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Thank you for another successful show!

SUBMITTED BY: TODD CHAMBERLAIN, RFT, ILA GENERAL MANAGER

Wow! What a show! The 2026 ILA AGM and Convention was a great success again this year! We welcomed new vendors, new members, had really good conversation, good food, and once again great music at the Dinner & Dance.

We want to thank Minister Parmar for joining us again this year and utilizing our Luncheon to announce the new B.C. Workforce Tariff Response – Forestry Grant, and for taking the time to walk through the show to connect with people in an informal way. In addition he also took the time to attend the Dinner & Dance to have more candid conversations with our attendees. We truly appreciate his time and willingness to listen to the concerns inside the industry.

We are of course already planning the 69th AGM and Convention for next year! Mark your calendars for May 6th to 8th, 2027 in Kamloops B.C. when we all meet again for another exciting couple of days!

We want to sincerely thank all of the Co-Sponsors, Vendors, Members, and individuals who have contributed to this show over the last 68 years. Without your dedication and continued support of the Interior Logging Association and the industry as a whole, events like this would not continue to be possible or feasible.

Happy to see summer weather is upon us finally, stay safe out there everyone!

Regards,

Todd Chamberlain, RFT

General Manager, Interior Logging Association

SHOW WRAP UP

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION

The Interior Logging Association's 68th AGM and Convention was a great success again this year as we continue to be "Stronger Together for Forestry's Future", the theme of this years show!

We had our second year with a Mechanical Tree Falling Competition, and we'd like to thank Inland Truck & Equipment for bringing their Tigercat Operator Simulator again this year! There was also on-site carving with a new company out of Penticton, The Carving Lot, owned by Dave McKamey. And we also saw on site demonstrations of two automated log load securement systems, the Exte Com 90 and the Trinder WASP organized by the BC Forest Safety Council.

The annual silent auction saw multiple generous donations again by companies and individuals, with partial proceeds going to the Ty Pozzobon Foundation. As many of you know the Pozzobon family have been a huge part of the Forestry community for generations and are well known industry wide. The foundation was started in memory of Ty Pozzobon who tragically took his own life in 2017 after a battle with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) from repeated concussions in the rodeo arena while bull riding. We are again so grateful for the many donations we received, and that the attendees were incredibly generous when they bid again this year. Even through tough financial times that are deeply affecting the industry, people still choose to donate whatever they can to give back.

At the ILA Annual General Meeting, there was a one small change in the Board of Directors. At that time, the ILA extended sincere thanks to Erin Ficthett for her time as a member of the board and welcomed Percy Guichon with Tsi Del Del Enterprises Ltd. from Williams Lake as a new member of the Board of Directors. There were no additional changes or additions to the Interior Logging Board this year, and all Directors are continuing to build on the relationships they have fostered over many years.

The Luncheon special guest speaker this year was again the BC Minister of Forests, Honorable Ravi Parmar and we appreciate him making time to attend the show and speak to our attendees openly and honestly about what is going on in the industry. During the Luncheon, Minister Parmar announced the new Canada-B.C. Workforce Tariff Response, a $20.8-million investment to help employers and communities respond quickly to the needs of the sector, by providing funds for worker retention, wage support and job-creating local projects. Please find more information on this funding in the article in this newsletter on page 7.

This years Dinner & Dance was again a very successful event with hundreds of attendees and returning entertainment by the Shawn Lightfoot Band who put on another memorable show. We hope everyone enjoyed another great dinner catered by the Coast Kamloops Hotel with turkey, roast beef and salmon with all the trimmings, and of course dessert!

In closing the ILA would like to express gratitude and many thanks to all of the people who make this event possible. First and foremost, all of the Vendors, attendees and Co-Sponsors. Without your support this show simply would not happen year after year, and we appreciate your dedication to the event.

A sincere thank you to ILA Director Randy Spence of Mercer Forestry, Warren and Colt Palmer of Inland Group, and Todd Chamberlain, ILA General Manager, for all their help and hard work setting up the outside displays prior to the show.

To our support staff, Wendy Sherman for all her help ensuring people received all of their tickets/nametags and her assistance during the event. Betty-Ann McDonald and Ann Polson for looking after the ILA Van and educating the public about forestry at the show. Meagan Preston for all her work on the communications, marketing, social media and silent auction, and of course our Office Administrator Nancy Hesketh for her long hours and hard work putting the entire event together which takes several months. It truly takes a village to make an event this big happen.

While the show has just ended, we are already looking forward to next years' event on May 6th, 7th and 8th, 2026 with plans to return to the Powwow Grounds in beautiful Kamloops, BC. We extend gratitude to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and its Members for allowing us to use your beautiful arbor and land year after year for the show and the support they provide to ensure it runs smoothly.

Thank you everyone!

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Interior Logging Association (ILA) issued the following statement in response to the announced closure of Canfor's Northwood Pulp Mill

The Interior Logging Association (ILA) was incredibly disheartened to learn of the closure of Canfor's Northwood Pulp Mill in Prince George BC. We are deeply concerned about the serious consequences of this closure and the effects on the entire Prince George region including workers, their families, and the surrounding communities who rely on this major employer.

The ILA General Manager and Board of Directors are continuing to have serious in-depth conversations surrounding our concern for the health and longevity of the industry, and we are actively providing information and solutions to our government officials and key stakeholders.

Now more than ever, it is imperative for us to ensure that the concerns we are hearing from our members and partners are continuously being vocalized to bring greater understanding to the very real issues this industry is facing. We do not take this responsibility lightly and will continue to advocate for change at every possible opportunity.

The reality is, the forestry industry is suffering, and so are the people and Province who rely on it to have a healthy and strong economy. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you and the other industries and associations who are also asking for immediate changes to policies and the swift implementation of the recommendations made by the Forest Sector Transformation Task Force.

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE – RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

SUBMITTED BY: TODD CHAMBERLAIN, RFT, ILA GENERAL MANAGER

In April, I was asked to participate as a panelist at the COFI convention, where the discussion focused on the value chain and the challenges facing our sector. Unsurprisingly, the most immediate concern raised was the lack of affordable and available fibre. Over the past several years, that issue has created another major challenge for contractors and suppliers: retaining experienced employees and recruiting new ones.

Attracting young people into forestry is becoming increasingly difficult. Long hours and physically demanding work are not an easy sell to a generation with countless career options. Yet forestry remains a vital industry in British Columbia, particularly in many rural communities where it has long been part of the economic and cultural fabric.

There was a time when forestry programs were commonly offered in high schools across small-town British Columbia, especially in communities that depended on the industry. Today, only a few schools continue to provide that opportunity. Rutland Senior Secondary in Kelowna and Charles Bloom Secondary School in Lumby are excellent examples, both offering students meaningful introductions to forestry careers. While Lumby has deep historical ties to the industry, Kelowna is now more commonly associated with tourism and wine production than forestry. That reality raises an important question: why are programs like these not being expanded across the province?

If we want to attract the next generation, we need to do a better job of highlighting not only forestry's economic importance, but also its environmental role. Sustainable forest management, wildfire mitigation, and responsible resource development are all part of the modern forestry story, and they need to be part of how we engage young people.

There are also successful training models elsewhere that British Columbia should consider exploring. Scandinavian countries, along with several states in the U.S. Pacific Northwest, have introduced equipment operator training programs that use simulators to prepare workers before they ever enter the field. A similar approach here, perhaps through a micro-credential model, could provide students with equipment operating skills alongside additional certifications that improve employability and workplace readiness. Such programs could also help reduce the financial burden on both students and employers.

Some colleges already offer operator training through apprenticeship-style programs, and while these initiatives are promising, they still circle back to the industry's original challenge: fibre availability and permit approvals. Before individuals commit significant time and money to training, there must be greater certainty that stable employment opportunities will exist.

Ultimately, we owe it to the next generation of operators to ensure they are properly trained before being asked to run million-dollar pieces of equipment safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally responsible manner.

If British Columbia is serious about maintaining a sustainable forestry sector, then investing in training, education, and long-term certainty for workers can no longer be treated as optional.

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NEW CANADA –BC WORKFORCE TARIFF RESPONSE GRANT

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION

Canada BRITISH COLUMBIA

Funded in part by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response Agreement.

We are very happy to be able to relay some exciting news and information one week ahead of the opening of the new Canada - B.C. Workforce Tariff Response Forestry Grant! Below you will find a quickly compiled overview of the program and quick links to help you access the information you need.

About the grant -

The Canada-B.C. Workforce Tariff Response Forestry Grant – Forestry Training Fund is designed to support workforce needs by enabling the recruitment, training and retention of individuals with demonstrated labour market attachment, including those impacted by recent macro-economic transition. Funding for this program is provided [in part] by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response.

Funding Terms -

Up to 85% of eligible applicant's staff's combined wage and training costs over the training horizon up to a maximum of $50,000 per employee and up to a maximum of $1,000,000 per organization.

When you can apply -

The online submission portal will open July 14th, 2026. Project applications will be assessed by staff upon receipt and will be presented to the decision-making committee on an established schedule. Northern Development will communicate directly with applicants to seek clarification, if needed, on their applications and to inform them of the status of approval decisions.

Who can apply -

All applicants must operate in B.C., demonstrate a clear labour market need or disruption, propose eligible activities, show capacity and capability to deliver and report on outcomes and support eligible participants. Businesses headquartered outside the province of B.C. may be eligible, provided their operations and the workers benefiting from the grant support are located within the province.

Eligibility is based on both the organization and the individuals served.

• Indigenous organizations and First Nations
• Corporations of any size, public or privately owned and incorporated
• Not for profit organizations whose sole purpose is to create jobs and economic benefit in their industry (i.e. community forests)

Eligible Projects—

Funding must support training, productivity, resilience, or business transition. The types of projects that may be eligible include, but are not limited to:

- Rapid retraining of displaced workers
- Employed workers at risk of job loss are eligible for employer delivered training via wage subsidies to offset the cost of wages, provided employees would be EI eligible:
- Employment is insured
- Has earned more than $2,000 in insurable earnings and paid EI employee premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 completed taxation years. The current tax year cannot be considered at this time. (Note: The 5 years do not have to be consecutive years).
- Transitional employment, job creation or skills bridging initiatives
- Training for workers shifting to adjacent or emerging sectors
- Short-term certifications or credentials linked to immediate employment opportunities

Eligible Costs -

- Lost wages from time away from work to participate in training activities
- Training fees/tuition costs directly related to the training or certification program

For more information and to read up on the entire program including ineligible projects, costs, application and program requirements, application assessment, and reporting. Please use this link:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/NDIT-Application-Guide-CBCWTRFG-Forestry-Training-Fund-Final.pdf

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FAST FACTS: AT A GLANCE

- **Location & Availability:** Headquartered in Sicamous, BC. Services are available 24/7 by appointment to seamlessly align with demanding industrial shift schedules and continuous operations.
- **The Compliance Driver:** Under WorkSafeBC regulations (7.2 to 7.9), employers are **legally mandated** to provide annual hearing tests for all workers exposed to noise levels of **85 dBA or greater** averaged over an 8-hour shift.
- **Authorized Expertise:** All industrial testing and conservation services are administered exclusively by board-authorized professionals fully certified under BC provincial regulations.
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EDITORIAL CONTEXT & MEDIA ANGLES

- **The Invisible Threat:** Occupational noise remains the most widespread, permanent—yet entirely preventable—health liability across manufacturing, forestry, construction, and municipal sectors.
- **The Arm's Length Rule:** A simple, dramatic editorial rule of thumb: if an employee must raise their voice to be clearly understood by someone standing an arm's length away, the workplace exceeds safe, lawful limits and demands immediate intervention.

AVAILABLE ASSETS FOR EDITORIAL USE

- High-resolution, publication-ready photography of professional mobile testing facilities and custom industrial safety equipment.

NEW CANADA –BC WORKFORCE TARIFF RESPONSE GRANT

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION

Canada BRITISH COLUMBIA

Funded in part by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Tariff Response Agreement.

For a copy of the application form, use this link:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/NDIT-Application-Form-CBCWTRFG-Forestry-Training-Fund-FINAL-Website-Template.pdf

For a copy of the Training Plan Workbook, please use this link:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/NDIT-Training-Plan-CBCWTRFG-Forestry-Training-Fund-FINAL.xlsx

And for a copy of the Budget Template, please use this link:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/NDIT-Budget-CBCWTRFG-Forestry-Training-Fund-FINAL.xlsx

For information on Phase 1 of the rollout, please use this link:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/CBCWTRFG-Phase-1-Fact-Sheet.pdf

For information on the Intake Process, please click here:

https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/CBCWTRFG-Intake-Fact-Sheet.pdf

To apply on July 14th when application intake opens, please use this direct link:

https://ndit.my.site.com/s/

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance building a plan, or applying for the grant, please contact ILA Business Support Services - Meagan Preston at meagan@interiorlogging.org, or Todd Chamberlain, ILA General Manager at todd@interiorlogging.org.

We are here to help!

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INTERIOR LOGGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION

We know you, but how well do you know us? Meet Frank Etchart, long time Director for the Interior Logging Association Board Of Directors.

We want you to get to know all of us better, so we have created our Board of Directors Spotlights. Over time we will introduce you to each of our Board Members and tell you about their connection to the forestry sector, areas of expertise, and why they choose to sit on the Board for the Interior Logging Association. These will be posted on our social media like Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

We pride ourselves on having a diverse, well rounded and experienced board who are well versed in the Forestry industry and the challenges we all face.

These are the people out there working and advocating for YOU!

Follow us for all of the most up to date announcements and information!

BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL'S RESOURCE ROAD DRIVER TRAINING

SUBMITTED BY: BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL

BC Forest Safety

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

More Than 10,000 People Have Enrolled in BC Forest Safety Council's Resource Road Driver Training

Nanaimo, BC – BC Forest Safety Council (BCFSC) is celebrating a major milestone in resource road safety, with 10,189 enrollments in its Resource Road Driver Training program since 2021.

The milestone includes registrations for BCFSC's free online Resource Road Driver Knowledge Unit and participants who completed the course as a prerequisite for in-field training. The figures do not include individuals who completed earlier versions of the training through the Western Forestry Contractors Association, meaning the overall number of trained resource road users in BC is even higher.

Resource roads are used by a broad mix of industrial and recreational users, including forestry workers and contractors, utility crews, natural resource workers, Indigenous communities, and recreational users.

Unlike public highways, these roads can present unique challenges that are difficult to navigate including steep grades, sharp corners, changing surface conditions, active industrial traffic, and radio-assisted sections.

BCFSC's free online Resource Road Knowledge Unit helps participants understand common resource road hazards, safe driving practices, radio communication procedures, and emergency response considerations. Those seeking additional training can further develop their skills through the one-day Resource Road Safety Training course or the comprehensive two-day Resource Road Driver Training course delivered by Tirion Safety Ltd.

These programs provide hands-on experience in real-world driving environments, helping participants build confidence and develop the practical skills needed to safely manage the challenges commonly encountered on resource roads.

"Reaching more than 10,000 enrollments reflects a growing awareness of the importance of resource road safety," said Dustin Meierhofer, BCFSC's Director of Transportation and Northen Safety.

"Every person who takes the training contributes to making BC's resource roads safer for everyone who shares them."

For more information about BCFSC's Resource Road Driver Training, visit www.bcforestsafe.org.
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WREST GRANT MONEY STILL AVAILABLE!

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION

The WREST grant is still actively taking applications for reimbursement of specific types of heavy equipment and accessories.

The WREST grant is now reimbursing the lesser of the 25% of the total cost of Specified Equipment as opposed to the former 10%. As announced on January 19th 2026 by Minister of Forests, Hon. Ravi Parmar.

We want to encourage members to continue to apply as they acquire new equipment and upgrade existing equipment .

For many of our members who have already applied, the amount they received back has been considerable. Some have chosen to reinvest into more equipment (which may also be eligible for reimbursement) or circumvented back in to the business bank account..

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 25% 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, ILA Business Support Services at: meagan@interiorlogging.org

Welcome to **Specsavers Corporate Eyecare**

We've been providing eyecare and eyewear in locations around the world for about 40 years now. So, while we're pretty new to Canada, we've always been about making affordable eyecare and eyewear accessible to everyone.

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WELCOME PERCY, AND THANK YOU ERIN!

SUBMITTED BY: INTERIOR LOGGIN ASSOCIATION

This year during our Annual General Meeting, we had some changes to our Board of Directors.

We would like to sincerely thank Erin Fitchett for her time as a Director for the Interior Logging Association from 2020 to 2026.

Erin is a long time member of the Interior Logging Association, a valuable and involved member in her community of Nelson BC, as well as the forestry industry as Operations Manager at A.F. Timber Co. Ltd.

We deeply appreciate her continued contributions to our Association and the industry.

We would also like to welcome the newest member of the Board, Percy Guichon, Business Development for Tsi Del Del Enterprises in Chilanko Forks B.C. and Executive Director of Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd.

Percy comes to us with many years of expertise in the forestry sector and we are grateful to be able to have his experience and knowledge added to our already outstanding and diverse Board.

Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd, released this statement regarding Percy's addition to the ILA Board:

"Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd. (CCR) is pleased to share that Percy Guichon, CEO of CCR and elected Councillor of Tŝideldel First Nation, has joined the Interior Logging Association (ILA) Board of Directors.

The ILA represents independent loggers across B.C.'s Interior and works to support the timber harvesting industry through advocacy, safety, education, and workforce development. Its members play an important role in local economies and forestry communities across the province.

According to Todd Chamberlain, RFT, General Manager of the Interior Logging Association, ILA board members are nominated by their peers, making Percy's appointment a reflection of the respect he has earned within the forestry sector.

Chamberlain also noted that the ILA has been working alongside Indigenous forestry leaders for several years, including First Nations Forestry Council CEO Lennard Joe, who has served on the ILA board for the past seven years. He shared that this representation helps strengthen collaboration and brings a broader range of voices into conversations about forestry in British Columbia.

Percy's experience in Indigenous-led forestry, forest rehabilitation, fibre utilization, and community-based economic development brings a valuable perspective to the ILA board as the sector continues to change.

CCR congratulates Percy on this appointment and looks forward to the insight he will bring to this role."

We are deeply grateful to everyone who makes up the 2026 Board of Directors, and we pride ourselves in having an incredibly diverse, highly skilled and motivated board who are out there working and advocating for you every single day!

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SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS, AND THANKS FROM THE TY POZZOBON FOUNDATION

SUBMITTED BY: BC FOREST SAFETY COUNCIL

Every year at the ILA AGM and Convention, we do our best to ensure that the proceeds from the items donated to our silent auction always go to supporting a worthy cause.

For the last couple of years, we have chosen to support the Ty Pozzobon Foundation, and in turn, the Pozzobon family who have been a huge part of the logging community for generations.

We received a thank you this year from Ted Stovin, Director of the Ty Pozzonbon Foundation and wanted to share it here, with our Members, so you can see the impact your donations are making:

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous annual donation through the silent auction at your ILA Convention each May. Your continued support means so much to us and makes a real difference. Thanks to your generosity, these funds will go directly toward helping cowboys and cowgirls as they travel the rodeo trail, providing vital support for both their mental and physical health.

Your commitment to our rodeo community allows us to continue offering resources and assistance to those who dedicate their lives to this way of life. We are truly thankful for your partnership and your belief in our mission.

On behalf of everyone we serve, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and ongoing support. We sincerely appreciate everything the Interior Loggers Association does to help strengthen our rodeo family.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Ted Stovin

Director, Ty Pozzobon Foundation"

We are very proud to be an Association that gives back to our community, with our time, resources, and when we can, financial donations. This financial donation would not be possible without the generous donations from our Members and supporting businesses, and the generosity of the bidders, especially in this tough economy.

Thank you to everyone who participated not only this year, but in years past!

For more information about the Ty Pozzobon Foundation, Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), and the work they are doing to to prevent CTE from taking the lives of any western lifestyle participants, ever again, head to:

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INVITING RESIDENTS OF 100 MILE HOUSE TO COMMENT ON TIMBER SUPPLY REVIEW

NEWS RELEASE FROM BC MINISTRY OF FORESTS

The public is invited to give feedback on the upcoming timber supply review for the 100 Mile House Timber Supply Area (TSA).

People can share their thoughts on the recently released 100 Mile House TSA discussion paper by submitting comments before Aug. 25, 2026.

The public discussion paper provides the results of a timber supply analysis and describes the legal requirements, geography, natural resources and forest management practices. This information will be used by B.C.'s chief forester to determine how much timber can be harvested in the TSA annually. This amount is known as the AAC.

Before setting the new AAC, the chief forester will consider input from First Nations, industry and community members. Public feedback is a part of every AAC decision and is an opportunity for communities to provide input, which will be considered during the AAC determination.

The 100 Mile House TSA includes the territories of more than 30 First Nations. The Tsq'escen First Nation (Canim Lake Band), Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation, High Bar First Nation and Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band were part of a timber supply review working group and contributed to the development of the public discussion paper. All 30 Nations have been invited to provide input on this timber supply review.

Administered by the 100 Mile House Natural Resource District, the 100 Mile House TSA covers approximately 1.24 million hectares in the Cariboo region. The current AAC is 967,805 cubic metres per year.

When B.C.'s chief forester makes an AAC determination, it is an independent, professional judgment based on information from:

technical forestry reports

First Nations consultations

input from the public

government's social and economic objectives

Under the Forest Act, AACs must be reviewed at least once every 10 years for all 37 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences in the province.

Learn More:

To read the discussion paper, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/timber-supply-review-and-allowable-annual-cut/allowable-annual-cut-timber-supply-areas/100-mile-house-tsa

For more information or to send comments, people can contact 100 Mile House Natural Resource District via post or email.

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Further information regarding the technical details of the timber supply analysis is available on request by contacting: Forests.ForestAnalysisBranchOffice@gov.bc.ca

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