

# Government Intentions to Modernize Forest Policy – Engagement Grouping 2 topic overview

Slides used to initiate dialogue on forest policy engagement  
topics – Fall 2021

## Modernizing **Forest Policy** in British Columbia

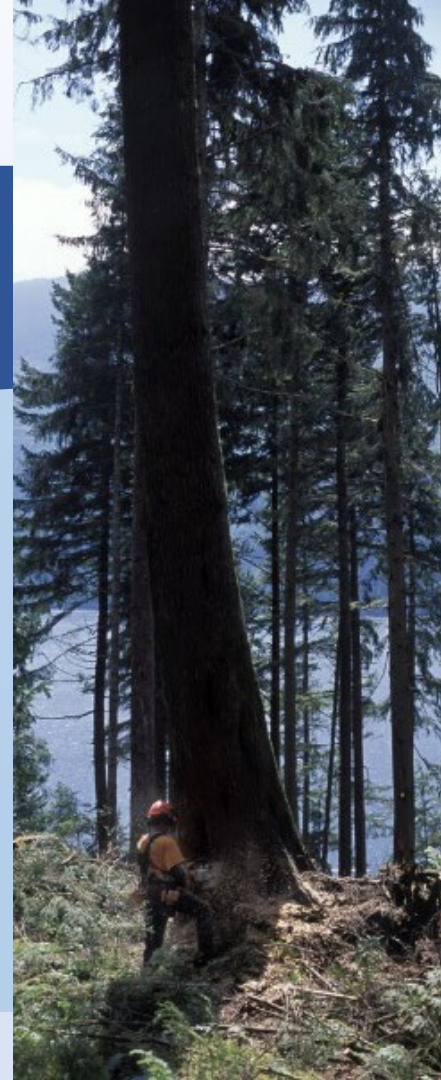
*Setting The Intention and Leading  
the Forest Sector Transition*

# Why Do We Need Change?

**The provincial forest policy framework is inadequate to meet goals, address obligations, and meet current & future challenges**

- The *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* requires us to advance policy change with Indigenous peoples. This means *consultation* and *cooperation*.
- Timber supply is decreasing because of wildfires, beetle salvage, and withdrawals from the timber-harvesting land base
- A rebalancing of forest tenure is required for the Province to be able to achieve its objectives

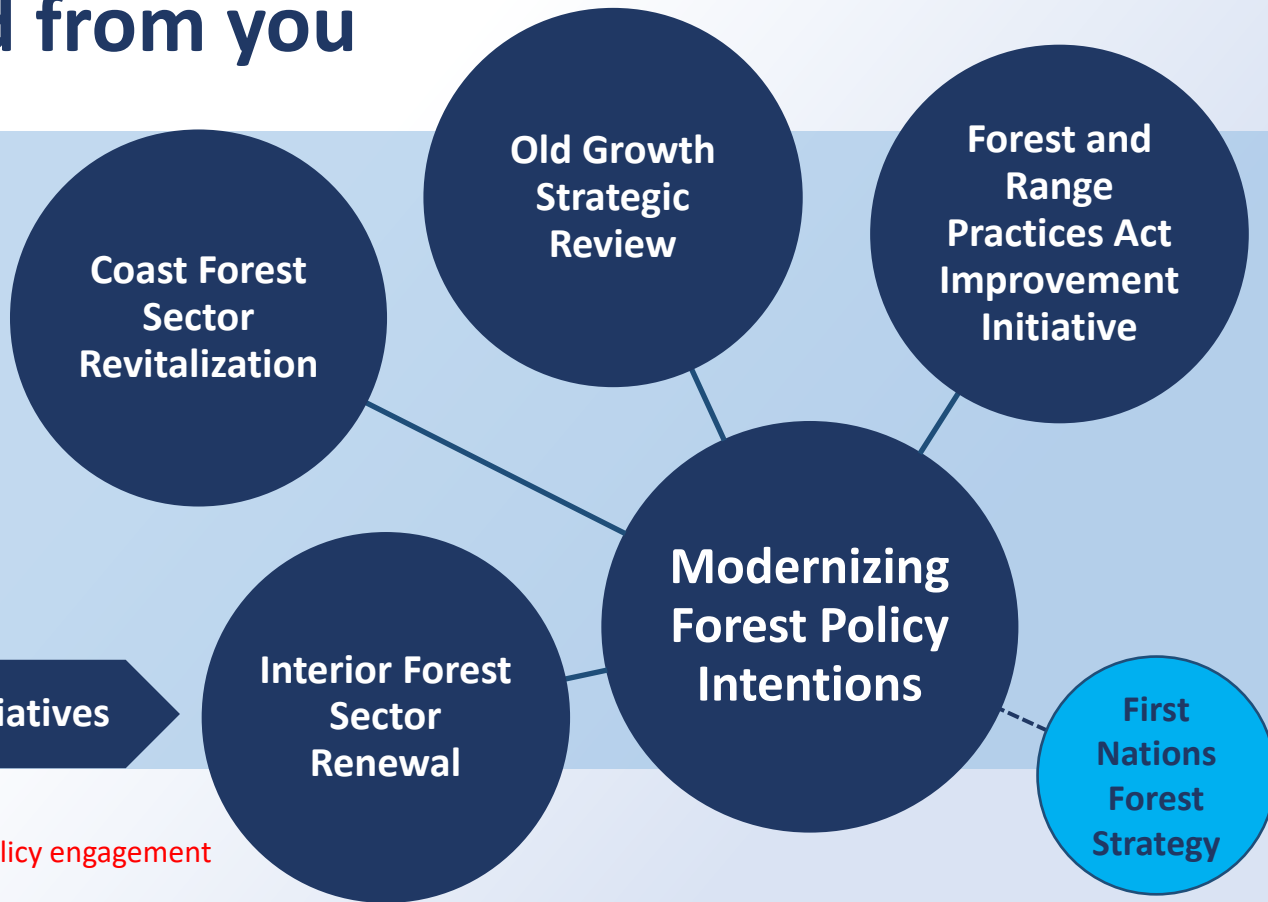
Current State



# Policy change grounded in what we heard from you

Modernizing Forest Policy intentions build on conversations with **Indigenous Nations, local government, industry, labour, interest groups, and the general public**

Across several forestry related initiatives



# Consultation & Cooperation with Indigenous Nations

***The Declaration on the Rights of  
Indigenous Peoples Act* signals a new  
framework for consulting and cooperating  
with Indigenous partners**





# Modernizing Forest Policy Guiding Principles & Fall Policy Topics



# Old Growth Update

## MAY 2021 - ONGOING

### IMMEDIATE MEASURES

1. Commitment to partnership with Indigenous Nations
5. Better public data
6. Deferral of old growth at risk of irreversible loss
7. Compliance with current standards

## SUMMER/FALL 2021 - ONGOING

### ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT CHANGE

2. Prioritize ecosystem health
4. More inclusive governance
9. Framework for setting and managing targets
13. Transition plans: local and provincial
14. Transition support for communities

## 2022 - ONGOING

### A NEW OLD GROWTH STRATEGY

3. Three zone management
8. Funds for monitoring and evaluation
10. Updated biodiversity targets and guidance
11. Better inventory and classification
12. More innovative practices

For more information: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/25648>

# *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)*

## Improvement Initiative

- The FRPA Improvement Initiative was a topic of discussion in our summer 2021 engagement sessions
- Updates on FRPA will be available in the coming months

### **FRPA Website:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/laws-policies-standards-guidance/legislation-regulation/forest-range-practices-act#FRPA%20Improvement%20Initiatives>





# Phased Engagement Approach

Summer 2021

Fall 2021

Winter 2022

## Engagement Topics

- Revising tenure disposition considerations
- Advancing apportionment
- Reviewing cut control process (Grade 4)
- Improving accountability in tenure management
- Increasing discretion in authorizing activities
- Supporting silviculture management and innovation investments
- Modernizing tenure replacement conditions

## Engagement Topics

- Evolving BCTS policy for maximum sales restrictions
- Reintroducing prescribed and cultural fire as a land and forest management tool
- Initiating a process to minimize slash burning
- Developing a timber sales program for value-added manufacturers
- Harmonizing area-based tenure pricing
- Strengthening compliance and enforcement in forestry

## Engagement Topics

- Reviewing the cut control process
- Improving accountability in tenure management
- Promoting the use of wood and mass timber



# Summer Engagement Recap

**Revising tenure  
disposition**

**Reviewing the cut  
control process**

**Improving  
accountability in  
tenure management**

**Advancing  
apportionment**

**Increasing discretion  
in authorizing  
activities**

**Supporting  
silviculture  
investments**

**Modernizing tenure  
replaceability  
conditions**

# Fall 2021 Policy Topics for Engagement

**Harmonizing Area-  
Based Tenure Pricing**

**Initiating a Process to  
Minimize Slash  
Burning**

**Strengthening  
Compliance &  
Enforcement in  
Forestry**

**Reintroducing  
Prescribed &  
Cultural Fire as land  
and forest  
management tools**

**Developing a Timber  
Sales Program for  
Value-Added  
Manufacturers**

**Evolving BCTS Policy  
for Maximum  
Sales Restrictions**

# Evolving BCTS Max Sales Program

## Why? - Increase support for smaller BC Timber Sales registrants

### Intent

- Increase opportunities for smaller volume auctions for market loggers and small processing facilities

### Considerations

1. Defining a threshold – limit in volume or sales?
2. Exemptions from the 3-sale limit?





# Developing a timber sales program for value-added manufacturers

## Why? - Creating opportunity and access to fibre for value added industries



### Intent

- Developing a program within BCTS with a focus on value-added
- Setting conditions for value added manufacturing and innovation
- Reduce barriers to access feedstock

### Considerations

1. Spectrum of value-added definitions to support the redesign
2. Potential award structure
3. Eligibility to participate

# Reintroducing prescribed and cultural fire as land and forest management tools

## Why? – Reducing wildfire impacts and protecting communities



### Intent

- Recognize that fire is a natural process and important for ecosystem health and habitat value
- Have prescribed and cultural fire as a core part of the forest management toolkit

### Considerations

1. Prescribed and cultural fire is a strategic forest management tool
2. Creating an insurance policy for the future forest resources
3. What kind of fire occurs on the land base?

# Initiating a process to minimize slash pile burning

## Why? - Provide access to this fibre and reduce GHG emissions



### Intent

- Provide access for value-added/fibre recovery domestic manufacturers
- Reduce GHG emissions

### Considerations

1. Separate from prescribed and cultural burning
2. Set reduction targets and phasing out period
3. Create markets and opportunities to use the fibre
4. Practice sound stewardship to reduce waste



# Harmonizing area-based tenure pricing policy

**Why? – Address the disparity with stumpage rates specific area-based tenures**



## Intent

- Harmonize rate structures
- Be consistent with the market-based pricing system
- Recognize economies of scale for these smaller tenures

## Considerations

1. Could a graduated approach be used?
2. Alternate approach?
3. Convert licences?
4. Should overharvest be based on full stumpage?

# Strengthening compliance and enforcement in forestry

**Why? - Strong compliance and enforcement are critical to public safety, the environment and to maintain public confidence in forest management**



## Intent

1. Which companies are fulfilling the public's trust and those that are not.
2. Reinforce the ability to address poor practices and behaviour.

## Considerations

1. Increase collaboration and cooperation with Indigenous Nations
2. Look to legislative changes and utilize non-legal methods through policy and guidance