



Bringing Out the Best in Forestry



Revitalizing B.C.'s Number-One Industry

Forestry accounts for half our exports and supports 270,000 B.C. jobs. The province has launched a comprehensive Forestry Revitalization Plan to restore prosperity and create new jobs and opportunities by:

- ▶ Diversifying the industry to create new jobs.
- ▶ Working to reduce the regulatory burden, including implementing a new forest practices code that sets strict standards for forest management, while providing the flexibility to achieve better economic and environmental results.
- ▶ Marketing our products and practices worldwide.

Creating New Opportunities for Workers

To create more jobs for forest workers, we are opening up new opportunities for smaller forest companies, value-added industries, community forests and woodlot operators, by:

- ▶ Re-allocating 20 per cent of timber held by major licensees so that eventually, up to 45 per cent of total timber will be available to small and new operators on the open market.
- ▶ Ensuring all 600 B.C. mills have the opportunity to make the best use of timber, rather than having timber licences tied to particular mills.
- ▶ Almost doubling the amount of wood for community forests, woodlots and First Nations.

Protecting Forest Workers and Their Families

As we make much-needed changes to forest policies, we're also working to protect workers, families and their communities. The province has:

- ▶ Created a \$125-million trust fund to provide support for forest workers and contractors during the forest reforms.
- ▶ Provided \$250 million to ensure fair compensation for forest companies affected by the reallocation of timber rights, to help them keep mills open and keep jobs in forest communities.

Over five billion seedlings – and counting



Less than one-third of one per cent of B.C.'s forests is logged each year, and 200 million trees per year are planted.

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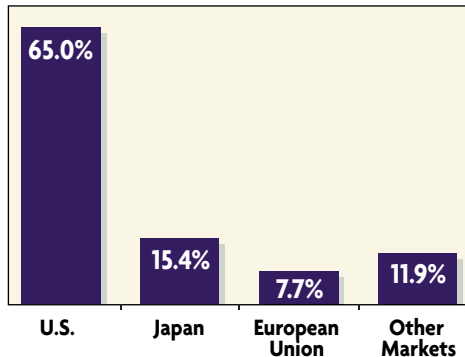
Opening Up Markets for B.C. Forest Products

B.C. exports 90 per cent of its forest products. As part of the Forestry Revitalization Plan, we're working with the industry to open up new market opportunities:

- ▶ Investing \$87.1 million over the past three years – including \$19 million a year in international marketing and product development – to promote B.C. as the home of the best forest products, practices and workers in the world.
- ▶ Partnering with industry on the \$12-million Dream Home China project to showcase wood-frame housing using B.C. products and B.C. building technology in Shanghai.
- ▶ Working to achieve a fair resolution to the softwood lumber dispute that protects forest jobs for the long term.

B.C. is opening up new markets

(percentage share of 2002 forest exports)



To reduce the industry's dependence on the U.S. market, the province is aggressively pursuing new opportunities in overseas markets.

Enhancing Sustainable Forest Practices

B.C. is a global leader in sustainable forest management. The province has:

- ▶ Introduced a new forest practices code that sets strict standards for sustainable management, backed up by penalties of up to \$1 million or time in jail.
- ▶ Continued aggressive silviculture initiatives to replant our forests. We plant 200 million trees a year; by May 2002, B.C. had planted five billion.
- ▶ Invested over \$10 million a year in forest research, to ensure B.C. remains a leader in sustainable forest management.

Opening Up Opportunities for First Nations

To increase certainty, growth and jobs for our forest industry through new partnerships with First Nations, the province has:

- ▶ Established new partnerships to increase First Nations' participation in forestry, including \$135 million in revenue sharing over four years and reallocating some allowable annual cut.
- ▶ Since September 2002 signed agreements with 86 First Nations to provide access to over 14 million cubic metres (13.8 M) of wood and share revenues of almost \$90 million (\$88.4 million).
- ▶ Dedicated \$26 million to 124 projects, including forestry projects, to support First Nations' economic development.

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Revitalizing Forestry

Ministry of Forests

www.gov.bc.ca/for/

Forestry Revitalization Plan

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/

Forest and Range Practices Act

www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/

Working Forest policy

srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/workingforest/

Timber Access

In addition to information in the Forestry Revitalization Plan, backgrounders are available on:

B.C. Timber Sales Changes

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/bctimbersales.htm

Contracts and Subcontracts in Timber Harvesting

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/bill13.htm

Community-Based Forest Management

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/communitybased.htm

B.C.'s New Timber Pricing System

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/newtimberpricing.htm

Small-Scale Salvagers

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/smallscalesalvagers.htm

First Nations Forestry

Economic Development

www.gov.bc.ca/tno/popt/eco_meas_fund.htm

Opening Up New Partnerships With First Nations

www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/plan/firstnations.htm

Forest Research, Product Developing and Marketing

Forest Investment Account

(a provincial funding mechanism to promote sustainable forest management)

www.for.gov.bc.ca/hcp/fia

B.C. Market Outreach Network

(information on B.C. forest practices)

Vancouver: 604 685-7507

www.bcforestinformation.com/

Forestry Innovation Investment

(a provincial investment mechanism for promoting sustainable forest management and increasing forest value through research, product development and marketing)

Vancouver: 604 685-7507

www.forestry-innovation.bc.ca/

Dream Home China

(a project to promote B.C. building products and wood-frame construction techniques in China)

Forestry Innovation Investment

Vancouver: 604 685-7507

www.dreamhomechina.com

We want your input

Forestry is our number-one industry. It accounts for half our exports and provides jobs for more than a quarter of a million British Columbians.

Our government is working to revitalize forestry for the benefit of all British Columbians, by supporting market reforms, broader access to timber, enhanced research and market expansion.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on the steps we're taking to improve the industries and services you count on.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

E-mail your comments to: premier@gov.bc.ca