

Sustainable forests sustain us all.

CSA Certification.

Assured sustainability for the wood and paper products in your life.

Certification to the CSA Sustainable Forest Management standard is your assurance that the wood and paper products you choose have been sourced sustainably. More forests are certified to the CSA SFM standard than any other standard in Canada. CSA leads all others in demanding comprehensive community engagement in forest management.

*Developed for Canada.
Recognized worldwide
through PEFC.*

Learn more at:
www.csasfmforests.ca



Canadian Sustainable Forest Management

PEFC/01-4-16
Your assurance of Canada's highest standards.

BC Forest PROFESSIONAL

BC Forest Professional is published six times a year by the Association of BC Forest Professionals

330-321 Water St, Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Tel: 604.687.8027 Fax: 604.687.3264

E-mail: editor@abcfp.ca Website: www.abcfp.ca

MANAGING EDITOR: Amanda Brittain, MA, ABC

EDITOR: Brenda Martin

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT: Michelle Mentore

EDITORIAL BOARD:

Colin Buss, RPF; John Cathro, RPF; Frank DeGagne, RPF; Kylie Harrison, RPF; Trina Innes, RPF; Lindley Little, RPF;

Sandy McKellar, Honourary Member;

Lisa Perrault, RFT; Christine Gelowitz, RPF (council rep.);

Alan Vyse, RPF (chair); and Brenda Martin (staff liaison)

DESIGN: Massyn Design

PRINTING: Mitchell Press

DISTRIBUTION: PDQ Post Group

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER: Brenda Martin

330-321 Water St, Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Tel: 604.639.8103 • Fax: 604.687.3264

E-mail: forest-ads@abcfp.ca

ISSN:1715-9164

Annual Subscriptions: Canada \$44.80 incl HST

U.S. and international \$80 Canadian funds

Publications mail agreement No: 40020895

Return undeliverable Canadian addresses to:

ABCFP Circulation Department

330-321 Water St, Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8



PRESIDENT Ian Emery, RFT

VICE-PRESIDENT Steve Lorimer, RPF

PAST PRESIDENT Rick Brouwer, RPF

LAY COUNCILLORS

Herb Langin, RPBio (Ret); Gordon Prest

COUNCILLORS

Bev Atkins, RFT; Christine Gelowitz, RPF; Dan Graham, LLB, RPF; Curtis Nixon, RPF; Mike Pelchat, RPF; Carolyn Stevens, RFT; Carl vanderMark, RPF

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Sharon Glover, MBA

REGISTRAR AND DIRECTOR OF ACT COMPLIANCE
Randy Trerise, RPF

DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND FOREST STEWARDSHIP

Mike Larock, RPF

DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
Lance Nose

DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS
Amanda Brittain, MA, ABC

DIRECTOR, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBER RELATIONS
Brian Robinson, RPF

BC Forest Professional is the professional magazine of the Association of BC Forest Professionals (ABCFP). Editorial submissions, comments, letters to the editor, articles and photos should be sent to the editor, address above. The opinions expressed in **BC Forest Professional** do not necessarily represent those of the ABCFP, its council or other members. Reprinting and copying of **BC Forest Professional** articles is encouraged. Please include a credit to both the author and **BC Forest Professional**.

Put in Your Two Cents

The **BC Forest Professional** letters' section is intended primarily for feedback on recent articles and for brief statements about current association, professional or forestry issues. The editor reserves the right to edit and condense letters and encourages readers to keep letters to 300 words. Anonymous letters are not accepted. Please refer to our website for guidelines to help make sure your submission gets published in **BC Forest Professional**.

Send letters to:

**Editor, BC Forest Professional
Association of
BC Forest Professionals
330 - 321 Water Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8
E-mail: editor@abcfp.ca
Fax: 604.687.3264**



True NSR Comparison Not Provided

In the article titled “Not Satisfactorily Restocked (NSR) in BC” (*BC Forest Professional*, September/October 2011), the forests ministry fails to provide a comparable, province-wide, not-stocked area in response to the 9.1 million hectares estimated in an earlier article titled “NSR and British Columbia’s Reforestation Crisis” (*BC Forest Professional*, May/June 2011).

In its response, the forests ministry begs the question in part by confusing the NSR area it deems suitable and economic for “treatment” (715,000 hectares with “potential” to increase by a further 775,000 hectares) with the full extent of BC’s not-stocked lands, which, when it last reported on this not-stocked area in its 2000-01 annual report, stood at 2.8 million hectares before the 17.5-million hectare infestation by the mountain pine beetle and before the bad fire years of 2003, 2004 and 2006.

Meanwhile, the gulf between estimates of the province-wide extent of not-stocked land within the 55 million hectares of publicly owned forestland, of which 53 million are certified as being sustainably managed, may explain in part why the Forest Practices Board decided in September 2011 to launch a special investigation to clarify the status of BC’s not-stocked forestlands—a welcome decision in the public interest.

The terms of reference for the Board’s special report are posted at: <http://www.fpb.gov.bc.ca/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=5881>

ANTHONY BRITNEFF, RPF(RET), VICTORIA, BC

Re: “The Inherent Neutrality of Appraisals”

I agree with Mr. Waatainen’s comment that “...neither Government nor industry is disinterested” in the appraisal process. In fact, they both have much to gain or lose, and so we can relegate all of the pressures inherent in the system to the fact that it’s just business between a buyer and a seller. The government and industry folks tasked with submitting or reviewing appraisals want to follow either a strict or loose interpretation of the rules when it suits their needs to gain the best advantage for their employer, and in my past experience, it was industry that applied pressure from both the operational level and the management level to have appraisals reviewed and amended to better suit their desire of zero stumpage timber.

On the idea of licensee neutrality, I admit I have difficulty understanding how a neutral valuation of the timber cannot include the actual activities of specific licensees and the conditions they face in different parts of, say, the Interior. For example, through the MoF Engineering manual used by both parties to generate road building cost estimates, an engineered cost estimate includes consideration of the specifics of a certain road building project, including an analysis of borrow pit classification, cycle times based on that, and haul distances based on a road design. This results in an estimate to build that specific road in the specific conditions normally encountered in that area of the province.

Lastly, I’m not sure government can always be seen to be wielding a greater influence in the appraisal system than industry (“Government... expropriating the value of a licensee’s efficiency.”) Admittedly, my experience is limited, but in my past experience with appraisals in the Fort Nelson area, it was the local licensee that lobbied for and received a shipping differential as well as a manufacturing differential, to account for their higher actual shipping costs to market and higher actual local operating costs, and they also made sure to include the 10% operating cost add-on for heavy equipment permitted in the Blue Book for activities north of Pink Mountain, BC.

PETER SMITH, RFT
FORT NELSON, BC



Around the Clock:
Our Insurance is Your Advantage

HUB International
OUR INSURANCE. YOUR ADVANTAGE.™

Now is a good time to evaluate your risk exposure. When you do, we think it makes sense to work with a professional who can fully serve your risk management needs.

Our Insurance works to Your Advantage on the strength of the best providers in the business. We're backed by vast global resources and solid local relationships.

That's why we're Canada's leading insurance broker for businesses and individuals who demand the best value, coverage and service.

Make sure you're protected around the clock. Make now the time to call us at HUB International.

HUB International | HUB TOS

Jordan Fellner T. 604.293.1481 tos.vanprof@hubinternational.com

www.hubtos.com



woodhouse
reforestation

...working safer, smarter and harder.

joshchristian@shaw.ca
Cell 250 650 1503

