



Climate Change Action Strategy

Introduction

BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is a government program responsible for marketing crown timber in British Columbia. Sound forest stewardship is highlighted within the business principles and priorities outlined in the BCTS Sustainable Forest Management Plan and Annual Business Plans.

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 (MOF) Service Plan and associated Provincial and MOF climate change strategies and action plans. To support BCTS' certification to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative's Sustainable Forest Management Standard (the standard), including Objective 9 - Climate Smart Forestry of the standard.

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, Seedling Services, and Provincial Operations levels that BCTS will take in the short, mid, and long term to address climate change;
- a Community of Climate Change Leads representing BCTS Business Areas, Seedling Services, and Provincial Operations that work together to develop, implement, and monitor the BCTS Climate Change Action Plan; and
- Climate Change Communication Tools 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:

- Be Proactive – by raising staff awareness of climate change, considering potential climate change impacts to all aspects of our business, and the potential climate change impacts of our business.
- Make Change Happen – by developing and implementing clear, concise, science-based, measurable, and verifiable climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. By incorporating these actions into our operational activities, policies, and guidance.
- Foster Innovation – by being creative in our approaches to mitigating and adapting to climate change and by enabling forest resilience and adaptation.
- Be Adaptive – by adapting our business practices as updated climate change information becomes available.
- Seek Collaboration – by pursuing synergies with government and other entities to take effective climate change action.
- Be a Climate Change Action Champion – by providing policy, guidance, and communications, on climate change action to staff, clients, and contractors.