



### Priority Deferral Area

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- Harvest prohibited or generally prohibited
- BEC “woodland” and sparsely treed
- Forest assessment land base
- Forested land not assessed

This map reflects analysis performed by the Old Growth Technical Advisory Panel (Daust, D., Price, K., Holt, R., Matthaus, L. and Merkel, G.) utilizing Province of British Columbia data, October 24, 2021.

This map reflects the combination of Priority Big-treed Old Growth, Ancient Forests, and Remnant Old Ecosystems. Please refer to the individual maps of Priority Big-treed Old Growth, Ancient Forests, and Remnant Old Ecosystems to see the spatial distribution of each of these forest types.

The Priority Deferral Area displayed on this map can include overlap. Areas that are Priority Big-treed Old Growth may also include areas of Ancient Forests and/or Remnant Old Ecosystems. For the same reason, areas of Ancient Forests may include Remnant Old Ecosystems. Priority Big-treed Old Growth contains older mature forest in some ecosystems.

Harvest prohibited or generally prohibited are forested areas already covered by an existing conservation designation. Some priority deferral areas shown are already covered by an existing conservation designation.

Forest assessment land base is forested land excluding areas with a crown closure less than 10%, private, municipal and first nation reserve lands. Forested land not assessed is land within private, municipal and first nation reserve lands.

For further information, see the Old Growth Technical Advisory Panel's October 2021 report, "Priority Deferrals: An Ecological Approach".

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