

**COMFOR MANAGERMENTS SERVICES LTD.**



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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**





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BLCF in collaboration with Northern Fire WoRX



# Comfor Management Services Ltd.

## Corporate Data

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### **Board of Directors:**

Crystal Fisher, President	<i>(Member of the Public at Large)</i>
Paul Davidson, Vice President	<i>(Member of the Public at Large)</i>
Johnny Janzen, Secretary	<i>(Member of the Public at Large)</i>
Tara William, Director	<i>(Wet'suwet'en First Nation)</i>
Jeff Brown, Director	<i>(Office of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs)</i>



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### **Mission Statement**

**Comfor Management Services Ltd. (CMSL)** and subsidiary (**Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd.**) manage and operate the Community Forest K1A License Agreement in a safe, profitable, and innovative manner that enhances the forest resource while respecting the principles of integrated use, environmental stewardship, and public consultation. The corporation's harvesting, silviculture, and forest management activities provide benefits for the Province of British Columbia, the Village of Burns Lake, First Nations partners, all residents of the Lakes Timber Supply Area, and local and regional wood processing facilities in a sustainable manner.

### **Values**

- 1. Safety**
- 2. Profitable**
- 3. Innovative**
- 4. Enhance the forest resource**
- 5. Integrated use**
- 6. Environmental stewardship**
- 7. Public consultation**
- 8. Benefits to the Province, Village, First Nations, and residents**

### **Guiding principles**

1. Safety will be the highest priority for BLCF, its employees, contractors, and consultants while conducting work for and on behalf of BLCF. In addition, the safety of the public will be paramount within the BLCF tenure area.
2. BLCF will pursue opportunities to realize the best return from timber harvesting, provide sufficient revenue to pay for management of the CF and provide a financial return to the Province, shareholders, stakeholders, and the community.

3. BLCF, in conducting its communication, planning, operational, and silviculture activities, will seek innovative approaches and solutions to these activities.
4. BLCF will strive to continually enhance all forest resources, including timber, wildlife, cultural recreational, aquatic, and aesthetic within the community forest area.
5. BLCF, while conducting its activities, will strive to consider and incorporate other forest uses within the community forest area.
6. BLCF will incorporate sound science-based information recommendations in its forest management activities.
7. The province, First Nations, local governments, stake holders and the community will be consulted regarding proposed activities within the community forest area.
8. Taxes, royalties, rents, disbursements, donations, and other benefits will be distributed to the province, local government, shareholders, stakeholders, and the community from the profits generated from the community forest. Goods, labour, and services will be sourced from the local area to the extent it is available and cost effective to do so,

## Vision

CMSL will be the top performing community forest in British Columbia:

- In operating safely and profitably,
- In providing benefits to **the province**, our shareholders, partners, **First Nations** and residents of the Lakes Timber Supply Area,
- In providing opportunities for local employment to residents and First Nations,
- In increasing forest productivity in an **innovative** and environmentally sustainable manner,
- In supporting opportunities for integrated use,
- In ensuring the public and stakeholders are provided with opportunities for input into how the community forest is managed in an open and transparent manner.



To the residents of the Lakes District,

Each year I look forward to Comfor Management Services Ltd.'s Annual Report, which details the Burns Lake Community Forest's operations for the fiscal year. The Burns Lake Community Forest is integral to the ability of our community to thrive as we work to have greater control over the local forest industry which directly supports our residents. Through the community forest, we see the benefits of direct employment, funding support for local events and programming. Through the community forest, we are able to manage the tenure to reflect local values and priorities. The 2021/22 fiscal revenue distribution was \$1,556,073 each to three local organizations, the Village of Burns Lake, Ts'il Kaz Koh First Nation, and Wet'suwet'en First Nation. The distribution will support and improve local programming and infrastructure projects.

On behalf of the council and residents of Burns Lake and surrounding rural areas, I extend a sincere thank you to the Comfor Management Services Board of Directors for their successes and commitment to serving the community. I would specifically like to commend the board for their efforts to mitigate wildfire threats throughout the Comfor management area by continued implementation of the 2019 *Burns Lake Community Forest – Landscape Fire Management Plan*. Their efforts reduce our susceptibility to the threat of wildfires, protecting our homes and our health and safety.

The forest industry has many complex and constant challenges, including policy changes that affect local operations. We look to the board to navigate these changes and manage the tenure in a way that continues to provide economic benefit, protects our community and ultimately preserves our way of life. We are confident in the board's ability to meet these challenges in order to continue moving the organization forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dolores Funk".

Dolores Funk, Mayor





# Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd.

## Your Community-Owned Forest Company

### General Manager's Report

On behalf of the board of directors, I am pleased to present this report regarding the activities and operations of Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. (BLCF) from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021.



The community forest agreement area consists of 92,278.8 hectares of Crown land across traditional territories of local First Nation. From this total, just over 62,000 ha is part of the timber harvesting land-base from which BLCF harvested 215,691 m<sup>3</sup>—supplying the bulk of the saw logs to Babine Forest Products Ltd., Decker Lake Forest Products Ltd., Pacific Timber Ltd.

Annual Allowable Cut (AAC):	194,226 m <sup>3</sup>
Harvested	215,691 m <sup>3</sup>
Ten-Year-Cut Control	1,942,260 m <sup>3</sup>

The AAC was reset for BLCF as of Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, to 194,226 m<sup>3</sup> per year. The 10-year cut is 1,942,260 m<sup>3</sup> for the period, until 2030. This is a partition cut- broken into green harvest, dead harvest, and deciduous. The bulk being 118,100m<sup>3</sup> green per year, 76,126m<sup>3</sup> dead/dry per year.

BLCF generated the following approximate employment hours by hiring local contracting companies to harvest 100 per cent of BLCF's fiber, as well as a team of equipment operators for road maintenance:

Logging	51,120
Hauling	50,499
Road building	6,977 <i>this includes road maintenance</i>
Silviculture	15,600
Forest management	3,529

Approximately 127,455 hours of employment were generated by the community forest this fiscal year. That is equivalent to 62 Full time equivalents (FTE). We completed extensive wildfire hazard abatement works with the support of Forest Enhancement Funding in the amount of \$793,993.

2020/2021 was a very busy fiscal year for BLCF. We continue our quest and success with Forest Stewardship Council Certification and SAFE Company Certification. We continued our hazard abatement works for community protection through the implementation of our landscape fire plan.

Over 1.1 million seedlings were planted by a local contracting company, consisting of a species mix of spruce, pine, Douglas fir and western larch. This technique is used to enhance the resilience of a plantation to the risk of insects, disease, and fire resilience.

Burns Lake Community Forest continued its efforts to seek public input into the proceedings of the community through attending local events and activities.

Comfor Management Services Ltd. (Comfor) held its seventh annual Public Information Open House BBQ on July 22nd, 2021. It was a very successful event with close to 200 community members attending. The open house is held annually to meet Community Forest Agreement K1A requirements, as well as to provide an opportunity for the community to meet the directors and staff. Because open and transparent governance is a commitment of the Community Forest, an opportunity was also provided to present the operational Landscape Fire Management Plan and learn about operations, as well as the vision and mission for the future of the community forest

The lumber markets coupled with our new AAC had brought about the full implementation of our mountain pine beetle mitigation efforts, posting the strongest fiscal year in the history of the K1A license as we balanced the environmental, social, and economic pillars of our community forest.

BLCF continues efforts for engaging the community. We received 92 surveys at our open house BBQ and BLCF was pleased with the diversity of perspectives and number of responses regarding our activities. The information was valuable to the Board of Directors as they continue to work to set a strategic vision for long-term sustainability.

In 2021, Burns Lake Community Forest provided sponsorship to the Annual Business Excellence Awards showcasing our commitments to support local businesses, economic development, and diversification in the Lakes District. In 2019 BLCF was proud to receive the Resource Industry Award.





# COMFOR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE BBQ







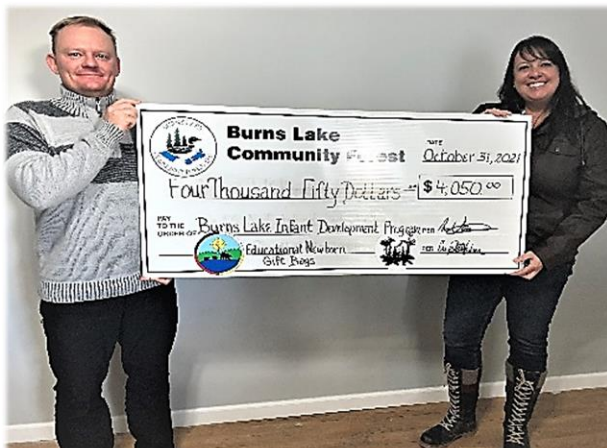
# Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd.

## Donations Policy Report 2020 /2021

The Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. Donations Committee approved all donations, to October 31, 2021 fiscal year end that met Donations Policy 2017-2018-01 criteria.

\$281,805.20 was donated to local education, service clubs, outdoor recreation, recreation facilities, sports teams, and events in the Lakes Timber Supply Area.

The Beacon Theatre received an additional \$72,500.00 for completion of theatre walls. Northwest District Minor Hockey Association received support for various teams in the amount of \$19,000.00. The Omenica Ski Club was issued \$6,000.00 to help fund the Bombardier Groomer. Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association received funding in the amount of \$4,500.00 for their annual trail maintenance. School District 91 was granted \$7,000.00 for the WOW Bus Southside services. Lakes District Fall Fair Association received \$35,000.00 for structural improvements at Eagle Creek Fairgrounds. Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society was issued \$9,000.00 for site maintenance. Lakes District Family Enhancement Society received \$50,000.00 for their Core Food Security Program.







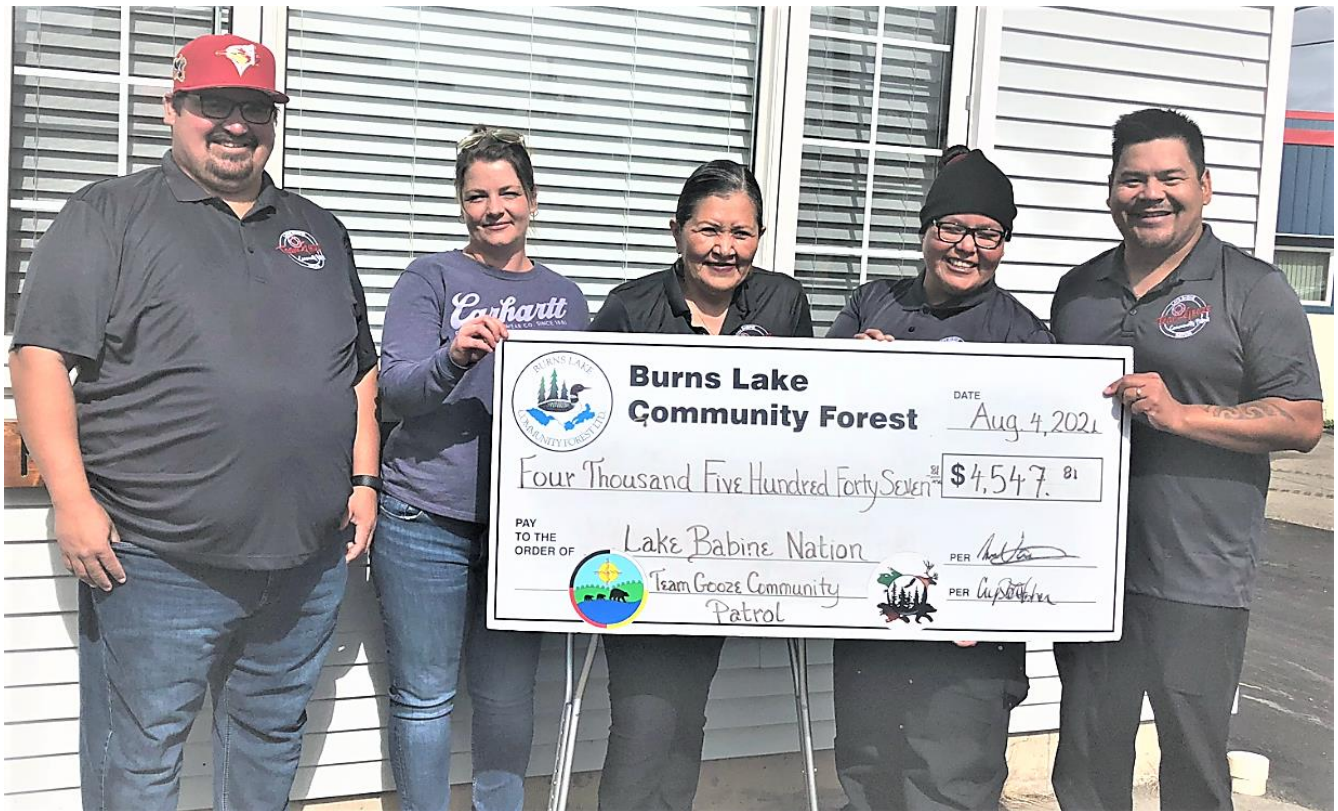
Funding was also provided for NESST (Regional District of Bulkley Nechako) in the amount of \$2,500.00. Burns Lake Minor Hockey received \$9,500.00 in support of hockey camp and 2021/2022 Hockey Season Sponsorship. Burns Lake Community Garden Society was granted \$2,200.00 for the addition of raised beds in the greenhouse. \$5,000.00 was donated to the Lakes District Museum Society for book publishing (Centennial Project). Burns Lake Special Olympics received \$5,000.00 in support of Equipment, Rentals and Travel. BLCF sponsored Community Safety Net for 100 kids – Fire Safety in the amount of \$5,000.00. Canadian Cancer Care Team received \$2,500.00 for their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Chip Run. Tye Clovis and Kyle Nealis received scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. Lake Babine Nation was granted \$4,547.81 to support apparel for Team Gooze Community Patrol. The Postmen Outpost received \$5,000.00 to support evacuees, displaced animals, and fire fighters. Lakes Animal Friendship Society was issued \$1,500.00 in support of Kindness Kits for Elementary Classrooms. Francois Lake Hall Committee received \$9,427.39 in support of the Francois Lake Community Rink. Lakes District Senior Secondary School was issued \$10,000.00 in support of the Athletic Teams Sponsorship. Lakes District Senior Secondary School also received \$10,000.00 in support of the Art Department – T-Shirt Press & Cutter. Burns Lake Infant Development Program received \$4,050.00 for Infant Educational Paraphernalia and for Book Bags.

The role of our community members driving and enhancing our local non-for-profit groups cannot be understated and BLCF is very proud of the opportunity to provide the financial support.





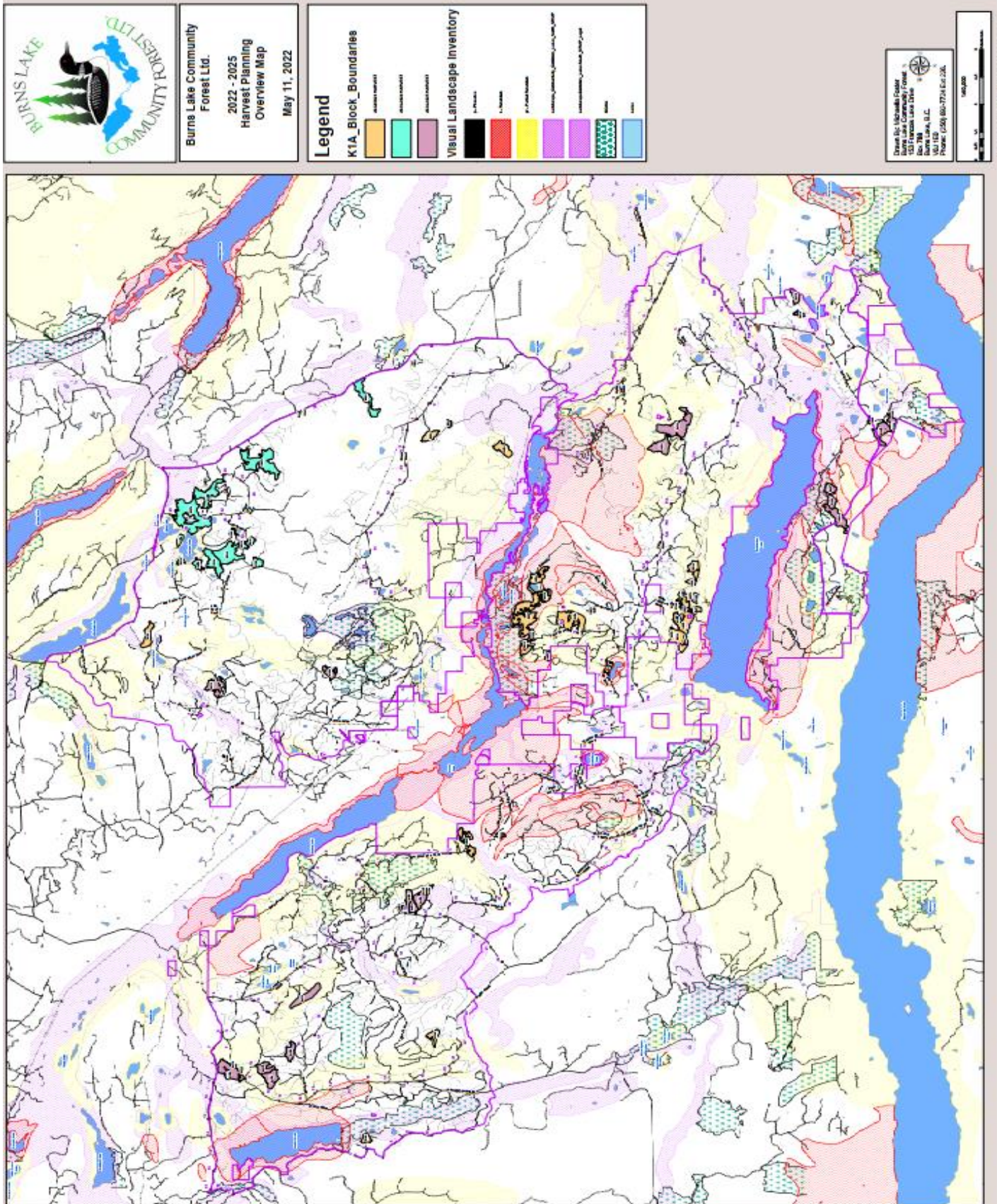






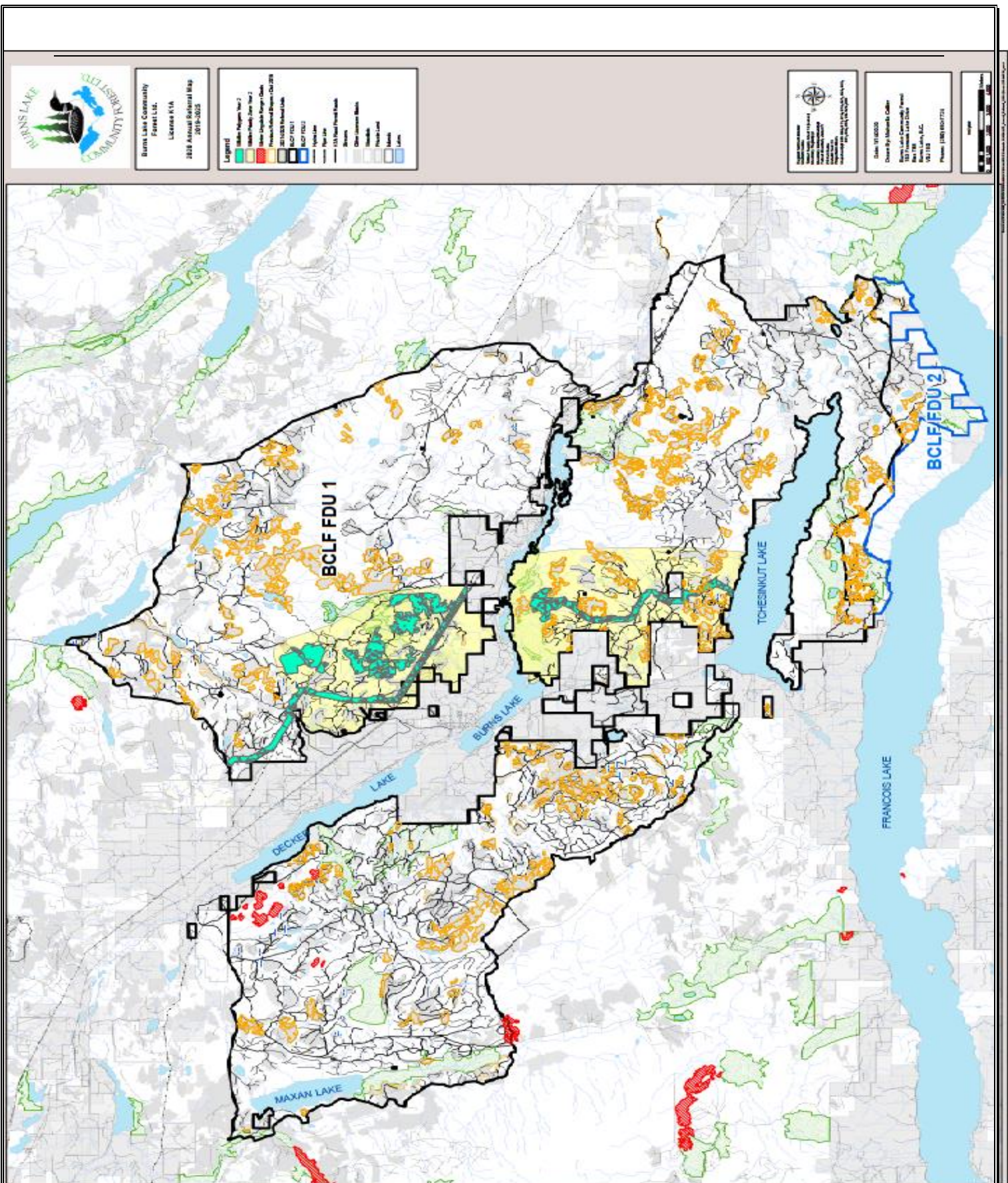
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*K1A boundary area pictured above with 3 years operational planning harvest scheduled*





K1A boundary area pictured above with previous referral and 5-yr development planning



Long Term Community Forest Agreement K1A clauses 2.02 and 2.03 state that the Burns Lake Band and Wet'suwet'en First Nations will receive 18 per cent of the after-tax net profit from the audited financial statements. Payments of \$1,162,716.84 each were distributed as per the license agreement this reporting period. Vision 2 in the Mission & Vision Statement is to be the top performing community forest in B.C. in providing benefits to the Shareholder, partners, and residents of the Lakes Timber Supply area. The linking corporate objective states that 50 per cent of net profits above a net profit margin of 5 per cent be distributed; therefore, stakeholder donations were made in the amount of \$393,356.92 each to the Burns Lake Band and Wet'suwet'en First Nations to provide support for community and First Nation capacity building and economic development. In total, the distribution amount of \$4,668,221.29 was equally distribution to BLCF's sole Shareholder, the Village of Burns Lake, WFN and BLB. This is equivalent to a 24% profit distribution for each partner. Excluded from the corporate and license distributions. A further \$281,805.20 was donated to local education, service clubs, outdoor recreation, recreation facilities, sporting teams, and events in the Lakes Timber Supply Area.



## **Provincial Community Forest Agreement Program Objectives and Strategies**

The Community Forest Agreement illustrates specific program objectives. The following illustrates how Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. (BLCF) will adhere to these provincial community forest agreement objectives:

### **1. Objective: Provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values, and priorities.**

BLCF will operate in a manner that encourages forest and forest resource sustainability and that enables forestry and tourism to prosper and attract new investment. BLCF will conduct operations in a manner that provides sufficient habitat of the quality required to support healthy fish and wildlife populations.

### **2. Objective: Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area.**

BLCF will promote diverse economic opportunities through profit sharing. Community-based initiatives will be supported with the profit from timber harvesting and utilization of other land-based harvesting.



**3. Objective: Provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia.**

BLCF will utilize the full allocated AAC, maintain a sustainable timber supply and manage the Community Forest area in a manner that promotes long-term forest health.

**4. Objective: Undertake community forestry consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values.**

BLCF will practice environmental stewardship by identifying and using the most current best management practices with which to operate the community forest. BLCF will seek opportunities to advance knowledge through experience and education and will seek out alternative or innovative approaches to forest management.

**5. Objective: Promote community involvement and participation.**

BLCF will operate in a transparent manner to strengthen relationships with government, local area residents, and First Nations. BLCF will encourage community awareness and participation in community forest activities and opportunities.

**6. Objective: Promote communication and strengthen the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons.**

BLCF has committed to a business environment that is transparent and open to the participating communities' collaboration and input. BLCF will implement management practices that conserve and protect cultural values. BLCF will strive to reach decisions on important matters on the basis of consensus.

**7. Objective: Foster innovation.**

BLCF will seek opportunities to advance knowledge through experience and education. BLCF supports community efforts to develop comprehensive training, and education programs that would contribute to innovative forest management.

**8. Objective: advocate forest worker safety**

BLCF advocates for worker safety by using contractors with demonstrated and documented safe work practices and will include SAFE certified contractors.

*Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. is committed to meet the provincial Community Forest Program Objectives for the use of and the benefits of the stakeholders within the CFA area.*

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

BLCF will be guided by the following principles to ensure the Community Forest will meet the stated objectives:

- BLCF commits to manage the forest on the basis of integrated resource management following the objectives of the Lakes North and Lakes South Sustainable Resource Management Plans ("SRMP"). This philosophy is expected to improve the quality of life for the people of the community. We will continue to strive toward compatible management of our timber and non-timber resources.
- The community forest commits to a business environment that is transparent and open to the participating communities' collaboration and input.
- BLCF commits to higher levels of cooperation and communication with local private landowners and First Nations. This level of communication is anticipated to optimize the identification of educational opportunities, forest health concerns, and overall management.



## **SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND BROAD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GOALS**

BLCF will follow an integrated resource management approach with an emphasis on creating employment opportunities involving a variety of forest resources. Management strategies will adhere to the following social, economic, and broad resource management goals to benefit residents of the community of Burns Lake and the province:

### **Social**

Encourage community stability by promoting diverse economic opportunities. Provide mechanisms for building community awareness and participation in community forest activities and opportunities that bring the various communities together. Encourage education opportunities in the forest industry with local colleges.

### **Economic**

Fully utilize the harvesting opportunities granted under the CFA in a manner that is sustainable. Provide and promote opportunities for a range of forest and non-timber forest products.

### **Broad Resource Management**

Manage the Burns Lake Community Forest in a manner that is guided by the Lakes North and South SRMPs to promote long-term forest health, protection of forest diversity, provide sufficient habitat required to support healthy fish and wildlife populations, and protect water quality.

BLCF strategy sets the foundation for meeting the following provincial community forest agreement program objectives.





**Prescribe Burn Information Booth May 2021**







## BURNS LAKE COMMUNITY FOREST LTD.

Reporting Period: November 1, 2020, to October 31, 2021

C: Completed ON: Ongoing IP: In Progress

**SAFETY:** Safety will be the highest priority for BLCF, its employees, contractors, and consultants while conducting work for and on behalf of BLCF. In addition, the safety of the public will be paramount within the BLCF tenure area.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Zero loss time for employees and contractors.	#14 Forest Worker Safety	Advocate forest worker safety	Maintain a safety program for company employees.	ON
			Ensure all active roads are signed and road channels clearly marked.	ON
			Ensure all "active hauling" signs are kept current.	ON
			Encourage all contractors and consultants working on behalf of the BLCF to be SAFE Certified.	ON
			Implement the Burns Lake Community Forest Landscape Fire Management Plan	IP
			Support FireSmart Program for First Nations and Land owners adjacent to CF	IP
			Incorporate an "active hauling" warning on the BLCF website.	ON
<b>Status: All safety commitments are being met and are ongoing.</b>				

BLCF ensures all activities on the community forest are undertaken in a safe manner. All safety plans are updated and reviewed annually, as well as regular safety meetings conducted. Zero time was lost due to accidents for employees and contractors this reporting period. BLCF is Safe Certified.

**PROFITABLE:** BLCF will pursue opportunities to realize the best return from timber harvesting, provide sufficient revenue to pay for management of the CF, and provide a financial return to the Province, shareholders, stakeholders, and the community.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status	
Net profit margin of 5%.	#2 Total Economic Activity	Provide economic and social benefits to B.C.	Complete an updated 5 yr Operational plan	IP	
			Develop the harvesting and marketing strategy for the era when harvesting priorities will shift away from salvage	IP	
Return on equity of 20%.	#5: Cut Control		Explore new market opportunities for saw logs, bioenergy fibre, and pulp logs.	IP	
			Capitalize on provincial funding programs to support innovation, forest enhancement and strategic management objectives	IP	
Status: All commitments are underway.					

BLCF manages the community forest in a manner to produce a continuous flow of logs and revises the harvesting strategies, as necessary, due to the changing operating conditions. BLCF, this reporting period paid \$197,396 in stumpage revenue to the government.

**INNOVATIVE:** BLCF, in conducting its communication, planning, operational, and silviculture activities, will seek innovative approaches and solutions to these activities.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Incorporate FN stewardship and non-timber objectives into the forest management program	#6: Distribution of Log Sales	Foster innovation.	Use wildlife habitat modeling to revise management options	IP
			Identify areas with the highest biodiversity values or potential for protection to focus habitat protection and recovery programs	IP
			Identify options to enhance resource values by the community	IP
			Identify areas with the highest biodiversity value or potential to focus protection and recovery programs.	IP
Increase enhanced silviculture treatments a minimum of 200 hectares per year within 5 years.	#16: Management of		Implement the Landscape Fire Management Plan	IP
			Explore utilization of deciduous to meet timber and non-timber resource values.	IP
			Use improved data such as LiDAR for operational planning and to improve inventory information.	C
			Develop silviculture regimes to include understory-protection harvesting, climate change, forest-health factors, and non-timber values.	ON
Harvest a minimum of 100 hectares of non-timber harvesting landbase in 5 years.	#17 Forest Stewardship		Update resource inventories.	IP
			Achieve and maintain Forest Certification.	ON
			Undertake treatments on free growing stands that increase forest growth, reduce losses to pests and diseases, and or improve timber quality in the future	IP
			Modify silviculture regimes to address forest management changes in the community	IP
			Encourage diversity of tree species and age classes across the landscape.	C
Status: All commitments are underway.				

BLCF continues utilization of LiDAR data set. BLCF completed year 3 of its landscape area base assessment of stream. We completed just over 700 ha of young forest assessments. We have completed habitat assessments for Grizzly Bear, and in progress with fisher/marten habitat assessments.

**ENHANCE THE FOREST RESOURCE:** BLCF will strive to continually enhance all forest resources, including timber, wildlife, cultural, recreational, aquatic, and aesthetic within the community forest area.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Improve forest productivity on the community forest by 10% in ten years.	#5: Cut Control	Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the of area.	Undertake treatments on free-growing stands that increase forest health, reduce losses to pests and diseases, and/or improve timber quality in the future.	IP
			Maintain a silviculture program that complies with forest legislation and ensures prompt and appropriate restocking of productive forestland.	IP
			Identify options to enhance resources valued by the community.	C
			Propose silviculture regimes to include understory protection harvesting and implement a partial cutting program.	IP
Salvage all remaining and available MPB stands within five years.	#7: Investments in Intensive Silviculture	Provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values, and priorities.	Identify areas for ecosystem restoration to enhance the timber resource	IP
			Propose a silviculture regime to address non-timber values.	C
			Take advantage of external funding for enhanced silviculture programs such as fertilization, improved resource inventories, or ecosystem restoration.	C
			Maintain a salvage program to remove and reforest as much of the MPB-impacted forest as possible.	IP
			Undertake visual landscape planning	IP
<b>Status: All commitments are underway.</b>				

BLCF planted over 1,100,000 seedling comprised of a mixture of 40/30/15/15 Spruce,Pine, Fir,Larch in the spring of 2021. Free Growing Surveys and stand monitoring are ongoing. We continue our efforts in dead pine beetle salvage harvesting to bring these areas back to productive young forests, and monitor and examine our plantations for enhance value assessments.

**INTERGRATED USE:** BLCF, while conducting its activities, will strive to consider and incorporate other forest uses within the community forest area.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Respond to comments received on plans within seven days.	#9: Community Accountability	Promote community involvement and participation.	Have a strong commitment to managing the land for all resource values.	C / ON
			Consult with forest users during operational planning and consider their needs. These users include guider outfitters, trappers, range tenure holders, mining tenure holders, oil & gas companies, and outdoor recreational use.	ON
			Continue to support local organizations in maintaining and improving recreation sites, trails, and access.	ON
			Explore developing a new web-based tool to improve the maps and resource information provided to the recreational users and the public by BLCF.	ON
Minimum of two public information meetings per year.	#10: Public Engagement		Explore alternative visual landscape planning approaches and update the visual landscape database.	C / ON
			Provide maps and engage with active trappers and guide outfitters, on the planned annual activities prior to September 1st of each year.	ON
			Work with First Nations to incorporate First nations' management objectives for traditional use into forest managemet planning	C / ON
	#12: Investments in Recreation		<b>Status: All commitments are underway.</b>	

BLCF continues to support the Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society by funding recreation site maintenance, as well as upgrades to sites within the community forest. BLCF also supports the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association, Snombolie Club, Omineca Ski Club, Burns Lake Fire Training Society, Burns Lake Paintball Society, among many others in the community.



**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** BLCF will incorporate sound science-based information recommendations in its forest management activities.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Forest and Environmental legislation.	#17: Forest Stewardship  Environmental Standards.	consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that	Given the impact of forest health factors, use forest management and harvest planning strategies that will sustain the long term productivity of the working forest while minimizing impact on non-timber resources including fish, wildlife, recreation, biological diversity, wilderness and water.	ON
			Encourage diversity of tree species and age classes across the landscape.	ON
			Address the new Northern Goshawk management Strategy	IP
			Explore ecosystem restoration in areas impacted by the MPB.	ON
			Complete wildlife habitat modeling for important species and modeling of rare and sensitive ecosystems for use in forest management.	IP
			Classify areas best able to meet biodiversity objectives using ecological mapping, wildlife habitat modeling, and updated forest inventories	IP
			Explore funding sources and implementation of ecosystem restoration in areas impacted by the mountain pine beetle.	ON
			Improve the use of PEM in forest management planning.	ON / C
			Use an access management plan to define roads for deactivation and restoration	IP

All commitments are currently complete and ongoing or underway.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION:** The province, First Nations, local governments, stakeholders, and the community will be consulted regarding proposed activities within the community forest area.

Corporate Objective Statement	British Columbia Community Forest Association Indicator	Province of B.C. Goals of the Community Forest Program	Management Plan 4 Commitments Appendix 9	Status
Respond to comments received on plans within seven days.	#9: Community Accountability	Promote community involvement and participation.	Maintain community representation on the BLCF Board of Directors.	IP
			Maintain First Nations representation on the BLCF Board of Directors.	IP
			Continually improve the BLCF website to incorporate more information and make it easier for the public and stakeholders to use.	C/ON
			Conduct at least one formal public meeting each year to inform the general public of the activities of the community forest.	ON
			Continue to improve and provide consultation opportunities to the public on the management and operations of the BLCF.	ON
Minimum of two information meetings per year.	#10: Public Engagement	Promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal	Provide an annual report on the BLCF performance to shareholders, stakeholders, First Nations, and the general public.	ON
			Hold an Annual General Meeting as required by the articles of incorporation.	ON
			Maintain a weekly column in the local newspaper, and an "open-door" policy.	C
			Provide presentation material at local community events that detail community forest management and operational planning.	ON

Status: All commitments are complete / ongoing.

The six-member Board of Directors currently has three members of the community at large and one member of each the Burns Lake Band, Office of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, and Wet'suwet'en First Nations. BLCF has a website and Facebook page, weekly Community Forest Corner newspaper ad. BLCF also hosts an Annual Public Information Open House to provide operational updates to the community.

**BENEFITS TO THE PROVINCE, VILLAGE, FIRST NATIONS, AND RESIDENTS:** Taxes, royalties, rents, disbursements, donations, and other benefits will be distributed to the province, local government, shareholders, stakeholders, and the community from the profits generated from the community forest. Goods, labour, and services will be sourced from the local area to the extent it is available and cost effective to do so.

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10% of gross profit donated to community groups.	#1 Number of Jobs	Promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons.	Continue profit sharing to participating First Nations as per the Community Forest Agreement.	ON
50% of net profit above net profit margin distributed to shareholder and First Nations partners.	#3 Community Contributions		Distribute a portion of the of profits to the Village to support Community priorities when the financial performance warrants it.	ON
			Support jobs for local residents and First Nations.	ON
			Support local mills whenever feasible by maintaining an inventory of logs "for sale" for local mills.	ON
			Protect and respect the confidentiality of First Nations' cultural resources.	ON
			Continue donations for local community organizations and functions.	ON
			Favor local suppliers, customers, consultants and contractors.	ON
80% of contracts offered to First Nations	#4 Funds leveraged by community forest contributions.	Promote community involvement and participation.	Continue to pay stumpage, royalties, rents, and taxes as required under the statutes of the Province of British Columbia.	ON
			Support the Provincial Government's agreement with Hampton Affiliates by offering timber to the local mill.	ON
80% of contracts offered to local contractors.	#11: Investments in education.		Provide financial or in-kind support to local organizations and First Nations in support of developing the FireSmart program.	ON
		Diversify the use of and benefits derived from the of area.	Support First Nations and Community involvement in the governance and supervision of the BLCF through membership on the Board of Directors.	ON
80% of cost of goods sold sourced locally.	#15 First Nations Involvement		Continue to provide opportunities for public recreational use at the current level and to explore opportunities for increase and enhancement in the future.	ON
<b>Status: All commitments are complete / ongoing.</b>				

90% of Contracts offered and tendered were local and \$281,805.20 was donated to local service clubs, sports teams, and events.

100% of BLCF's fibre was harvested by local contractors and 85% of goods and services were purchased locally. BLCF also provided \$197,396 in stumpage revenue to the government, and complete a \$4.5 million dollar profit distribution to partners and shareholder

The following documentation and records can be requested:

- Communication & Engagement Records
- Disputes & Concerns
- Training Opportunities (BLCF Fire Crew Training & Establishment 2020)
- Incident Report & Corrective Action Log (Safety)
- Select List of Local Contractors & Awarded Contracts
- Safety & Environmental Handbook Updates
- Regular Monthly Summary Communication
- Waste & Residue Records
- Harvest Billing Cut & Sales Records
- Post-Harvest Drone Photography
- Staff Training Log
- Silviculture Survey Result
- Prescribed Fire Burn Plans
- Deactivation & Rehabilitation Records Harvest/Site Plan
- BLCF Monitoring Plan 2021





# Prescribed Burn May 2021













