

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

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Subject: FRPA Policy Assessment Workshops

Importance: High

Re: Opportunity for Input and Attendance

FRPA Policy Assessment Workshops (Adapting BC's Forest Practices for a Changing Climate)

The BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) is leading a FRPA Policy Assessment and invites your input as follows. This study looks at BC's forest policy framework (FRPA) and seeks to identify opportunities for fostering ecosystem resilience and forest productivity by adapting appropriately to a changing climate. The project will assess these opportunities and identify ways they could be operationalized. (For more information, see the attachment, "Adapting British Columbia's Forest Practices to Address Climate Change: Assessment of Opportunities," April 29, 2011).

We are looking for input from forest managers and practitioners who are both knowledgeable about the FRPA policy framework and who actively engage in the implementation of FRPA practices at the operational level. Four one-day workshops are planned as follows: Nanaimo (June 14), Prince George (June 21), Creston (June 23), and Kamloops (June 29). We are seeking to engage people from the forest service, industry, woodlots, community forests, and First Nations TFLs, forest professionals, regional ecologists, silviculturalists and forest health staff, and specialists in fire and other disciplines related to maintaining FRPA values. People with local knowledge of climate change impacts, and interest in both clarifying adaptation opportunities and resolving implementation barriers are particularly encouraged to attend.

Each workshop has limited space: a maximum of 50 people most locations (perhaps fewer for Creston). We are inviting nominations of people who have their manager's support to attend. There is no fee to attend; however, participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation. Your assistance is appreciated in making sure the right people - 'practical, forward-thinking, operational folks who know FRPA well' - are involved. Please send your nominations to the workshop's co-ordinator named below by the date shown below.

	Workshop Date	Coordinator	Phone	RSVP by:
Nanaimo	June 14	Craig.Wickland@gov.bc.ca	250 751-7094	May 27
Prince George	June 21	Susan.Hoyles@gov.bc.ca	250 565-6214	June 3
Creston	June 23	Tara.DeCourcy@gov.bc.ca	250 365-8641	June 3
Kamloops	June 29	Madeline.Maley@gov.bc.ca	250 828-4444	June 3

More specifics will be included with the individual's invitation and confirmation of attendance prior to the event.

Results of the workshops may be used to inform potential adjustments to forest policy, practices, decision support tools, and/or other elements that can assist in adapting BC's forest management to a changing climate. The workshops will present a framework for thinking about forest management in the face of climate change as a basis for identification of opportunities. The workshops are a pivotal opportunity for forest practitioners to provide guidance for adapting BC's forest practices to foster resilience in the face of climate change. They may also serve to enhance communication linkages on this file going forward. For more information contact Kathy.Hopkins@gov.bc.ca 250-387-8994.



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