



Climate Change Action Strategy

Introduction

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is a government agency responsible for marketing crown timber in British Columbia. Sound forest stewardship is highlighted within the business principles and priorities outlined in the BCTS Strategic Plan.

Purpose of the Climate Change Action Strategy

To foster the adoption of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions into BCTS business processes while ensuring consistency and alignment with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) Service Plan and associated Provincial and FLNRO climate change strategies and action plans.

BCTS Climate Change Action Strategy Components

BCTS' Climate Change Action Strategy addresses both mitigation to reduce climate change impacts and adaptation to respond to a changing climate, it consists of:

- the BCTS Climate Change Action Plan which identifies the actions at the Business Area, Nursery Services and Headquarters levels that BCTS will take in the short, mid, and long term to address climate change, including the associated costs/benefits and resource requirements of the actions;
- a Community of Climate Change Leads in BCTS Business Areas, Nursery Services, and Headquarters that work together to develop, implement, and monitor the BCTS Climate Change Action Plan; and
- Climate Change Communication Tools (web-site, SharePoint site, training, updates) to support BCTS' staff awareness of current climate change information that affects BCTS' business and available tools to take action.



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BCTS Climate Change Action Strategy Guiding Principles

While achieving BCTS' mandate and efficiently using available staff and funding resources, BCTS will follow the following guiding principles in taking climate change action:

- Make Change Happen – by incorporating climate change objectives and actions into field operations and raising staff awareness of climate change and the potential effects on our business.
- Lead by Example – by participating in provincial and FLNRO climate change adaptation initiatives.
- Embrace Uncertainty – by enabling staff to practice sustainable forest management in an uncertain future climate.
- Be Proactive – by incorporating climate change into all aspects of the annual operating plan.
- Foster Innovation – by being creative in our approaches to mitigating and adapting to climate change and by enabling forest resilience and adaptation. By developing and implementing clear, concise, science-based, measurable and verifiable climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.
- Seek Collaboration – by enhancing communication with our clients, local communities and governments to further understand climate change, related terminology and any local known effects. By pursuing synergies with government and other entities to take effective climate change action.
- Be Adaptive – by applying LEAN approaches to improve our business practices as more climate change information is available.
- Be a Climate Change Action Champion – by providing policy direction, guidance, communications, and outreach on climate change action to clients, stakeholders and partners.