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Dear Members:

We are pleased to inform you that BC's logging associations (TLA, ILA, and NWLA), have decided to award a contract to MNP to build a comprehensive rate guide that will include forestry equipment hourly rates and improve productivity data.

We reviewed multiple proposals for the contract, including from Timber Tracks. It was a hard decision to make but MNP was the successful proponent. We would like to extend our thanks to the Timber Tracks team for years of service and for getting us this far.

We have begun the process and will soon be gathering information from logging contractors, subcontractors, and equipment suppliers. Some of you may be contacted in the coming weeks, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The goal is to have a refreshed Equipment Hourly Rate Guide by spring 2025.

We look forward to building BC's Logging Association Rate Book.

Regards,

Interior Logging Board of Directors



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**REMINDER! THE WILDFIRE REDUCTION EQUIPMENT SUPPORT TRUST (WREST) GRANT IS AVAILABLE!
SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION**



We were very excited to be able to share with our membership on June 25th, 2024 that the Wildfire Reduction Equipment Support Trust (WREST) grant is now available!

Purpose of the Trust:

The Wildfire Reduction Equipment Support Trust (WREST) was created on May 21, 2024 by the Trustee of the Coastal Logging Equipment

Support Trust (CLEST) after the purpose of the CLEST was completed. The WREST was seeded with a contribution of the approximately \$5.25 Million in the CLEST at that time, and the CLEST was subsequently wound up.

The purpose of the WREST is to help Eligible Contractors purchase Specified Equipment that will be used in BC forestry operations to accomplish all of the following functions:

- Remove combustible materials (including small trees and brush) from the forest floor and other parts of the forest understory

- Transport such removed material to a roadside location from which the material can be accessed for:

sale, or

transport to purchasers or other users, whether for processing as wood fiber or for chipping or burning

- While performing the foregoing functions, maneuver between existing trees without damaging larger trees that are intended to remain standing, without creating significant ground disturbance, and keeping tracks or grooves in the soil to a minimum.

The immediate goal of the WREST is to provide reimbursement for

the lesser of 10% of the total cost of this Specified Equipment or \$100,000. The intent is that this reimbursement will encourage contractors to invest in this equipment and put it to use to reduce the risk of wildfire in British Columbia.

For more information and to apply for the grant please go to <https://wrestrust.ca/>

To apply click here:

<https://wrestrust.ca/eligible-equipment-reimbursement-application-form/>

If you require assistance, please contact Meagan Preston, our Forest Impact Recovery Business Advisor at meagan@interiorlogging.org

UPDATES TO FIRST AID REGULATIONS

SUBMITTED BY: BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL



Updates to the First Aid requirements in the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations are coming into effect on November 1, 2024.

Here's what you need to know about these important changes:

- Includes a focus on improving first aid services at less accessible and remote workplaces, which includes most forestry sites.

- A new First Aid Assessment Process has been developed to help employers complete both these steps. The assessment must now be done in consultation with workers (the Worker Safety Representative, Joint Health and Safety Committee or other workers). This involves two steps:

Step 1. Determining the minimum levels of first aid required

Step 2. Looking at the unique characteristics of the workplace and deciding on what additional first aid services are required

- Whereas previously minimum levels of first aid were calculated based on 20 mins travel to a hospital, they are now based on 30 mins surface travel time to the nearest ambulance station.
- More emphasis is placed on written First Aid Procedures. Now is a good time to review and update these procedures to make sure they meet the new regulations.
- The first aid "Level 1, 2 and 3" terminology has

been replaced by "Basic, Intermediate and Advanced" and applies to both first aid kits and first aid attendant levels. Both the kits contents and training have changed. However, first aid kits do not need to be replaced, simply adjusted to meet the new CSA kit requirements and current first aid certificates will remain valid until their regular expiration date, after which certification will need to met based on the updated first aid training requirements.

- The minimum first aid requirements for some worksites have changed, especially for typical forestry worksites with lower numbers of workers.



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This means that you may identify that you need different levels of first aid supplies, transportation and first aid attendants for your site in your new first aid assessment. For example, where before you may have needed a Level 1 first aid attendant and a Level 1 first aid kit, you may now need an Intermediate First aid Attendant with Transportation Endorsement and an Intermediate first aid kit.

- Employers are responsible for identifying if any unique characteristics exist on their worksites and implementing additional first aid services beyond the minimum to account for these

characteristics. For example, if your worksite is very remote, you may need extra first aid supplies to get injured workers to help.

- An annual first aid drill is now required. This requirement is in addition to the annual emergency drill already required by regulation.

FIRST AID REGULATORY CHANGES:

A FOREST INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE RECORDING WILL BE UPLOADED SOON!

[HTTPS://WWW.BCFORESTSAFEFIRSTAID.COM/FOREST-SAFETY-TRAINING/WEBINARS/](https://www.bcforestsafefirstaid.com/forest-safety-training/webinars/)

This free webinar was hosted by WorkSafeBC’s Darcy Moshenko and Troy Lockhart. They explained the rationale behind the updated First Aid regulations and reviewed key amendments to help employers ensure compliance.

Key components of the webinar covered:

- Determining first aid requirements using workplace class factors
- Assessing first aid needs based on workplace classification factors
- Preparing a written first aid assessment
- Developing and maintaining up-to-date

written first aid procedures

- Meeting training and equipment requirements
- Providing resources available to you
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Additional First Aid Regulatory Resources:

[WorkSafeBC First Aid Requirements](#) – links to updated first aid guidelines, the assessment form, FAQs and other resources

[Video – Workplace First Aid: OHS Regulation Changes](#)

[Video – How to Complete a First Aid Assessment](#)

It will be here before you know it!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

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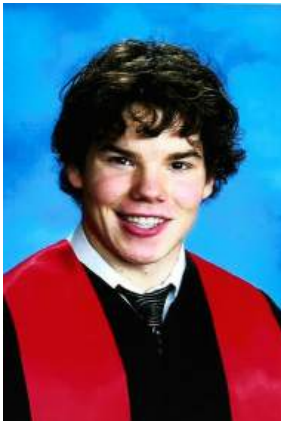


Every year, the Interior Logging Association earmarks funds to further the academic pursuits of a select view applicants with scholarships.

This year was no different with the ILA allocating 6 scholarships of varying amounts to some very deserving students.

Here are the recipients of this years funds in alphabetical order:

Soren Wadlegger Coates – Clearwater, BC



Arianna Gill – Kelowna, BC



Austin Keetley – Vernon, BC



The ILA awards scholarships annually to students preparing for a bright, beautiful future in BC's forest industry.

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Abigail Green – Williams Lake, BC



Victoria Preston – Merritt, BC



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Applications close July 31 Applications postmarked later than July 31 will not be considered.

To download a copy of the scholarship application please use the link below:

<https://interiorlogging.org/wp-content/uploads/Scholarship%20Brochure.pdf>

Congratulations to all of the recipients and thank you to all of the applicants for showing interest in our scholarship program.

If you or someone you know is looking to apply for a scholarship for the 2025 academic year, please go to the link below for details and eligibility:

<https://interiorlogging.org/scholarships/>

Isabelle Groundwater – Williams Lake, BC



AN UPDATE ON FEP—FOREST EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Forest Employment Program (FEP/the Program) was established in 2019 to provide short-term employment opportunities to forestry contractors impacted by mill closures and curtailments. The Program is administered by the Rural Policy and Programs Branch within the Ministry of Jobs Economic Development and Innovation.

FEP provides funding to regionally based staff in the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship, to administer land-based projects through government procurement processes. In fiscal year 2021/2022 the Program was provided with additional funding over 4 years (FY21/22 – FY24/25) as part of the Forest Worker and Community Supports, a suite of programs intended to support individuals, businesses, and communities impacted by old growth

deferral decisions and changes in the forestry sector.

Last fiscal year (FY22/23) the program funded 99 projects for \$12M located throughout the province. Examples of completed projects include forest service road and bridge maintenance, wildfire risk reduction activities, and recreational trail maintenance and upgrades. This year, the Program is in the process of allocating \$9.2M in program funding, with 74 projects already under way this field season. Common procurement methods used by FEP project leads include BC Bid, Equipment Rental Agreements (ERA), and select Request for Proposal Processes.

BC Bid is the main procurement portal for the BC provincial government. We encourage all interested contractors to familiarize themselves with BC Bid to increase access to FEP funded opportunities, as well as other relevant opportunities posted

by the Program's Ministry partners. Program staff are available to provide support in accessing and navigating the BC Bid system.

In addition, Ministry partners often use Equipment Rental Agreements and select Request for Proposal processes to procure land-based projects. These tools use pre-qualified lists of contractors and allow project leads to secure contractors quickly to take advantage of weather windows, fisheries/habitat restrictions, or the summer field season. FEP program staff can connect interested contractors with Ministry partners to learn more about these procurement opportunities.

Finally, it is important for contractors, particularly those impacted by changes in the forestry sector, to check in with District Staff from FEP Ministry partners (Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship). District Staff are committed to supporting contractors experiencing employment impacts, and it is important to let them know what type of work your business can complete, what

equipment and staff you have available, and what impacts you are experiencing. This information can ensure you are aware of upcoming opportunities and included in relevant pre-qualified contractor lists and Equipment Rental Agreements going forward.

FEP program staff are available to answer questions regarding the Program and provide support connecting contractors with upcoming opportunities. We are always working to improve program delivery and would welcome any feedback or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact us at forestemploymentprogram@gov.bc.ca. Thank you very much for your interest in the Forest Employment Program and we look forward to providing continued support to forestry contractors, workers, and ILA members.

Sincerely,

Matthew Scott-Moncrieff

Director, Rural Policy and Programs Branch

Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation



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WET ROADS, FOGGY CONDITIONS AND KIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

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BC Forest Safety

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The fall is setting in and soon our skies will be dark and gray, our roads will be wet and slippery, and we'll be driving in inclement weather conditions. So, let's take a moment to remind ourselves what's on the horizon and what we need to do prepare ourselves for the inevitable change in the forecast.

BACK TO SCHOOL:

The kids are back in the classroom. This means more pedestrian traffic, changes to speed zones and school buses on the roads. A good rule of thumb is to expect the unexpected and keep a look out kids darting from cars, cycling or walking to school and getting on and off buses. Remember slow down, be cautious and pay extra attention in school zones.

School Zones – The school zone speed limit is 30 km/hr between 8am – 5pm on school days unless otherwise posted. Slow down, be cautious and pay extra attention in

school zones.

School Buses - Over 110,000 children ride the bus every school day from September to June throughout BC. Drivers need to Remember the rules when it comes to school buses. Be patient, be courteous and respect the rules of the road.

SLOW DOWN | STOP | KNOW THE LAW

- Every time someone doesn't stop for the bus, a child's life is at risk. In BC, drivers are legally obligated to come to a complete stop when approaching a school bus with its red lights flashing whether approaching from the front or rear. Vehicles may not proceed until the school bus moves on or the driver turns off the lights or pulls in the stop sign.
- If approaching from the front, stop at a safe distance to let children cross the road. Don't move until the lights stop flashing and the bus moves forward.

- All school buses must stop at all railway crossings, so be prepared to stop yourself. The bus does not use its flashing red lights for this, so exercise caution.
- Have no sense of danger
- Cannot perceive complicated traffic situations
- Overestimate their knowledge and physical strength and speed

School Crosswalks – With school back in session, pedestrian traffic on the roads will increase. In BC, almost 20% of all pedestrian accidents involve children under 15 and about 60% of those accidents occur during peak school hours in the morning, noon and late afternoon. We all need to remember that children have a different mindset when it comes to understanding cars and the rules of the road. Young children may:

- Assume cars can stop instantly
- Think if they can see a car, the driver can see them
- Have difficulty judging speed and distance
- Have a field of vision one-third narrower than an adults
- Have difficulty figuring out the direction of sounds
- Be easily distracted, lost in thought or impulsive

Refresh your knowledge on crosswalk rules and regulations. Stay extra vigilant at school crosswalks, yield to all pedestrians at marked crosswalks whether in or out of school zones and wait for as long as it takes for all pedestrians to reach the curb on the other side. If there is a crossing guard, follow their directions.

Foggy / Wet Weather Conditions

No matter what part of the province you live in, fall will bring rain, fog and wind before winter kicks in with snow and icy conditions. Wet roads and reduced visibility will affect the way your vehicle handles so be extra cautious when the rain starts up again.

Driving in Rain - As extended dry spells in BC are now commonplace, substances like oil, grease, rubber & tar form a layer of build up on road surfaces.





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Inevitably, when the rain starts to fall, this build-up rises to the surface and causes the roads to become very slippery.

But regardless of wet roads after dry spells or continuous rainy/wet conditions, wet roads are directly associated with higher accident rates. Take a look at some of these valuable safety tips to help keep you safe while driving on wet roads.

- Double check your vehicle's equipment - check your windshield wipers. Are they properly installed? Are the blades worn? Do you have the right type to drive in rain and snow? Is your wiper fluid topped-up? Have you checked your tire pressure? Do you have the right tires? Do they have good traction?
- Slow down, maintain a safe distance and avoid heavy braking.
- Turn on your headlights – even in misty or light rain conditions.
- Watch out for standing water – driving through standing water and puddles can not only

cause hydroplaning but also hazardous water cascades to passing vehicles that can cause startling windshield blindness.

- Ventilate your car – rain causes humidity levels to rise which can result in foggy interior windows. Set your vehicle's temperature control systems to maximize air flow and position the vents to reduce and eliminate foggy windows.

Driving in Fog – Fog can make driving difficult and dangerous even for a seasoned pro behind the wheel. Driving in foggy conditions requires extra special care and attention. Remember that everyone is having trouble seeing so play it extra safe and follow these safety tips:

- Consider delaying your trip if possible until driving conditions improve.
- If you are on the road, slow down gradually and drive at a speed that suits the conditions. Avoid sudden stops and keep a sharp eye out for brake lights in front of you and headlights behind you by checking your mirrors.

Make sure the vehicle's full lighting system is on:

- Use your low-beam headlights.

- If you have fog lights, use them in addition to your low beams.
- Don't use your high beams — they bounce back at you, which makes it even harder to see.
- Be patient and remain calm.
- Use pavement markings to help guide you using the right edge of the road as a guide, rather than the centre line.
- Maintain a safe following and braking distance.
- Look AND listen for any hazards up ahead.
- Stay alert and reduce distractions by turning off your cell phone.
- Keep your mirrors and windows dry and clean to maximize visibility.
- Watch your speed and don't pass if its not necessary.
- Pull off the road to a safe location if conditions become unsafe. Put on your emergency flashers, keep your low-beam headlights on and wait for the conditions to improve.

Shift Into Winter

The *Shift Into Winter* Campaign is coming up quickly. October, November, and December are the most dangerous driving months with almost 30% of all work-related motor-vehicle incidents resulting in injury and

time-loss claims occurring during these three months.

October 1st marks the day when we need to dust off those winter tires and get them installed on our vehicles. As a reminder, here are the Winter Tire Regulations:

- BC provincial law requires vehicles to use winter tires from October 1 through April 30 on most highways. The requirement ends March 31 for select highways not travelling through mountain passes or high snowfall areas.
- Drivers are responsible for understanding the conditions on roads they regularly drive, and for equipping their vehicle for those conditions.
- Ensure you're following the rules wherever you drive, check the routes you'll be driving before the October 1 deadline and obey the instructions on roadside signs.

Learn more about winter driving safety by visiting the [Shift Into Winter website](#) and find out about designated winter tire and chain routes, winter tire regulations and the responsibilities of employers and employees who drive for work.

Backgrounder: Occupational first aid regulatory changes

In April 2023, WorkSafeBC's Board of Directors approved amendments to Part 3 of the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulation, relating to the provision of occupational first aid. These amendments will take effect November 1, 2024, to give employers time to obtain any required first aid training and equipment necessitated by these changes.

Background

The requirement to provide first aid services appropriate to the workplace is a basic responsibility of all employers. The requirements for first aid listed in Schedule 3-A of the OHS Regulation have been in place for almost 20 years with minimal updates.

Over this time, there have been improvements in both first aid training and equipment, as well as the issuance of two standards from the Canadian Standards Association (CSA):

- CSA Z1210-17 First aid training for the workplace — Curriculum and quality management for training agencies
- CSA Z1220-17 First aid kits for the workplace

These standards provide national guidance on workplace first aid training programs and first aid kits.

WorkSafeBC also identified challenges with the current regulation requirements related to appropriate emergency transport for injured workers in remote areas.

Objective of the regulatory amendments

The purpose of the amendments is to strengthen the current requirements in Schedule 3-A, with a focus on high-risk remote industries, and to harmonize the OHS Regulation with the first aid training and first aid kits framework in CSA Z1210-17 and CSA Z1220-17.

Key amendments

Determining first aid requirements

Under the amended OHS Regulation, employers will have a two-part duty to establish their workplace first aid requirements by doing both of the following:

- Provide at least the supplies, facilities, and first aid attendants required by Schedule 3-A
- In consultation with workers, perform a written risk assessment for each workplace to determine any additional equipment, supplies, facilities, attendants, and services necessary to ensure injured workers can be promptly provided first aid and transported to medical treatment

Schedule 3-A is also being amended to consider four workplace characteristics when determining the minimum levels of first aid supplies, facilities, and attendants required:

- Number of workers at the workplace
- Hazard rating assigned to industry
- Whether the workplace is “remote” — meaning it is more than 30 minutes surface travel time from the nearest ambulance station
- Whether the workplace is “less accessible” — meaning it cannot be safely accessed by ambulance, or it includes one or more hazardous work areas that cannot be safely accessed by ambulance personnel

Terminology

Terminology for the certification of first aid attendants has been changed from Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 to Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced to align with CSA Z1210-17. These naming convention changes will not affect the validity of first aid certificates currently held by attendants, and the Regulation allows for a three-year transition period to ensure current first aid certificates remain valid until their current expiry date.

Emergency transportation

The amendments clarify and extend the existing requirements for emergency transportation. In workplaces where emergency transportation is required under Schedule 3-A, written first aid procedures need to identify how workers will be accessed and moved if there are barriers to first aid, and the location and method of emergency transport where required. Drills will now be required annually or when first aid procedures change, to ensure procedures are effective.

The amendments allow for more flexibility in the type of emergency transportation selected for use, while providing performance-based requirements that modes of transport must meet. If air transportation is the primary or only method of emergency transport, the amendments also require employers to ensure that an appropriate aircraft is reasonably available when work is occurring, and that compatible stretchers are available.

Guidelines and resources under development

WorkSafeBC is developing guidelines and additional resources on the following topics to support employers in implementing the new requirements:

- Conducting first aid assessments and developing written procedures
- What factors constitute a “less-accessible” workplace
- How to count workers for the purpose of determining minimum requirements for first aid
- Required contents for first aid kits
- Requirements for dressing stations and first aid rooms
- Requirements for emergency transportation

Updates will be released in the fall of 2023.

Resources will be published on our website: visit [First aid requirements](#).

For more information

Details of the changes, including explanatory notes, are available on our website: [Part 3 – Minimum Levels of First Aid](#).

PROVINCIAL ELECTION PLATFORMS SHOW SUPPORT FOR GROWTH OF BC'S COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM

SUBMITTED BY: BC COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION



VICTORIA and the Traditional Territory of the Lekwungen Peoples – As British Columbia prepares for the 2024 Provincial Election, political parties have included specific support for expanding the community forest program in their platforms.

Community forests are long term, area-based tenures managed by local communities to reflect local priorities and values. With 61 community forests currently operating across the province, and growing interest in local resource management, the program is gaining broad recognition and support. For over 20 years, the BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) has championed the community forest program, highlighting its ability to foster social, economic, ecological, and cultural resilience.

“Community forests represent a future where forest management decisions,

investments and benefits are realized in the community and for the land. It is great to see a recognition of community forests in BC as a way forward as we grapple with climate change, wildfire risk, watershed management and Indigenous reconciliation.” - Randy Spyksma, President, BCCFA

At the mid-way point in the election campaign, the BC NDP have proposed a doubling of the area in the community forest program, and the BC Greens have proposed that 20% of the provincial Allowable Annual Cut be allocated to community forests.

While others have yet to make specific commitments, “We look forward to possible support from the other political parties regarding community forestry,” said Spyksma.

Community forests contribute to local economies, create local jobs, foster partnerships, and support wildfire resiliency, education and recreation. Importantly, half of all

community forests in BC are either held by First Nations or involve First Nations partnerships.

Quotes:

“Our nations have expressed support for the continuance and growth of community forests. Community forests not only contribute to the diversity of tenures in a timber supply area but also provide diversity, capacity, and a voice on how our rural communities take on the responsibility of the well-being of the land for current and future generations. The stewardship of the land is all our responsibility, and we are all in this together.” - Lennard Joe, CEO, BC First Nations Forestry Council

“Our forest sector is the largest driver of prosperous BC forest communities. Strengthening its relationships and the direct benefits it accrues is advantageous to all involved. Community forests are a key ingredient towards that success.” - Bob Brash, Executive Director, Truck Loggers Association

“The Village of Fraser is encouraged by the growing momentum for expanding community forests, especially with the challenges our region

has faced with the closure of two sawmills in the past year. Community forests are more important than ever in fostering economic resilience for both First Nations and local communities, offering a pathway to recovery while supporting wildfire protection and sustainable land management. As we move forward, it is essential that we build partnerships that honour both Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for everyone in our region.” - Sarrah Storey, Mayor, Village of Fraser Lake

“Community forests play a vital role not only in the economy of rural British Columbia but also in the sustainable management of one of its most valuable resources. The Interior Logging Association Board of Directors and its members highly value our relationship with the BCCFA and the vital opportunities this collaboration provides. Together, we work to ensure the health and protection of rural communities, while fostering economic growth and environmental stewardship.” - Todd Chamberlain, General Manager, Interior Logging Association

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SUBMITTED BY: BC COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION

“Community forests increase citizen awareness and participation in forestry, opening a path for innovation and positive relationships with the forest industry. Growing the Community Forests program will provide an opportunity to support, stabilize and ultimately grow the BC-based wood products businesses operating in our local communities.” - Paul Rasmussen, Interior Lumber Manufacturers’ Association

“The success of the community forest program is a testament to the ingenuity, dedication, and strong relationships between industry, government and academic colleagues. In the face of the challenges within the forest sector, community forests showcase how sustainable practices, collaborative

management, and community-driven initiatives can drive positive change while building resilience in both forests and the communities that depend on them.” - John Betts, Executive Director, Western Forestry Contractors Association

“We support the expansion of community forests as they play a vital role in demonstrating the value of forestry to the local community, especially when revenues are reinvested into local initiatives. This helps residents appreciate the broader benefits, rather than just seeing trees being cut down in their viewscape without understanding the community gains. It is important that sound science guides the determination of the allowable annual cut, ensuring that sustainable volumes are harvested in a way that generates economic value for the community.

Additionally, these harvested volumes can support value-added manufacturing facilities within the community or surrounding areas.” - Ken Kalesnikoff, President & CEO, Kalesnikoff Lumber and Mass Timber

“Community forests in British Columbia are living examples of how stewardship and sustainability can flourish when local hands care for the land. They are more than just woodlands; they are the roots of resilient communities, where economic growth, environmental protection, and cultural values meet. That is why it is so significant to see the recognition in election platforms to increase the amount and size of community forests in our province.” - Brian Frenkel, Vanderhoof Community Forest

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JORDEN ILNICKI NAMED ONE OF THE CFI 2024 TOP 20 UNDER 40

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The Interior Logging Association would like to congratulate Jorden Ilnicki on being named one of the CFI 2024 Top 20 Under 40 to honor forestry's top young leaders!

Here is an excerpt from the Article in the September/October 2024 Canadian Forest Industries Magazine - page 34/35

"JORDEN ILNICKI
Owner, Jordco Enterprises,
Williams Lake, B.C.

Jorden has spent his life immersed in the forest industry. Growing up in a logging family, the 30-year-old's passion for the work started early. "From as young as four years old, I would go out to the bush on weekends to help my dad with whatever I could," he recalls. At just 18, he purchased his first piece of

equipment and began subcontracting, eventually growing Jordco Enterprises into a successful logging business with over 20 machines, 8 logging trucks, and more than 30 employees. Despite the challenges of the

industry downturn in Williams Lake, Jorden expanded his operations into Alberta, demonstrating resilience and dedication to his employees. He is also committed to supporting his hometown and local First Nations communities through partnerships and small business ventures. To attract young people to the industry, Jorden believes in showing the rewards of hard

work. "It's a great industry to be a part of, and there's always room for advancement if you're willing to endure the sacrifices," he says.

"Jorden represents our industry and his community with passion and professionalism," says Interior Logging Association's general manager Todd Chamberlain.

To read more on Jorden and the other young people leading the way in our industry, click on the link [HERE](#).

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WORKSAFEBC'S VIDEOS ON CABLE YARDING

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Every year, workers face serious and potentially fatal injuries while cable yarding. WorkSafeBC has produced a new video series that explains some of the top risks and outlines how everyone on a yarding crew can help ensure work is done safely.

[Link to videos on worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com)

[Link to playlist on YouTube](#)

This series can be viewed in 13 segments, or in one 23-min full-length version.

Additional information:

The forestry industry is increasingly moving to more challenging and steeper

terrain for harvesting. Increased use of cable systems, and a climbing injury rate, created a need for new health and safety resources that focus on the importance of planning, communication, supervision, and being in the clear.

Our intended audience includes industry operators and their crews, as well as forestry planners and operations supervisors.

These videos are short, information

rich resources that could be used in new and young worker training, toolbox talks, and annual re-training for experienced workers and supervisors.

They feature interviews with WorkSafeBC officers and footage from cable yarding operations in coastal and interior locations in British Columbia.

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LOGGERS – THE UNSUNG HERO’S OF WILDFIRE RESPONSE SUBMITTED

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Over the years I have had the incredible privilege of working with numerous logging contractors and their crews while conducting wildfire response. Without the invaluable service these unsung local hero's provide we would have had much less success.

The value of loggers work on a fire is seldom recognized but it forms the foundation of all subsequent response activities. They deliver the heavy equipment, construct the fire breaks (control lines), improve or construct access routes, move threatened timber out of the way, fall dangerous trees and deliver water to the fire fighters. All these tasks are completed as close to the fire edge as fire behavior and terrain will allow often at some peril to themselves and their equipment.



Team constructing control line. Three machines from three different companies but still poetry in motion.

<https://macleodforestservices.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/team-cutting-1.mp4>



Cutting line on a steep slope at fire's edge.

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I seldom have problems with loggers on a wildfire. The contractors and their crews work long and variable hours for extended periods of time. They are brave, production oriented, reliable, versatile, self sufficient and talented. They do not regularly fight fires but always seem to answer the call when needed.

I have twice seen loggers save communities when other organized help wasn't available.



Heavy equipment lost on a wildfire

\$700,000.00 loss plus three months lost income to the contractor.

They can be a tough bunch to supervise but when I give them a task they usually come up with a faster way to achieve the objective than I planned and the product is usually better than I anticipated. I am always amazed at how well operators work together with far less planning and supervision than occurs in regular operations.

Just another day at work



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What if they aren't available?

Last year I worked on fires with

several American crews. Their forest industry has been shut down for a long time and they don't have industry equipment and operators available to respond. They marveled at how safely and fast our loggers could get effective line established.

Many people and groups in BC are anti-logging. In recent years the forest industry has been in turmoil. The multiple stress's on the industry are well documented. Most of the large forest companies have centralized operations but most of the contractors still live and work in rural areas. Even multi-generation contractors are having difficulty surviving and many are shutting down. This situation is only going to get worse as they face a seemingly endless number of threats to their viability. Besides the catastrophic loss to our economy we may lose an integral component of our wildfire response.

Loggers holding the line



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LOGGERS – THE UNSUNG HERO’S OF WILDFIRE RESPONSE SUBMITTED

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There are already far fewer pieces of heavy equipment and qualified operators available to respond to wildfires in BC than there were just a few years ago. Without this valuable pool of help we won't get control lines constructed as safely, fast, or to as high a standard. We may end up relying more on people on the ground who will be exposed to falling trees, rolling debris and other hazards. Control line construction will be slower, more dangerous and less effective.

What has been done?

In recent years the BC Wildfire Service has improved their financial relationship with logging contractors. Rates are fair and payment prompt. This is a huge step and many thanks should go to the folks in BCWS who recognized and resolved these issues. It helped encourage many logging contractors to come back into the fire-fighting team.

Many local BC Wildfire Service Zone staff are working at improving their relationship with local logging contractors and industry partners.

What else can we do?

It has been a rough few years for contractors and their crews. Most are in the process of suspending operations due to rising fire danger ratings as required by legislation. This is probably going to be a long layoff and operators may move on making it difficult for contractors to get back into production when conditions improve. I suggest the BC Wildfire Service get as many of them on Standby as soon as possible to ensure they are available when needed.

BC Wildfire and contractor associations should communicate the important contributions these unsung hero's provide to wildfire response in BC. Not to dismiss the value of other

organized responders contribution but loggers seldom make the news when responding to wildfires. We should let the public know what a valuable service they provide.

BC Wildfire, other government agencies, forest companies and contractor associations should work on re-establishing the team concept that was prevalent in previous times.



Local Zone supervisors showed up at start of shift on a wildfire to thank operators for their good work.

Some Zones are already well on their way to accomplishing this. There

are many mutually beneficial solutions to the problems that face all groups involved.

There are numerous and well documented social and economic benefits of having a healthy logging contractor group in our province. We also have to recognize and support contractors to ensure they are available to help us when we need them on wildfires.

Talk soon

Doug



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