



Upcoming Events

Invasive Plant Council of BC's Annual Public Forum and AGM, "Stop the Spread!"

January 20–22, 2009. Richmond, BC.

"Stop the Spread!" will feature international guest speakers from Australia, Oregon and Washington. Day one will focus on concurrent workshops that will look at informed choices and practical solutions for invasive plant management. Day two will showcase "Gardening Smart: Leading the Way," a panel discussion, along with a number of other dynamic speakers from around the globe. Thursday's optional, classroom-based workshop, "Working Towards Ecological Restoration," focuses on the challenges facing the restoration of BC's ecosystems and possible solutions for riparian zones, range management, and seed mixtures. Please visit <http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca> for more information.

Understanding and Enabling Adaptive Management in Natural Resources Management

January 26, 2009. Nanaimo, BC.

January 29, 2009. Richmond, BC.

Adaptive Management is a formal process for continually improving management practices by learning from the outcomes of operational and experimental practices. The B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range developed this one-day workshop to teach participants, using case studies and interactive learning techniques, what adaptive management is and when it may be a useful tool to apply in their own work. The workshop is intended for government staff, consultants, industry, First Nations, and others practicing in the field of natural resources management, and is appropriate for operational staff as well as managers and decision makers. For more information on this workshop and other learning tools, or to register, please go to <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/amhome/> or contact Alanya Smith at Alanya.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca



From species to landscapes: New recovery approaches for dry forest and grassland species at risk

February 4, 2009. Penticton, BC.

March 3–4, 2009. Kamloops, BC.

March 5–6, 2009. Williams Lake, BC.

In this series of interactive workshops, we will explore multi-species, ecosystem-based frameworks designed to conserve species at risk and the habitats on which they depend. Workshops will also review extension and media techniques to broaden awareness of the fragile biodiversity of BC's dry forests and grasslands. Workshop participants will gain a greater awareness of local issues, options for effective communication of key messages, and the provincial approach that co-ordinates recovery actions for grassland species at risk. Workshops are co-sponsored by FORREX, the Grasslands Conservation Council of BC, and the Ministry of Environment. Workshop details and registration will be posted soon at http://www.forrex.org/events/species_to_landscapes

2009 State of the Fraser Basin Conference

February 19–20, 2009. Vancouver, BC.

The next State of the Fraser Basin Conference "The Many Faces of Sustainability: Strategies and Success Stories for Today's Leaders" takes place in conjunction with the first-ever Youth Congress Uniting for Sustainability (February 18) and our 2009 Sustainability Awards Gala Dinner (February 19). Please visit <http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca>

ExpoFor 2009

February 25–27, 2009. Prince George, BC.

The Association of BC Forest Professionals has changed the format of ExpoFor to a two-day event, with optional pre-conference workshop(s) held on February 25th, in the hopes that more people will be able to attend a shorter, more compact event. This year's theme, A convenient truth: Be part of the forestry solution, will focus on our changing forests and what practical solutions forest professionals can offer. For information, please visit the <http://www.abcfp.ca>

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