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To: MFLNR Senior Managers

Re: Forest Stewardship Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNR) is pleased to announce the release of our *Forest Stewardship Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation*. This action plan is collaboratively led by the MFLNR Resource Stewardship Division and the MFLNR Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division. Its actions are integrated across headquarters branches, regions, and BC Timber Sales (BCTS).

Today's Forest Stewardship Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation continues our leadership on climate adaptation, and steps into a new era in which the Ministry is integrating adaptation to climate change into business practices. The plan outlines actions the Ministry will undertake to adjust our policies, operations, and decision support tools to adapt to climate change and keep our forests healthy, resilient, and productive. The Action Plan outlines a sound, measured and informed approach to manage the risks to our forests from climate change and to capture the opportunities that arise.

The Action Plan builds on ongoing work, partnerships, and commitment to climate change adaptation in British Columbia's forests. This work began with the Future Forest Ecosystems Initiative (FFEI) in 2005, deepened through the Future Forest Ecosystems Scientific Council projects, and benefits from synergy with partners including industry, universities, the Canada-USA Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, and others. The Action Plan starts with the forest resource and will be expanded to include other resources such as water, land, fish and wildlife habitat, etc. in the future. Where adaptation science and tools such as a drought risk index are available and applicable to your area, we encourage you to use them or try them out.

For further information, see Adapting to Climate Change on the [Chief Forester website](#), the [Competitiveness and Innovation Branch website](#) or contact Kathy.Hopkins@gov.bc.ca at 250-387-2112.

For your information and distribution as appropriate.



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