

ILRR released in Northeast BC

The ILRR is now available to all government (IDIR) users on the web at www.ilrr.ca. Although the ILRR production pilot for the Northeast went live on April 14th, access was restricted to users in partner ministries and agencies. Their user-acceptance testing resulted in minor changes to address the inevitable “bugs” that occur in any new system. In June, the ILRR will be available for external users with a Bceid account. The public will be granted access to the ILRR map viewer later this summer.

In the Northeast, the ILRR is a fully functional register of information regarding 243 different rights and interests on Crown land in the Northeast. Users will be able to query on those interests, create custom reports, create statuses, and save and delete queries. In addition, the ILRR contains information on regulated uses (e.g. trap lines, guide outfitter areas), designations and restrictions (e.g. parks, ecological/mining reserves, key planning area boundaries, administrative boundaries and the location of private land and survey parcels).

For areas of BC outside of the Northeast, the ILRR does contain information on most of the main interest types (obtained directly from the interest granting agencies operational systems). Caution is advised in using the data outside the Northeast. The ILRR is working with partner agencies to improve the data in the balance of BC in stages over the next two years. The data improvement focus until March 2006 is southern BC and in the following year it will be the west including Vancouver Island.

Please let us know what you like/dislike about the system: ILRRHelp@gov.bc.ca or call help desk at 250-952-4577

Minister's Award for the ILRR

The Integrated Land and Resource Registry Team received the Minister's Award for exemplary service in the delivery of the Land and Resource Registry.

The team's ability to bring affected agencies along as the project moved from its initial design to introduction in the Northeast was recognized as a substantial contribution to the project's success. The Minister commended the project team for bringing the project in on time and on budget and stated that it provided clear evidence of the ministry's success in achieving its overall information objectives.



Front Row: Rosa Munzer, ILRR Senior Project Manager; Judite Costa, ILRR Project Assistant; Olga Kopriva, ILRR Data Quality Manager Second Row: Dave Chater, ILRR Project Director; Alvin Melton, ILRR Project Analyst; Hon. George Abbott, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management.

Executive Sponsor's Message

The Integrated Land and Resource Registry (ILRR) has been one of Land Information BC and the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management's most important projects over the past 4 years. The project has had high expectations from its inception, starting with the Premier's direction to the Minister in 2001 to create a central registry of all tenures and other legal encumbrances on Crown land and resources. With the first deployment of the system in the Northeast portion of BC, I believe that the project has met those expectations.



Allison Bond, ADM-MSRM Executive Project Sponsor

I was very impressed with the system's functionality and capabilities when I attended a live demonstration in late March. In my view, the system will greatly improve the certainty of ownership and interests on the land base resulting in increased consistency, reduced turn-around time, and reduced risk in decision making. All of these benefits will undoubtedly enhance BC's investment climate and support the province's future economic development — both major goals of government.

The project's strong progress is due to the commitment, hard work and innovation of all those who participated in its development. At last count, over 500 people from many ministries, agencies, and external stakeholder organizations have contributed to the project. While I recognize that there are two more years of continued deployment to fully complete the system, I would like to applaud all of those people who have participated in the project's success to-date.

ILRR Project Director's Message

The first deployment of the ILRR in the Northeast portion of BC has gone “live”. It is always an anxious time when a major system is released into production for many users. However, after personally witnessing the project team's commitment and the dedication of 42 system testers, I have every confidence that the system will deliver its expected results and will meet users' expectations.

There still remains a large amount of work to fully deploy the system across the province — over the next 2 years the project team will focus on adding new functionality into the system (based on user requirements) for two upcoming 2005 releases. Other focus areas for the project will include a comprehensive user support system to assist people who may have difficulties with the ILRR and the improvement and conversion of data for the next deployment in the southern portion of BC.

While there remains a lot of work, we must take time to reflect and celebrate how far we have come since the project's inception in 2001. Reaching this major milestone could not have been accomplished without the involvement of so many people right across government and with a number of our key external stakeholders.

Thank you to all for your extraordinary efforts.

-Dave Chater, ILRR Project Director



The ILRR Help Desk

The ILRR Help Desk is now ready to serve you. The Help Desk represents a central point of contact for all calls reporting problems and issues related to the **ILRR** application. The Help Desk will support the **ILRR**'s business and technical integrity by providing prompt and accurate responses to client queries and problems.



Louise Kadar

Louise Kadar is the Help Desk's primary contact. She will be responsible for logging all calls and providing **ILRR** users with application, technical and business support. She will also serve as the primary liaison for the **ILRR**'s user-acceptance testers. When Louise is unavailable, the SRM Information Management Branch help desk will be answering your calls and emails.

The Help Desk is available to receive your calls during regular business hours, **Monday to Friday**, between **8:30 am to 4:30 pm** (Pacific Standard Time), except on statutory holidays. Voice mail is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How to contact the ILRR Help Desk:

Email: ILRRHelp.gov.bc.ca or **Phone:** (250) 952-4577

Non-government users outside of Victoria can call toll free by calling **1-800-663-7867** and asking for ILRR Help Desk)

Club Data

Since the last newsletter, the **ILRR** project team and partner agencies have worked together on data-related quality improvements such as:

- Developing the **ILRR** Link Table, which will allow users to seamlessly determine the status of Crown and private land. A Summer 2005 release plan for the Link Table, which supports searches by survey parcel/legal description and statusing private and Crown land, was also finalized;
- Improvement and elimination of backlogs of LWBC data by Marianna Novotny, LWBC. New procedures were also established to assure continuous updates to the Tantalus database;
- Loading metadata for **ILRR** interest types into the MSRM Data Discovery Service - interest type description, source details, and interest data lineage can be found using this service at <http://srmapps.gov.bc.ca/metastar/home.do>;
- Compiling known issues associated with all **ILRR** source datasets into a "Known Issues" web page in the **ILRR** application - this will help users understand query results;
- Provision of funding assistance to OGC to support their completion of ePass which will allow their clients to electronically submit spatial data for processing into the OGC application system (IRIS) and into Tantalus—this will reduce data entry errors.

The **ILRR** project will fund 20 data improvement projects this year to improve data in the Southeast portion of the province. All data improvements proposals were first evaluated by a Technical Team and recommendations were made to the Steering Committee comprised of inter-agency senior management representatives from MoF, MEM, LWBC, WLAP, OGC, and MSRM who made the final determination on which projects would be funded.

- Olga Kopriva, ILRR Data Quality Manager

Where do we go from here?

The ILRR for the Northeast is now available to government users and we look forward to making the system available to external users in the next few months.

In 2005/06 we will be focusing on improving data quality, enhancing existing **ILRR** functionality, and building new functionality in the south. Our plan is to do regular minor releases that will address bugs and improve usability.

We will plan at least two major releases, one in late summer and one in winter. These releases will introduce additional and significant new functionality. We are developing a Link Table that will allow users to search by survey parcel (private land PID, Crown land PIN, BC Assessment Jurul and legal description) thus providing the ability to instantly determine what land is private and what is owned by the Crown. We will be adding the ability for government (IDIR) users to download information in GML and to access contact information for tenure holders. The Custom Report feature will be enhanced to permit search by statute. The Save Query function will be enhanced to allow users to modify the query, to "save as", and to create notifications of change within an area of interest. We will also be looking into creating seamless links and movement between **ILRR** and other land information systems such as GATOR and LRDW.

- Rosa Munzer, Senior Project Manager

Implementation Update

In March, Implementation Coordinator, User Acceptance Testing and Business Process workshops were held in Prince George, Fort St. John and Victoria—over 200 people representing all our partners (i.e. all SRM divisions, WLAP, MoF, MEM, MoT, TNO, Land and Water BC, OGC, BC Assessment) participated. The Implementation Coordinator and User-Acceptance Testing workshops assisted users (who will support the **ILRR** pre and post production) with understanding their roles and responsibilities. The Business Process workshops described and demonstrated how the **ILRR** will fit into the business processes of new users.

A wide cross-section of external stakeholders attended one hour information session presented by **ILRR** Senior Project Manager Rosa Munzer in both Fort St. John and Prince George. Representatives from provincial government agencies, municipal governments, Treaty 8 Tribal Association, BC Hydro, forest industry, oil and gas industry, and professional associations are all looking forward to a single point of access for land and resource information.



Photo of Rosa Munzer, ILRR Project Manager, delivering an Information Session to clients in Fort St. John,

The Last Word: comments received about the ILRR

The partnering of agencies was necessary for the reconciliation of Tantalus and the ICF; various data sets needed to be aligned in order for the ILRR to provide a more accurate representation of land and its uses. Because of this, we are hoping to produce closer communication and coordination between Crown and private parties for the capture and resolution of project areas.

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We Welcome your comments.

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