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2009 Winter Meeting

Picking Up the Pieces:

***How Forestry Communities Plan to Make it
Through the Next 'Few' Years (and Beyond):
Strategies, Innovations, and Visions***

**Naramata Centre
Naramata, BC
April 6–8, 2009**

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This year's theme is *Picking Up the Pieces: How Forestry Communities Plan to Make it Through the Next 'Few' Years (and Beyond): Strategies, Innovations, and Visions*. A reflection of the times, the agenda strives to showcase examples of the forward, fast, futuristic thinking that is necessary to respond to the myriad challenges of unpredictable markets, economic uncertainty, changing climate, and emerging, unknown ecological responses and regimes.

We'll look at examples of how local initiatives keep forest-based economies alive through community tenures and processing facilities, and the emerging relevance of small tenures in these initiatives. Silvicultural systems that respond to community needs other than wood will be explored, and forward-thinking post pine beetle economic opportunities will be revealed. Opportunities to expand our wood industry niches will be explored and discussed, both in terms of markets and products.

Updates on forest programs, policies, and regulations will cover the range of current initiatives - Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP), Forests/Trees For Tomorrow, the Silviculture Investment Fund and Timber Supply Strategies, Future Forest Strategies and new regulations for Secondary Stand Structure.

Research updates will explore the latest work on such topics as seed planning for species on the move, non-timber forest products (NTFP), broadleaf standards, emerging ecological findings, modeling future forest conditions, ecosystem succession and stand dynamics, current stand-enhancement practices, new techniques and treatments for protecting communities from fire risk, and economics of our new "marginal" products.

Finally, an interactive "Soap Box Session" on tenure reform will enliven the discussion and debate of the workshop just before it wraps up. A panel with a wide range of expertise will cover the issues, and participants will have a chance to contribute their opinions and pose questions to the panel. You won't want to miss this opportunity to join your colleagues in this important debate ... in the relaxed atmosphere of Naramata in the spring.

Registration: Monday April 6, 2009

4:00 – 5:30 pm	Registration and Room Assignment
4:00 – 8:00 pm	Forestry Research Projects Poster Display and Trade Show
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Wine Tasting Hosted by Local Naramata Wineries
6:30 – 8:00 pm	No Host Bar
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Banquet Buffet
8:00 – 11:00 pm	Bonfire on the Beach

Day One: Tuesday, April 7, 2009

	<i>Small Tenures Case Studies: Community Forests, First Nations, and Woodlots</i>
8:25	Welcome & Opening Remarks Klay Tindall RPF, SISCO Chair Area Silviculturist, Tembec Industries
8:30	<i>Keeping Forest Based Economies Alive: Likely Xatsu'll Community Forest</i> Robin Hood, President, BC Community Forest Assoc. Mgr. Likely Xats'ull Comm. Forest Dir. Likely Comm. Forest Society
8:50	<i>Silvicultural Systems and the Role They Play in the Community</i> Daniel Gratton, Forestry Manager Creston Community Forest
9:10	<i>Woodlot Tenures: Fine-Tuned and Responsive Land Management for Environmental and Social Well-Being</i> Lisa Marak, Woodlot Manager Tower Ranch Woodlot
9:30	<i>Question Period</i>
	<i>New Markets and Commodities from Community Tenures</i>
9:40	<i>Quesnel and the Forest Bio-Economy: How a Pine Beetle Epicenter Town is Rethinking Its Economy</i> Jim Savage, Executive Director, Quesnel Community Economic and Development Corporation
10:00	<i>First Nations Ties to China Wood Market</i> Leonard Joe, Consulting Forester, Grizzly Man Resource Management
10:20	<i>Bioenergy – Transitional Commodity, or Future Forest Product Focus?</i> Don Gosnell, Manager, Bioenergy Initiatives, MOFR, Research Tenure and Engineering Branch, Victoria
10:40	<i>Silvicultural Implications of Fiber Production – What Will "the Woods" Look Like Under Bioenergy Production Management Regimes</i> John Swann, Executive Director, Pellet Association of Canada
11:00	<i>MPB Fibre – New Product Development Initiatives</i> Robert Parisotto, Director, Product Development & Technical Research, Forestry Innovation Investment
11:20	<i>Question Period</i>

11:30 SISCO AGM
 11:50 Lunch and free time, self-guided walking tour of arboretum
 1:00 **Discussion Sessions 1 – 8**

1. ***FREP Monitoring Results: What's Being Done With Them and How Can They Influence Forest Practices? Case Study: MOFR – Licensee Team Work in the Headwaters Forest District with Focus on Good Communication***
 Nancy Densmore, Biodiversity Specialist, MOFR, Forest Practices Branch
 Heather MacLennan, Forest Health Technician, MOFR Headwaters Forest District
2. ***New Techniques / New Practices: Forests / Trees For Tomorrow Programs***
 Kelly Osbourne, Forest Rehabilitation Specialist, MOFR, Forest Practices Branch and TBA
3. ***Pre-commercial Thinning in dry Douglas-fir Stands: Growth Impacts for the Mid-Term Timber Supply***
 Catherine Bealle-Statland, Research Scientist, MOFR, Research Branch
 Ken Day, Manager, UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest
4. ***Non-Timber Forest Products and Ecological Understanding – a New Application for BEC or VRI?, and, What About the Berries: Managing the Forest for Understory Species***
 Will McKenzie, Research Ecologist, MOFR, Research Branch
 Ray Coupe, Research Ecologist, MOFR, Research Branch
 Michael E. Keefer, M.Sc, P.Ag, Plant Ecologist, Principal, Keefer Ecological Services
5. ***Regeneration in Hot and Cold Climates: Lessons from Silvicultural Systems Studies in the Southern Interior***
 Andre Arsenault, Silviculture Systems Researcher, MOFR, Southern Interior Forest Region
 Walt Klenner, Wildlife Habitat Ecologist, MOFR, Southern Interior Forest Region
 Alan Vyse, Adjunct Professor, Thompson Rivers University
6. ***Kamloops Future Forest Strategy: Climate Change Scenarios, Management and Ecological Vulnerabilities***
 Jamie Jeffreys, First Nations / Stewardship Officer, MOFR, Kamloops Forest District
 Cam Brown, Forsite Consultants, Salmon Arm
 Ken Zielke, Symmetree Consulting
7. ***Secondary Structure Update: New Regulations for Retention***
 Al Waters, Consulting Forester, A. J. Waters & Associates
 Kevin Astridge, Regeneration/Mixedwood Specialist, MOFR Forest Practices Branch

8. ***Boundary-Pushing Tree Seeks Eager Partners for Security and Reproduction: Whitebark Pine Needs Support for Conservation, and Possibly More!***
 Jodie Krakowski, Tree Breeder, Cowichan Lake Research Station, MOFR Research Branch
 Michael Carlson, Tree Geneticist, Kalamalka Forestry Centre, MOFR Research Branch

2:15 Coffee (participants take refreshments to their next discussion session)
 2:30 ***Discussion Sessions 1 – 8 Repeated***
 3:35 **Adjourn for the day**
 4:00 **Guided Natural History Walk Around Naramata with Dick Cannings**
 5:45 **No Host Bar**
 6:45 **Banquet Buffet**
 8:00 **Social Evening: Bonfire on the Beach**

Day Two: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

- 8:25 **Announcements**
 Klay Tindall, RPF, SISCO Chair
- 8:30 ***Discussion Sessions 9 – 15***
9. ***Three Approaches to Broadleaf and Mixed-wood Stocking Standards: Coastal, Boreal and Interior Dry Pine***
 Guy Burdikin RPF, Silviculture Forester, West Fraser Mills
 Craig Farnden, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Forestry, UBC
 Allan Powelson, Regeneration/Mixedwood Specialist, MOFR, Forest Practices Branch
 10. ***Products on the Margin – Biomass Utilization – Making Use of Unwanted Fibre – Costs of Processing from the Landing to the Processing Facility***
 Ron Racine, Partner, Trace Resources
 Stuart Spencer, Forest Products Innovations, Natural Resources Canada
 11. ***Shuffling Seedlots and Species in a Warming Climate – Adaptation, Assisted Migration, and Climate Based Seed Transfer***
 Lee Charleson, Seed Policy Officer, MOFR, Tree Improvement Branch
 Nicholas Ukrainetz, Tree Breeder, MOFR Research Branch
 12. ***First Nations Capacity Building in Silviculture***
 Bill Layton, RPF, Professional Forester, Central Interior Mapping Company
 Laurie Vaughan, Assistant Manager, Cariboo-Chilcotin Region, Fraser Basin Council
 13. ***Growing Mushrooms as a Forest Product***
 Bill Chapman, Research Soil Scientist, MOFR, Southern Interior Forest Region
 Shannon Berch, Forest Soils Ecologist, MOFR, Research Branch

**14. MPB Revisited in Terms Of Ecosystem Succession
Stand Dynamics – Post Fire**

Brad Hawkes, Fire Research Officer,
Pacific Forestry Centre
Bruce Blackwell, Forest Management Consultant,
BA Blackwell & Associates

**15. Fuel Reduction at Logan Lake to Reduce Fire
Hazard – CWPP Funding Opportunities for Fuels
Management, and Fuel Reduction and Pine Beetle
Mitigation Challenges and Solutions in the Regional
District of Central OkanaganParks**

Cathy MacKenzie, RFP, Forest Health Operator,
Regional District of Central Okanagan
Greg Garrish, Forest Protection Technician,
MOFR, Kamloops Fire Zone

Naramata Revisited – Review of the Venue for this year’s Winter Workshop

This year we’re returning to the Naramata Centre, a retreat-style venue with extensive grounds located in the midst of orchard and vineyard country on Okanagan Lake.

Good advantage will be taken of the grounds and surrounding landscape to provide engaging interactive opportunities for participants, including a natural history walking tour guided by provincial birding expert Dick Cannings (Dick will be there this time!), a self-guided tour of the arboretum that is woven throughout the site, a wine tasting evening hosted by Naramata vineyards, and nightly bonfires on the beach.

This venue has a very different character and ambiance, not close to shopping or entertainment, but with excellent walking and cycling opportunities, and a very interesting small “downtown” with much character and a fine neighbourhood pub. The timing (one month later than customary) is early spring rather than late winter, just at the start of bud burst in the orchards and vineyards. You are invited to have a different experience this year, one focused on greater opportunities to interact with your colleagues, to engage with the agenda, and to enjoy the surrounding landscape (on foot, by bike, or just out the window) of the beautiful Okanagan Valley.

Important registration/venue notes are as follows:

- ALL meals are included in the registration fee for all participants: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 4 refreshment (“coffee”) breaks, and the wine-tasting;
- “On-Site Accommodation” registration options range from single occupancy (private bedroom and bath) to cottages and houses where the bath is shared, but everyone has a private room to sleep in if that registration option is chosen. The cost of all on-site accommodation is less than you find off-site, and of course you are spared the trip to and from Penticton each day.

Please note that there are no televisions or telephones in any of the on-site accommodation; there is however:

- computer stations and pay phones in the central reception area;
- wireless internet access throughout most of the site, and
- cell phone service throughout most of the site;

Please read the registration section carefully and choose the registration option that best suits you. Do keep in mind that since the registration fee **includes and all your meals, and if you chose so, your accommodation**, it is accordingly higher than other years’ registration fees.

9:45 Coffee

10:15 **Discussion Sessions 9 – 15 Repeated**

11:30 Lunch

Forest Health Update

12:30 **Forest Health Provincial Situation
– Concurrent Insect and Disease Outbreaks**
Lorraine Maclauchlan, Forest Entomologist,
Michael Murray, Forest Pathologist,
MOFR, Southern Interior Forest Region

Soap Box Panel Session on Tenure Reform

1:00 **A Comprehensive Proposal on Tenure Reform Based on
the Work of the BC Forum on Forest Economics and
Policy: an Optimistic Picture Of What A New System
Could Look Like**
Thomas Maness, Professor, UBC Department of Forest
Resources Management

1:45 **The Future Role of Small Tenures,
and the Role of the Public in the Tenure Debate**
Brian McNaughton, General Manager,
Federation of BC Woodlot Associations

2:00 **First Nations Perspective on Tenure Reform**
Dave Walkem, Cooks Ferry Indian Band

2:15 **Industry Perspective on Tenure Reform**
TBA

2:30 **Historical Perspective: What Lessons from the Past
Can We Profit From Now – Today?**
Mike Apsey, Forest Economist and Historian

2:45 **Coffee and Soap Box Time: Contributions from the
Audience: Questions and Comments for the Panel**

3:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**
Sue Huddart, Incoming SISCO Chair

SISCO Registration Information

Registration Options and Fee Schedule

All Registrations include all meals as follows:

- Dinner on Monday April 6 and Tuesday April 7
- Breakfast on Tuesday April 7 and Wednesday April 8
- Lunch on Tuesday April 7 and Wednesday April 8
- Morning and Afternoon Refreshments Breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Wine-Tasting / "Wine and Cheese" on Monday April 6

Registration with Accommodation includes:

Accommodation on Monday night April 6 and Tuesday night April 7

Research/Technical Posters

and Trade Show Display Booths:

If you wish to display a research/technical poster or have a trade show booth, please register for the workshop using the attached registration form, and check the appropriate box.

Poster people, please also complete the 2nd page of the registration form so we can correctly represent your poster in the participant package.

Early (registration received on or before Friday – March 13, 2009)

With On-Site Accommodation

- Private room with private bath and 2 beds:
1 person: \$475; 2 persons: \$425 per person
- Cottage with one shared bath, 2 bedrooms, and a pull-out couch in living room:
2 persons per cottage: \$450 per person;
3 persons per cottage: \$375 per person
- House with one shared bath, 2-3 bedrooms, and pull-out couch in living room:
(3 persons minimum; 5 persons maximum):
3 persons: \$425 per person; 4 persons: \$400 per person;
5 persons: \$375 per person

Without On-Site Accommodation

No accommodation (for those staying off-site); meals will still be provided on site): \$350

Late (registration received on or after Saturday – March 14, 2009)

Please add \$25 to all registration options above.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before March 13 will receive a full refund of registration fee.

Cancellations after March 13 but on or before March 20 will receive a refund minus \$50.

Cancellations after March 20 will not receive a refund of the registration fee (after this date, SISCO is required to pay for all catering and accommodation booked)

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to SISCO, 305 – 622 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4B7

If you require further information, please contact April Anderson
Phone 250 / 226-7641 • Fax 250 / 352-2211.

Payment Criteria

Please note the following payment criteria:

- We do not issue a separate invoice for registration fees; please use the registration form as an invoice if you require one
 - We do not have any credit card payment options
 - Make cheques payable to SISCO
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