



Visual Resource Management Training Opportunity

INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT VRM-101

Planning forest development in scenic areas requires specialized skills and knowledge. Under the Forest and Range Practices Act, forest professionals must manage consistent with VQOs in addition to a range of other resource objectives. This two day workshop is an introductory course that has been developed to provide practitioners with an up-to-date overview on how Visual Resources are managed in the province of British Columbia. Day one explores the following topics: Public Perceptions, Visual Landscape Inventory, Scenic Areas, VQOs, FSP Results and Strategies, Visual Impact Assessments, Compliance & Enforcement, Effectiveness Evaluations and Professional Reliance. Day two is an abbreviated version of the MFLNRO Visual Landscape Design Training Course. It provides participants with the basic skills needed to understand and apply VLD design concepts and techniques to forest design problems. The course offers a practical set of tools that can be applied at every level, from the design of a single block to the complexities of Integrated Visual Design.

FACILITATORS

Jacques Marc is a Visual Resource Management consultant. He is an RFT with 37 years experience in the Forest Engineering and Visual Resource Management fields. He served as the provincial Visual Resource Management Officer from 1993 until 2016. His current focus is on providing training, and mentoring in all aspects of Visual Resource Management.

Cameron Campbell is a Professional Agrologist and Landscape Architect. Cam has practiced as a landscape planning consultant, served as Visual Design Specialist in Resource Practices Branch and has acted as Regional Visual Specialist in the Coast Region. He has also worked in forest operations at various locations along BC's coast. His research and practice focus on integrated forest design methods.

DATES & LOCATIONS

The course will be offered in four locations:
February 21 & 22 Kamloops
March 7 & 8 Castlegar
March 16 & 17 Nanaimo
March 21 & 22 Prince George

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This workshop is essential if you are involved in planning, designing, reviewing and approving forest practices in scenic areas and are employed by industry, government or a consulting firm.

Training Format

The VRM 101 course uses a combination of lectures and exercises to convey the visual resource management process. This is an all office course with no field component.

Agenda Day 1

- Public Perception Studies , findings & uses
- Visual Landscape Inventory
- Establishing VQOs
- Managing Visual Quality under FRPA
- Visual Impact Assessments
- Compliance & Enforcement
- Effectiveness Evaluations (FREP)

Agenda Day 2

- Introduction to Visual Landscape design
- Review Design Concepts & Principles
- Landscape Character Analysis
- Visual Design Applications
- Designing Clear cuts
- Alternate Harvesting Systems
- Integrated Visual Design

Course location and agenda will be sent out 2 weeks prior to the course. The course will start at 09:00 AM on day 1 to allow out of town participants time to travel.

TO REGISTER:

Contact Christine Lechelt (250) 387-1946
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