The Provincial Forest Extension Program

Knowledge-based solutions for SFM

FORREX, in partnership with the British Columbia provincial government's Forest Science and Mountain Pine Beetle programs, continues to deliver the Provincial Forest Extension Program (the Program). The Program plan defines goals, outcome objectives, and strategies that contribute to the provincial goals of world leadership in environmental stewardship, a globally competitive forest sector, public confidence and trust in forest-sector competence, and the ability to achieve sustainable forest management goals. This plan is available at ***http://www.fia-fsp.ca***

The 2007–2008 Program activities focus on contributing to five of six medium-term outcome objectives. These objectives were defined in 2005–2006 following a comprehensive provincial client needs assessment and analysis of past research and extension investments. The following lists the 2007–2008 planned projects by objective. A comprehensive description of each project can be viewed at ***http://www.forrex.org/provincialextension/annualbusinessplan2007***

Increasing awareness by forestry professionals of current scientific, experiential, and indigenous knowledge

Ecosystem Management and Conservation Biology technology transfer Contact: **Carolyn Whittaker**

Forest Resource Dynamics publications and synthesis Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Publishing quality science-based information
Contact: **Julie Schooling**

Watershed Management publications and synthesis Contact: **Robin Pike**

Watershed Management list server and Web site
Contact: **Robin Pike**

Increased trust in information products and providers

Maintaining access to Forest Resource Dynamics information on the World Wide Web
Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Maintaining access to science-based information
Contact: **Satnam Brar**

Increased knowledge and skills of current and relevant scientific, experiential, and indigenous knowledge relating to sustainable forest management

Ecosystem Management and Conservation Biology policies and practices Contact: **Carolyn Whittaker**

Sustainable Forestry for small tenures
Contact: **Ajit Krishnaswamy**

Synthesis of Socio-economic knowledge
Contact: **Ajit Krishnaswamy**

Watershed management, fisheries, small streams, and fish-forestry interactions Contact: **Robin Pike**

Aboriginal Forestry Extension Program
Contact: **Aboriginal Forestry Specialist**

Extending Ecosystem Management and Conservation Biology innovations in planning, implementation, and monitoring Contact: **Carolyn Whittaker**

Forest Resource Dynamics extension programming to improve timber value and enhance SFM approaches Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Watershed Management extension
Contact: **Todd Redding**

Socio-economics capacity building
Contact: **Ajit Krishnaswamy**

Increased science-based policy, plans, and practices decisions that result in reduced risk and uncertainty, and increase competitiveness

Engaging communities in practices to improve forest management policies and practices
Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Watershed Management needs assessments. Southern and Northern Interior Contact: **Todd Redding**

Forest managers and the public will aspire to use ecosystem management principles and adopt an improved way of defining values and strategies to manage for these values to reduce risk and uncertainty

No projects planned this year

Improved effectiveness and efficiency in co-operative sustainable forest management continuing education and extension program planning and delivery

Support for Forest Investment Account–Forest Science Program Advisory Committees
Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Continuing Forest Sector Education Initiative
Contact: **Chris Hollstedt**

Contributing to an innovative scientific publishing community
Contact: **Julie Schooling**

Enabling a knowledge-based natural resource sector
Contact: **Chris Hollstedt**

Extension Leadership Contact: **Kathie Swift**

Extension leadership and capacity building in the conservation community
Contact: **Carolyn Whittaker**

MPB extension projects

In addition to the core Program, FORREX will continue to improve access and use of biophysical science and innovations by developing and delivering mountain pine beetle (MPB) extension projects. Projects will contribute to science-based solutions that will:

- develop measures to reduce the spread of MPB;
- protect sensitive fish streams/rivers and species at risk; and
- address fuel management on lands surrounding high-risk communities

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FORREX is pleased to continue to work with the Forest Science Program and our Partners in the forestry community to link the resource community with credible and relevant scientific, indigenous, and experiential knowledge.