



LINK launches new feature: First Nations Circle

In 2008, the Aboriginal Forestry Cluster team grew to include three members located in different regions of British Columbia (BC). The team includes **Larry Joseph** (Hazelton) from Northern BC, **Gina Thomas** (Campbell River) from Coastal BC, and **Ellen Simmons** (Penticton) from the Southern Interior.

One of the biggest issues facing First Nations communities is a lack of quality, timely natural resources information that is pertinent to Indigenous needs. While such scientific research information is available, it is usually written for a technical or science-based audience. For information to be useful to the non-technical person, it must be written or presented in a more accessible way.

One solution the Aboriginal Forestry Cluster team came up with is to use this existing FORREX publication—*LINK*—and create a section within it that is geared specifically, but not exclusively, to the non-technical audience. We are proud, therefore, to launch in this issue, *LINK*'s newest section, "First Nations Circle."

From now on, new issues of *LINK* will contain information that is accessible to everyone in the natural resources sector. The Aboriginal Forestry Cluster team would like to hear your feedback on how we can improve the First Nations Circle and what natural resources information is relevant to you. Please contact extension@fnforestrycouncil.ca 