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EXCHANGE**



A COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE Barriere

FACTS



Location: Thompson Nicola B.C.
Economic Base: Forestry

SYNOPSIS

The Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society (LNTCFS) is located in Barriere, B.C. and was created by volunteers in 2004 to pursue a Community Forest License for the Lower North Thompson Valley.



THE CHALLENGE

Sustainability and Stewardship

- To establish local control of dedicated forest resources for the long-term sustainability of the five participating communities.
- To secure an opportunity for these communities to be more self-determined.
- To engender economic stability in these communities and to demonstrate exemplary stewardship of the local forest environment.



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THE SOLUTION

Have Sawmill, Will Travel

The purchase of a portable sawmill allowed the community forest society to deliver a Milling and Carpentry Job Creation Project, creating sustainable employment and revenue. The sawmill was purchased with funding from a number of sources: the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust; local businesses (including a small sawmill operator); and Brandt Tractor. The project was developed in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation.



BENEFITS

Portable Revenues

- Having a portable sawmill allows milling sites to be established where and when needed with onsite milling services.
- Profits provide revenue for community enhancement within each of the participating areas by providing grants to not for profit organizations, scholarships and bursaries for graduating students.
- Attract value-added industry to the area by securing a steady supply of fiber at a fair market price.
- Establish local control of forest resources and ensure good stewardship of environment.



OUTCOMES

Meeting Local Needs

- Purchase of the portable sawmill
- Creation of one permanent full time position, and two seasonal positions
- Revenue creation through the sale of manufactured wood products by the mill
- Construction of recreation site/trail amenities (picnic table, benches, shelters, signs)
- Milling of lumber for use in improvements to the Baldy Mountain Fire Lookout

LESSONS LEARNED

Volunteers Add to Local Economy



Local volunteers were able to identify a need for ongoing forestry management and take initiative to participate



By purchasing a portable sawmill, LNTCFS is able to teach and train people in best forestry practices and contribute to the local economy



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