



# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO REDUCE SLASH PILE BURNING

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Background

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Best Management Practices

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Examples

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Barriers

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Next steps

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# OUTLINE

# BACKGROUND

- FOR initiative - to develop policy for reducing slash pile burning
- Objectives – less waste, reduced carbon emissions, increase utilization of fibre
- Engagement – industry, local government, Indigenous Nations
- Policy development – BC Wildfire Service, BC Timber Sales, Timber Pricing Branch, Office of the Chief Forester (OCF)
- OCF – Forest management options for reducing slash pile burning



# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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Increase Coarse Woody Debris requirements

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Consider allowing/enabling additional wildlife tree retention areas with non-representative species (i.e., deciduous, non-merchantable trees etc.)

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Modify stocking standards to allow for residual trees to contribute to reforestation obligations

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Promote the use of partial cutting

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Encourage precommercial thinning and commercial thinning

# EXAMPLES

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Example 1 - Retain mature aspen (NE of province)

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Example 2- Retain pole and sapling layers

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Example 3 - Processing at the stump

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Example 4 - Constructing wildlife habitat piles



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Fire hazard abatement

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Maintenance of biodiversity

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Carbon storage

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Planter access

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Harvesting economics

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Feasibility

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Other?



# NEXT STEPS

- Further discussion
- Engagement
- Best Management Practices