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Province Supports The Bridges Project

The Pine Beetle Epidemic Response Branch of the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation partnered with the three regional Beetle Action Coalitions, the British Columbia Community Forest Association (BCCFA), the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations, Community Futures Cariboo Chilcotin and Northern Development Initiative Trust to develop and implement the Bridges Project. The purpose of the Bridges Project was to encourage more formal collaboration between community forests, woodlots and BC's value-added wood sector. A major component of this project was the September 28, 2011 launch of the interactive website www.WoodSourceBC.com.



L-R: **Al Richmond**, Chair, Cariboo Regional District; **Brian McNaughton**, General Manager, Federation of BC Woodlot Associations; **Sally Watson**, Alternate Director, Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition; **Ian Bonnell**, Chair, Community Futures Cariboo Chilcotin; **Donna Barnett**, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Communities, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; **Robin Hood**, Chair, BC Community Forest Association; **Kerry Cook**, Chair, Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition (CCBAC); **Steve Mazur**, Director, CCBAC; **Mitch Campsall**, Director, CCBAC

“I am very pleased that my ministry was able to partner with the British Columbia Community Forest Association, the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations, the Beetle Action Coalitions and other partners to support the Bridges Project and the creation of the WoodSourceBC website. This website will be instrumental in facilitating the movement of fibre from small tenure holders to BC's value-added wood manufacturers.” **Pat Bell, Minister, Jobs, Tourism and Innovation**

The BCCFA and Federation of BC Woodlot Associations believe that WoodSourceBC will not only help their members be more profitable – they believe it will help encourage more collaboration amongst small tenure holders to ensure that high value timber goes to higher value use in the value-added industry. For example, members of the BC Log Home and Timber Frame Building Industry Association have indicated that they believe the website will help their members source more timber from local community forests and woodlots.