announced
- 3 of which are native /non-native partnerships

The BCCFA now has 43 members and 11 Associate Members.



CFA Program Status June 2008

- 6 Long Term CFAs Awarded
- 22 PCFAs Issued
- 24 Communities Invited to Apply for a PCFA
- 52 Communities Involved in the Community Forest Program**



Key Developments

- Community Forest Program Working Group
- Commitment from Government to remove the Probationary Period for Community Forests
- Improved Pricing for the Coast
- Continued Expansion of the Program



GLOBAL VISION FOR COMMUNITY FORESTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A CALL TO ACTION

Delegates from 20 countries reaffirmed that:

“Community forestry is an innovative approach that reconnects lands and people, fosters environmental stewardship, promotes social equity and supports livelihoods...”

“..... formidable obstacles are impeding community forestry from realizing its full potential. These include insecure land rights, insufficient transfer of authority and a lack of capacity building and financial support.”



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The BCCFA

- Serves as the voice and advocate for community forestry
- Works with government to expand community forestry
- Provides input to government to facilitate the success of community forest initiatives
- Provides support to BC communities striving to obtain and successfully implement community forest initiatives

Purposes of the BCCFA

Provincial Policy

Education & Networking



Timber Pricing

- Tabular Rates: Remove all cruising requirements for CFAs
- Provides an 85% rate reduction to the Interior Appraisal Manual Table 6.1
- Provides a 70% reduction to the Average Sawlog Stumpage Rates for the Coast Forest Region
- 2 Zones Created



Community Forest Working Group



Activities & Accomplishments

Community Forest Program Working Group

- New Goals for the Program
- New Application Template
- New PCFA Assessment Template



Revised Objectives for the Community Forest Tenure in BC

- Provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values and priorities
- Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area
- Provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia
- Undertake community forestry consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values
- Promote community involvement and participation
- Promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons
- Foster innovation
- Advocate forest worker safety

Extension
Services

Community
Meetings



Lake Cowichan Board of Directors



Port Alberni

Thank You

FORREX

The Vancouver Foundation

CED Technical Assistance Program

Western Economic Diversification

The Ford Foundation

Research & Extension

Working with FORREX to meet the extension needs of community forests:

- Forest Worker Safety
- Non Timber Forest Products

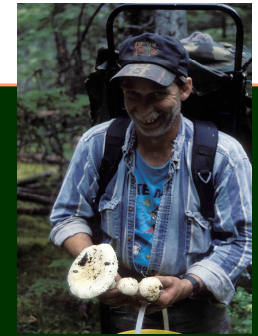
Linking with Universities to help answer questions and solve problems.

- Simon Fraser University



Non Timber Forest Products

- BCCFA is working with the Centre for Non-Timber Resources at Royal Roads University to create an NTFP assessment guide for community forests.



Community Forest Marketing

New Project

Opening New Doors: Branding BC's Community Forests



Networking & Collaboration

- UBCM
- TLA Convention
- UBC Forum on Tenure



Minister Coleman, Kevin & Jen

TLA Convention

Forest Investment Account

11 CFAs - \$460,000

25 CFAs - \$650,000



Looking Ahead

- ✓ Forestry Roundtable
- ✓ Regulatory Review
- ✓ New alliance focused on community-based business
- ✓ Marketing and Branding – Increasing our profile
- ✓ Improved Website to better serve members
- ✓ Strategic Planning

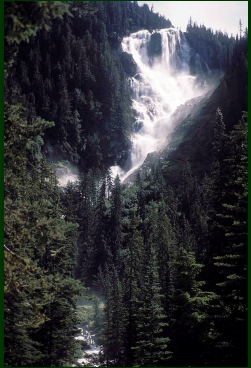


“Community Forests own the principle of social license. They have the ability to pilot ideas and innovate in the way they manage their land base...they have an opportunity like no other tenure in the past.”
Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, 2007



**Opportunities
Collaboration
and Solutions**

**2009
Conference
Program**



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