## **Sustainable Forest Management Policy**



BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is committed to managing and administering high-quality forest and environmental management activities and practices on our operations through effective measures that ensure sustainable forest management (SFM).

## It is the policy of BC Timber Sales to:

- ♦ Strive for excellence in forest management by continually improving the performance of resource management activities and practices.
- ♦ Conduct our forest management activities to comply with applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and other requirements to which we subscribe, including our commitment to social laws.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- ♦ Respect and recognize Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights.
- ♦ Maintain a program to increase engagement and partnerships with Indigenous peoples in the management of natural resources within B.C. including incorporation of Indigenous knowledge.
- ♦ Improve staff and client's cultural awareness and understanding of Indigenous peoples' history and knowledge.
- ♦ Maintain an organizational culture where all staff proactively participate in providing conditions and safeguards for the health and safety of staff, clients, and the public.
- ♦ Honour all international agreements and conventions to which Canada is a signatory.
- ♦ Improve knowledge of the forest and SFM, monitor advances in science and technology, and incorporate these advances where applicable.
- ♦ Promote awareness of SFM to our clients and the public.

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