

**Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch  
BC Ministry of Forests and Range  
Forest Inventory Program Review  
Project Overview  
November 30, 2005**

**Sponsorship and Leadership:**

The project is co-sponsored by Jim Snetsinger, Chief Forester and Tim Sheldan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division. The project would be delivered by Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch in collaboration with other Forest Stewardship Division and Operations Division business areas.

**Scope:**

The scope of the review will focus on those inventories that fall within the mandate<sup>1</sup> of the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch. Those are:

- Forest Cover / Vegetation Resource Inventory;
- Growth and Yield (GY Strategy project currently underway);
- National Forest Inventory;
- Forest Recreation Inventories (other than infrastructure).

Other inventories such as Range will need specific resources and process to suit their individual characteristics. In the case of Range, Laura Blonski, Range Ecologist for the Northern Interior Forest Region, is the project lead.

**Term:**

The review would occur over the next five to twelve months depending on the level and nature of the findings.

**Process:**

An Action Team consisting of the inventory managers within FAIB would provide support for the project. The team has developed a process plan (see figure below) comprised of an iterative set of five steps. This process would start by engaging FAIB and Operations Division inventory staff in a dialogue about the issues and then engaging inventory information clients and stakeholders in a progressive dialogue. The process would culminate with the production of a focused set of actions for executive consideration that respond to priority issues and problems.

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<sup>1</sup> The review would capture and report issues related to other resource inventories, but as they lie beyond the mandate of this branch, the project would not attempt to resolve or action these issues.

Some of the types of issues and problems that the review may include, in no particular order of priority, are:

- Mountain Pine Beetle related challenges (actions stemming from the Strategies for Forest Inventory and Monitoring in the Mountain Pine Beetle Areas report);
- Ministry inventory needs analyses and priority setting;
- Status of inventories (gaps in and strengths/weaknesses of);
- Roles, responsibilities and relationships with other dependent or related inventory and monitoring information business areas;
- Inventory system design and planning— effectiveness and efficiency improvement;
- Data Collection and Capture Standards;
- Data Management and Access;
- Technical challenges and opportunities;
- Education and awareness of the inventory business, products and use;
- Funding models and financial sustainability;
- Internal and external inventory capacity including succession planning.

The Action Team would begin engaging ministry management and staff over the next few weeks to scope-out the parameters of the program review and identify issues, problems and the details of the process to be followed (Step 1).

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## Inventory Program Review Process

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