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**In this issue:**

This is the fourth of a series of FFT newsletters planned for quarterly distribution. The objective is to provide FFT participants with updates and links to key information documents posted on the LBIS website. Copies of the newsletter will be archived on the LBIS website.

**[FFT Planning Process to include BC Community Forests and Woodlot Associations](#)**

For 2013/14, BC Woodlot Associations and Community Forests are being integrated into the FFT planning process to increase the linkage with local Ministry priorities and provide access to the broader funding available under the current reforestation and timber supply mitigation investment categories.

Community Forests and Woodlots have been part of the Land Based Investment Strategy (LBIS) since 2010 with the consolidation of investment programs (e.g. Forest Investment Account (FIA)) into a Ministry priority focused program. Projects have occurred in both the Timber Supply Mitigation and Current reforestation investment categories with additional benefits occurring on Community Forests and Woodlots as part of other Ministry delivered investments (e.g. Forest Health).

Administration of projects to date was done through Resource Practices Branch using a separate funding allocation. Starting in 2010, this process addressed transition from the FIA model and ensured a set amount of funding for the small tenures. Since 2010, a local FFT planning process has been established, there have been budget reductions, and feedback has indicated the potential for greater efficiencies with closer linkages at the local level.

Although on a smaller scale, investments in BC Community Forests and Woodlots contribute to resilient communities and have the potential to provide good investment opportunities due to close proximity to communities.

### Timelines

- April –June 2013 – Refine steps for integration into FFT planning process to minimize workload for staff and ensure linkages at the district level; communication to association leads
- July- Aug. – Discussions at the District level with Woodlot Associations and Community Forests and integration into the FFT five year plan
- Sept. – District and Regional staff provide overall FFT activity outputs and targets for all projects in 2014/15 to Resource Practices Branch
- Oct. - Jan. 2014 – Refine 2014/15 Annual Operating Plan based on budget information
- April 2014 – Allocation of funding for FFT Annual Operating Plan is approved for 2014/15. Funding along with project details sent to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to administer projects for the Ministry.
- April 2014-Mar. 2015 – Monitoring of annual project funding.

Contact Monty Locke or Al Powelson for additional information.

### Regional employee relocation to the district:

In 2004 the Forest for Tomorrow program was created. At the time there was limited ability to hire new staff to implement the program so a delivery model with a Recipient Agreement Holder carrying out on-the-ground activities administered through PricewaterhouseCoopers and directed by regional staff was born. With the Recipient Agreement for the Prince George District about to expire on March 31, 2013, the Omineca Region needed to figure out how one of the biggest district programs in the interior was going to be delivered in the future with limited resources at the district office. An innovative idea of transferring Ljiljana Knezevic, Regional LBI Specialist from the Omineca Region to the district was put forward by the district management team. This idea was approved by the Regional Executive Director and Ljiljana Knezevic has now joined the district team to continue with the great work done by the FFT and LBI programs.

Ljiljana and Susan Hoyles (retired in February) needed to figure out how to deliver this program in the future given that there was no district staff available to supervise activity contracts. The solution was to

have one multiphase reforestation contract that Ljiljana could administer. So a very comprehensive request for proposal was developed. This multiphase reforestation contract has now been awarded.

All the best to Ljiljana and we look forward to supporting her in her new office.

## **Delivery in the Vanderhoof District**

**Submitted by: Ljiljana Knezevic, RPF - Land Based Investment Specialist**

Under the recipient agreement holder delivery model for the FFT program, Conifex Inc. was the successful proponent to deliver the FFT program in the Vanderhoof district. They delivered the program from 2006 until the winter of 2011/12 when they announced that they won't be entering into the following year contract (starting April 1, 2012). Conifex did a great job in delivering the program and concerns were raised on the future of the FFT program in a district that has been severely affected by both MPB and wildfire. A very innovative idea to deliver the program jointly by the district and BCTS staff was put forward. After a few meetings and calls with the regional representatives, the FFT delivery plan was written down with the clear outline of roles and responsibilities for each party. The first year of this new delivery model is wrapping up and the Vanderhoof group over exceeded the LBI goals for 2012/13.

The 2013/14 fiscal year will involve planting of 3 million seedlings and finding ground for another 3 million that had been sown for spring 2014. The professionalism and hard work of the Vanderhoof team is outstanding and we are sure that they will do amazing work in the future.

Thank you Caitlin Harrison, Delee Anderson, Scott Byron and others for your hard work and dedication.

## **Susan Hoyles**

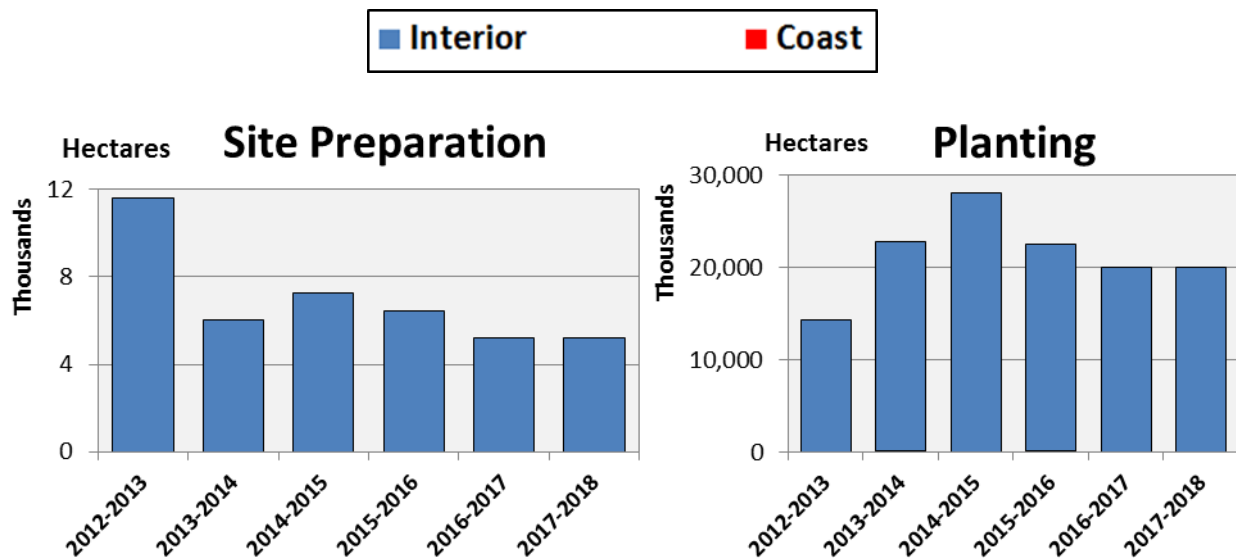
**Submitted by: Anna Monetta, RPF - Regional Silviculture Specialist**

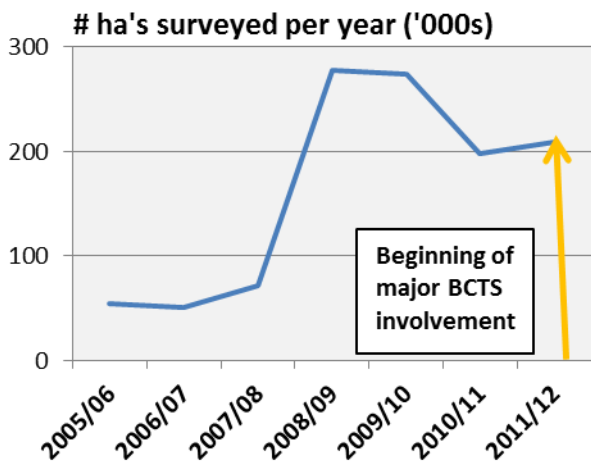
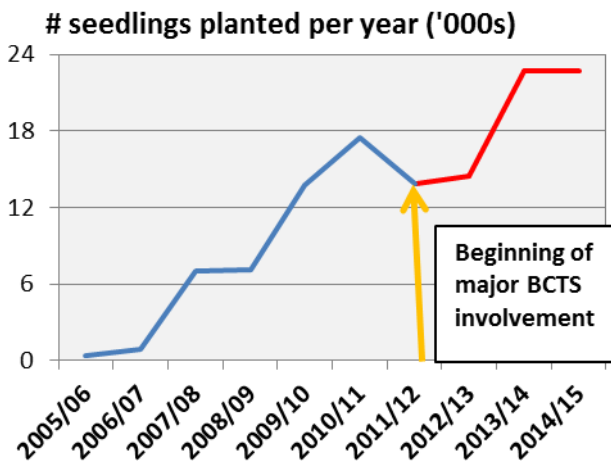
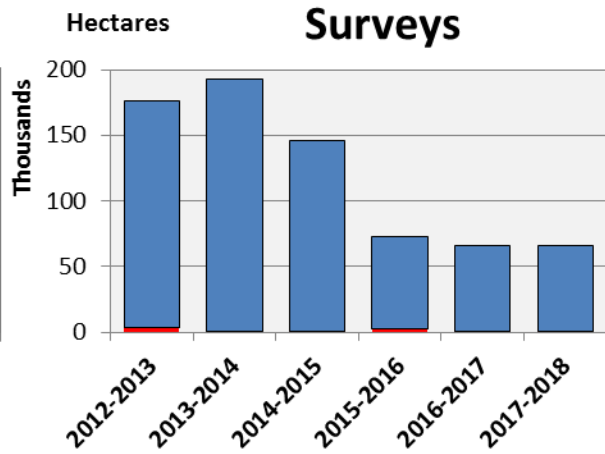
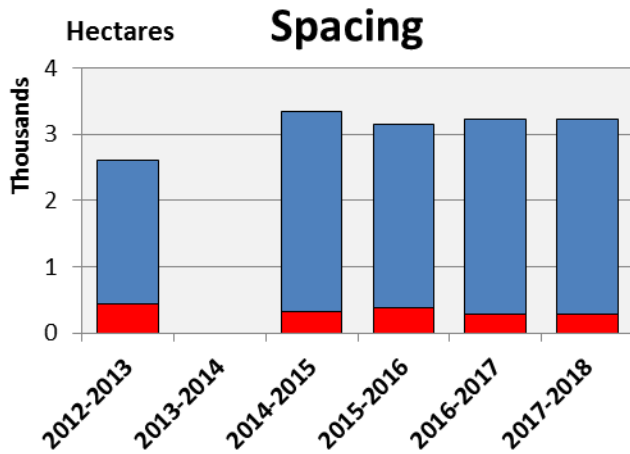
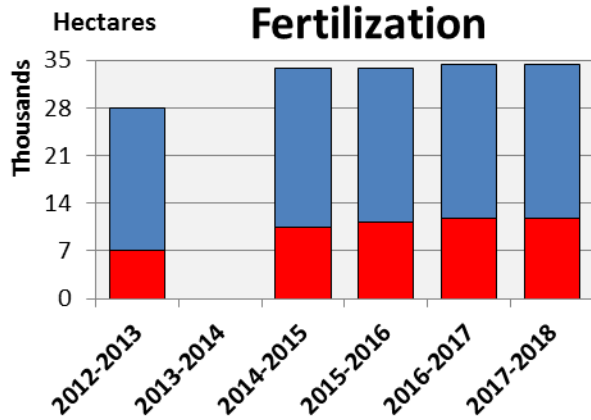
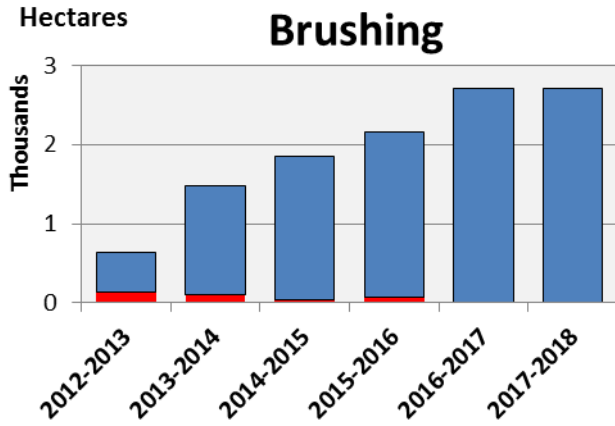
After 28 years of government service, Susan Hoyles (Omineca Region) retired in February 2013. Susan's formal training was in Agrology and Plant Science at UBC and she is a member of the BC and Alberta Institutes of Agrologists. She worked for private industry, Agriculture Canada (Range management), Ministry of Environment (Pesticide Manager), and the Forest Service (Range and Vegetation management Specialist).

For the past seven years Susan was Team Leader for Forest Health, Research and Silviculture. She started out with FH and FFT staff in Prince George and Smithers for the Northern Interior Region. When the Omineca Region came into being she was responsible for Research staff as well. As Team Leader Susan was the “glue” that held us together throughout all the changes within the Ministry and the FFT program. A farewell luncheon was held on February the 6<sup>th</sup> and a large crowd of 75 people attended including district, region, Victoria staff and several retirees. Susan is an unassuming person but never the less we were able to dig up some interesting stories about her past. In her home life Susan has always been active with skiing, hiking, gardening and travelling. She recently has taken up golf and plans to increase all these activities. As she recently told me, in retirement she does not have to fit all chores and fun into her days off.



**FFT Projected 5 Year Activity Levels 2012/13 to 2017/18**





The site prep levels do not include ITSLs.

## Recent Accomplishments:

- **NEW!** Assessment of possible Visual Impacts of Silvicultural Treatments on Tabor Mountain using Google Earth [Click here](#)
- FRPA s108 claims approved and paid out this fiscal (2012/13) \$7,610,623

## Meetings:

- LBIS – Current Reforestation and Timber Supply Mitigation Meeting (Sept. 2012) [Click here](#)
  - LBIS Meeting Workbook [Click here](#)
  - FFT 2013/14 Planning [Click here](#)
  - Species and Sowing [Click here](#)
  - RESULTS Reporting [Click here](#)
  - FP Innovations Overview [Click here](#)
  - FFT Forest Health [Click here](#)
  - Wildfire Management and FFT [Click here](#)
  - Coast 5 Year Silviculture Plan Development Process [Click here](#)
- Workshop in Richmond March 2012:
  - Synopsis document with List of Actions [Click here](#)
- Workshop in Richmond September 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2011:
  - Synopsis document [Click here](#)
  - List of Actions [Click here](#)

## Reports:

- LAND BASED INVESTMENT STRATEGY: Current Reforestation Assessment - Maintenance of Existing Investments in the Forests for Tomorrow Program [Click here](#)
- LBIS 2011/12 Annual Report [Click here](#)
- The revised Planting Quality Inspection Guide (FS 704A) is available on the Ministry website [Click Here](#)

## Tools:

- Any district that will be administering or planning FFT planting projects is encouraged to use the 'Plantwizard' program. Anyone wishing access to the Ministry licence for this please fill-out the form available at this [LINK](#).

### **Training Initiatives:**

- RESULTS training:
  - For recordings of these training sessions [Click here](#)

### **Milestone Reminders:**

- For all Key Dates [Click here](#)

### **Useful Links:**

- LBIS website [Click here](#)
- LBI website [Click here](#)
- LBIS Planning Maps [Click here](#)
- Mountain Pine Beetle Impact Mapping [Click here](#)
- Total Expenditures Map and Subcategory Investment Map [Click here](#)
- Provincial Maps of Category Activity 2012/13 [Click here](#)
- FRPA s108 – Bulletin [Click Here](#)
- FRPA General Bulletin # 26 [Click Here](#)
- Forest Stewardship Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation [Click here](#)

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