

2007 Annual Report from the Board of Directors March 2008

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Activities in Year 2007:

Once again, the Centre grew substantially and in 2007 achieved the critical mass envisioned by our founding Directors.

Scientific Research and Projects: The Centre was awarded 26 new projects, completed 20 projects, and will be carrying 33 projects forward to 2008. We also submitted 17 project proposals or letters of intent. Contracts awarded to the Centre in 2007 totaled \$1,403,989.

Scientific Extension: In 2007, the Centre:

- maintained and updated its website, www.bvcentre.ca;
- hosted 2 successful conferences (Complex Stands Feb 2007; Innovative Monitoring March 2007)
- hosted 10 biweekly Natural Resources Seminars in partnership with Northwest Community College;
- prepared the following documents (available at www.bvcentre.ca/documents :

Extension Notes (4) and Executive Summary (1):

- *Local Level Vegetation Indicators for Boreal Mixedwood Forests (EN #5),*
- *Allometric Relationships of Seedlings and Saplings of Sub Boreal Spruce Tree Species (EN #4),*
- *Improving Prediction of Juvenile Tree Growth in Mountain Pine Beetle Damaged Stands (EN #3),*
- *Structural Recruitment: Factors affecting survival and growth of residual immature trees after clearcut overstory harvesting.*

Research Reports (2):

- *Range of Natural Variation in Structural Attributes of Young Stands: Refining Current Indicators;*
- *Kalum LRMP Resource Monitoring Framework;*

Conference Proceedings (2) :

- *Innovative Monitoring and Its Influence on Decision Making - Proceedings,*
- *Complex Stands Research and Management – Proceedings;*
- Provided administrative support to the Babine Watershed Monitoring Trust (www.babinetrust.ca)
- Launched the Valley Vision website (www.valleyvision.ca) to support coordinated land use planning in the Bulkley Valley.

Communications and Outreach: The Centre produced two newsletters (May 2007, December 2007) and two news releases on the Innovative Monitoring and Complex Stands conferences. An open house was held in December.

Governance & Administration: In 2007 the Centre acquired 24 new members for a total of 94. The Board of Directors held a visioning session in May to orient new Board members and revisit the strategic plan.

Scholarship Program: Funds from the Irving Fox Memorial Fund were donated to our scholarship fund, the scholarship was renamed "*The Bulkley Valley Research Centre - Irving Fox Memorial Scholarship for Natural Resources Research and Management*" and new guidelines (see www.bvcentre.ca/html/Scholarship/Scholarship.htm) were developed. The amount of the scholarship has been increased and it is now available to the full range of post-secondary students pursuing studies related to the Centre's mandate.

Enhancing Community Capacity: Apart from the support personnel listed above, we hired three full time field summer employees and two field employees in the fall. The Centre paid \$560,400 to people who work in the northwest (QCI to Vanderhoof) (more than double that of 2006) and \$187,662 on other local expenditures (almost 3X that of 2006).