



BCCFA Year in Review

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

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2017

❖ BCCFA Conference & AGM in
Tumbler Ridge

2017

- ❖ Wildfires burned 1.2 million hectares
- ❖ Fires burned on 8 Community Forests



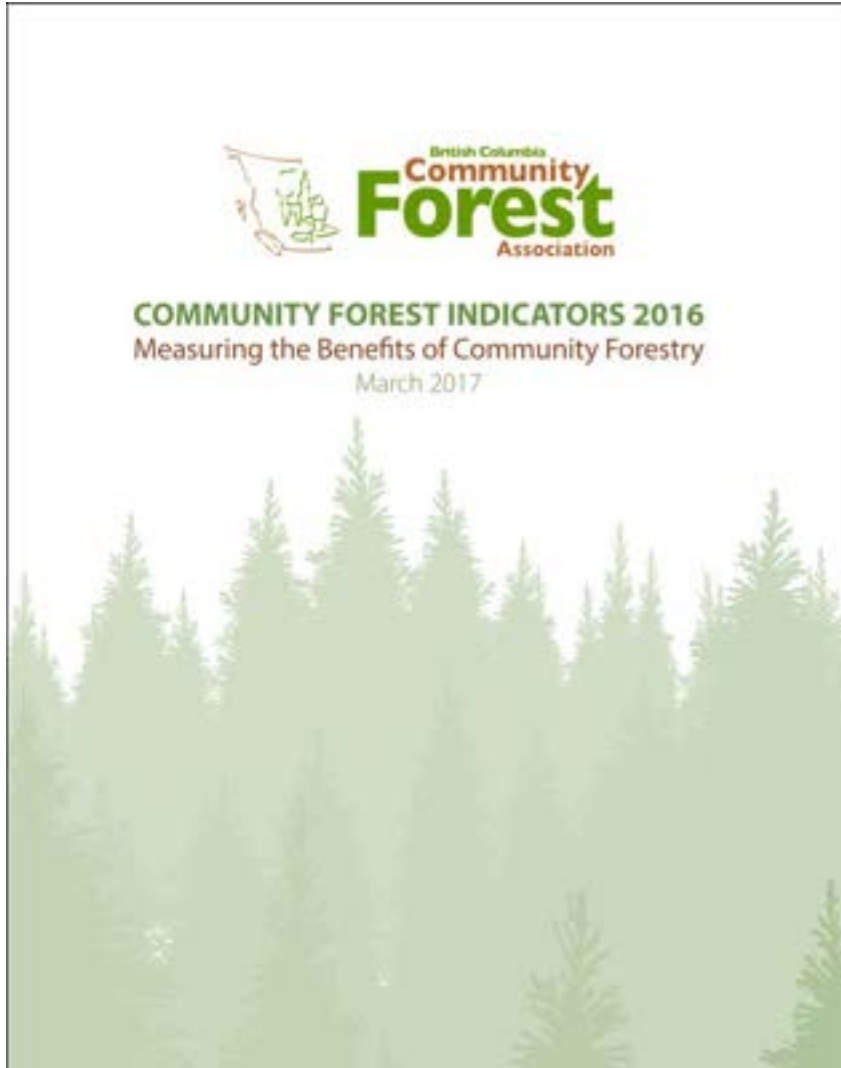
2017 - 2018

- ❖ New Government
- ❖ Commitment to Adopt UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- ❖ Wildfire After Action Review
- ❖ Flood and Wildfire Review
- ❖ Rural Development Engagement
- ❖ Wildlife Management Engagement

Community forests are a powerful tool

- Protecting communities from catastrophic wildfire and adapting to climate change;
- Building partnerships with Indigenous communities;
- Energizing rural development.





Community Forest Indicators Survey

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- 66% represent communities < 3,000
- Half of all CFs are held by First Nations or a Partnership
- Average AAC 39,000 m³





Economic Benefits

- Average \$359,000 cash and in-kind donations
- Leveraged on average \$169,800

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Intensive Silviculture

- Collectively invested \$2.1 in the reporting year
- 53% of which was from their own funds

Distribution of Log Sales

	2016	2017
Number of responses	30	37
Large mills $\geq 295,000 \text{ m}^3$ /year	75%	80%
Medium mills $95,000 \text{ m}^3$ - $295,000 \text{ m}^3$ /year	9%	9%
Small mills $< 95,000 \text{ m}^3$ /year	2%	3%
Value Added mills	1%	1%
Pole, Veneer, Plywood & OSB	6%	2%
Sales to facilities that use low quality fibre (chip, pellet, pulp & paper)	4%	2%
Sales to firewood	1%	1%
Logs exported	2%	1%
Broker		1%

Sales to Value Added Mills

50,208 m³ sold

Employment coefficient of 1.257

63.2 FTEs





Proactive Wildfire Management

Collectively to date:

- Treated 3,522 hectares
- Invested \$1.8 million
- Managed additional \$6.5 million from outside sources
- 70% have collaborated with their local government on SWPI

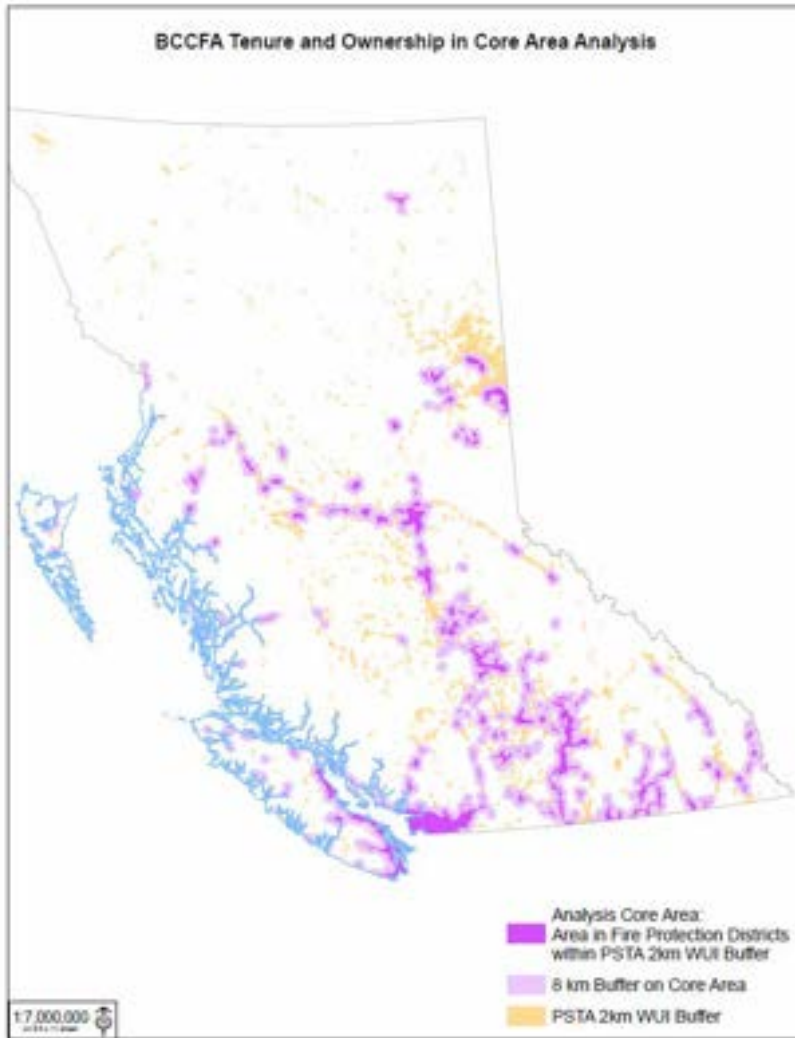
Jobs/1000 m³

Jobs	Forestry, logging and support	Trail building, firefighting, research etc.	Milling	All activities**
Total FTE/1000 m³	0.39	0.026	0.64	1.056
Average FTE	15.27	.86	23.90	40.03
Total FTE*	565.14	32	884.14	1,481.28



Community-based Tenures in the Wildland Urban Interface

A CONCEPT PAPER



Community-based tenures in the WUI

Fire Protection Districts

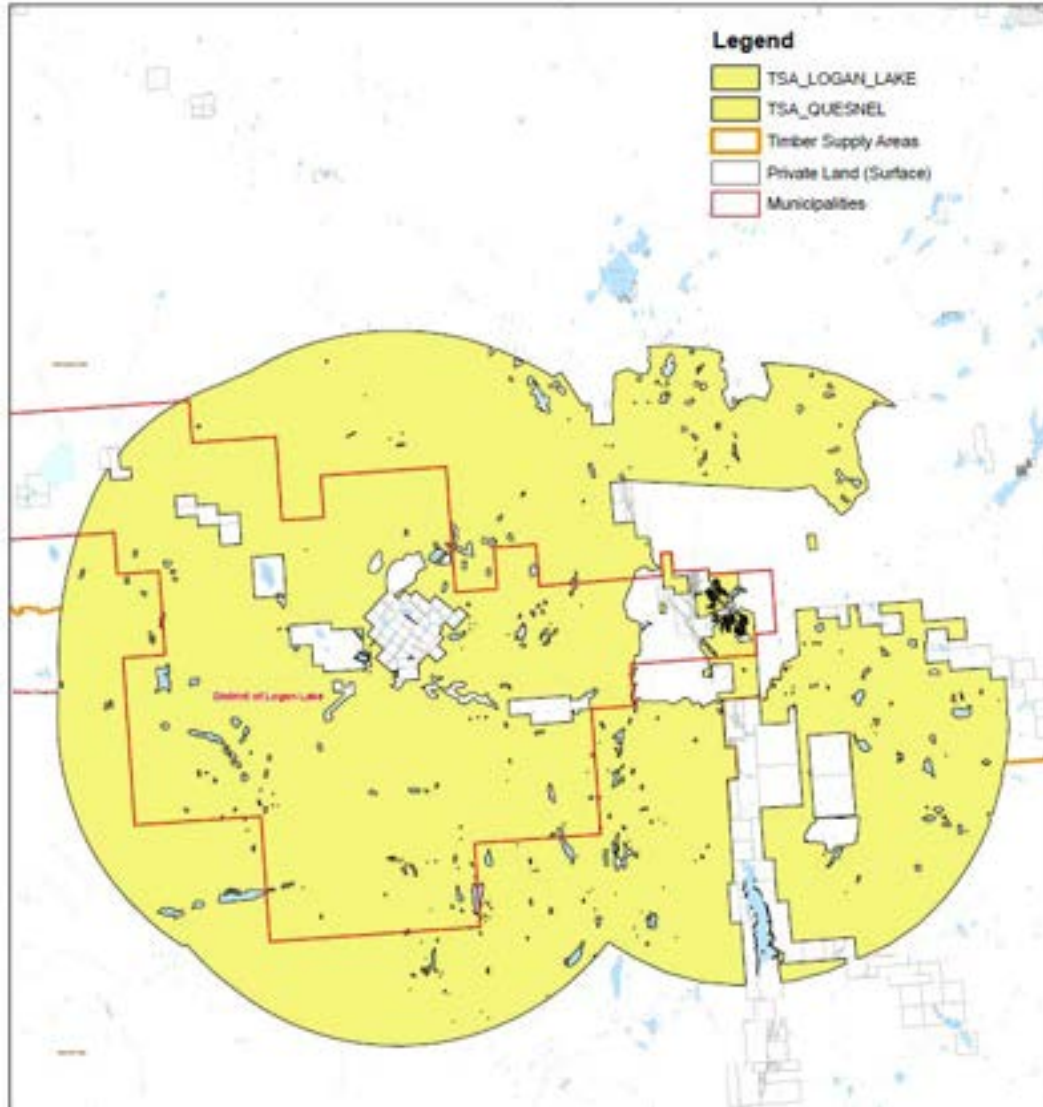
PSTA 2km WUI

+ 8 Km



Logan Lake

Current CFA area 16,627 ha
AAC 32,000 m³



Logan Lake with 10 km buffer

~ 49,000 hectares

Estimate AAC: 125,851 m³

Recommendations:

Identify	#1: Identify 6 new or expanded community forests for immediate action.
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First Nations partnerships and/or support

High & extreme fire threat locations

Local capacity

Provincial land; ease of implementation

Sufficient area and AAC to enable economic viability.

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