



Western Canadian Timber Products is a 43-year Family owned and operated timber company which sustainably harvests between 300,000 and 400,000m³ per year within the Fraser TSA. 220,000m³ is through company owned Forest Tenure and the remaining volume is through Indigenous partnerships and BCTS bids. Our company employs 130 local workers, contractors and supports community owned and operated service providers in the region. We are a full-service company where we manage the land base, harvest the timber and market the logs in house.

What old growth means to you and how you value it

- As outdoor enthusiast and BC residents, we enjoy spending time in the forest. We recognize there is a large % of the forest in the Province listed as Parks, OGMA's or other non harvestable THLB. For this, we know where to take our families and we can be confident the Province is managing Old Growth for future generations and biodiversity. We also see the vast amounts of poor-quality Old growth areas that could be replaced with new, young, healthy, sustainable timber, to add sequestering abilities and contribute to reducing our carbon footprint.
- *True Old growth to me is the Big Trees, decadent stands 200 -400 years old. In our day to day Forest Professional life and thinking about it from the Appraisal prospective, we think of old growth as anything over 120 years old. I truly believe true old growth stands the ones with the larger vets 300 years old are very valuable, but they to have a shelf life and once they reach their maximum lifespan so to speak loose their value and then become part of the non productive forest which in a sense becomes useless and worthless. (Jay Rees WCTP RPF)*
- As a business, we see the Old growth as a necessary harvesting option within our area. It relieves pressure on the second growth cut and allows us to harvest and extract wood that is decaying at a rapid rate, before it is worthless and there is no opportunity to replant, using direct revenues from the harvests in the area.
- The Harvesting of OG helps to offset pressure on immature second growth stands.
- Cutting permits without Old growth % mixed into them make for uneconomic stumpage rates in most cases, which will negatively impact our company and as a result reduce harvesting ability and stumpage revenues to the Province as a result.



- With so many constraints on our THLB, we need access to this fibre to ensure business and community sustainability. Some constraints we experience daily as a company:
 - OGMA's
 - Cultural areas
 - Owl (Somp)
 - Access issues as a result of recreational reserves.
 - Wildlife Habitat areas
 - S'olh Temexw use Plan (Anderson / Siwah in Fraser Canyon) 8000ha
 - Geotechnical issues
 - Visual constrains as the Province and Ministry is ashamed of Logging, which build and continues to support the Communities, Schools and Hospitals.
 - BC Hydro interface which causes access issues
 - Kinder Morgan interface which creates access issues and challenges.
 - Spectra gas interface, which creates access issues and challenges.
 - Approval process through PRO (People of The River)
 - SXTA impacts
- **Old Growth Harvesting is imperative to the longevity of our business.** *

Your perspective on how old growth is managed now

We at WCTP believe we are over managing old growth today, there are so many areas set aside in Old Growth Management areas, Parks, Wildlife Habitat Areas, Recreation reserves, cultural areas and many more. In years past many forest companies logged in the old growth stands, second growth stands were not even considered. Times have changed and if we want a sustainable future then we need a good combination of them both. But the availability of Old growth stands is hard to come by.

(Jay Rees WCTP RPF)



How you think old growth could be managed more effectively in the future

- Old Growth status and age class that drives the status needs to be reconsidered.
 - ✓ First Growth (FG)
 - ✓ Older second growth (2G+) > _____ years
 - ✓ Second growth (2G)
 - ✓ Third generation (3G)

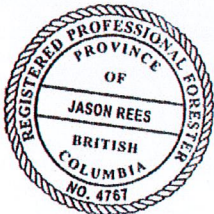
We at WCTP believe we need to concentrate the constraints into combined areas. The Old Growth management zones and Cultural areas and Wildlife tree patches as well as others be combined into the same area. If there were not so many constraints on the land base we would be able to manage the areas given to Forest companies much easier and way more productively. (Jay Rees WCTP RPF)

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