

Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2025
McArthur Centre, Greenwood



Agenda

1. Governance & Management
2. Background
3. Annual Dividends
4. Grants and Bursaries
5. Operations Review & FESBC
6. Outreach & Education
7. Key Events and Partnerships
8. Questions





Governance

- Elected Board of Directors

John Bolt, Heinz Kreuzer, Ginette Wheeler,
Darrin Metcalf, Randy Trerise

- City of Greenwood and Village of Midway - equal shareholders
- Corporation - Nov 11, 2011
- Forest Management agreement with Osoyoos Indian Band
- Ross Elliott stepped back in July.
 - Thanks Ross!!!!





Forest Management

- Peter Flett, RPF
- Dan Macmaster, RPF



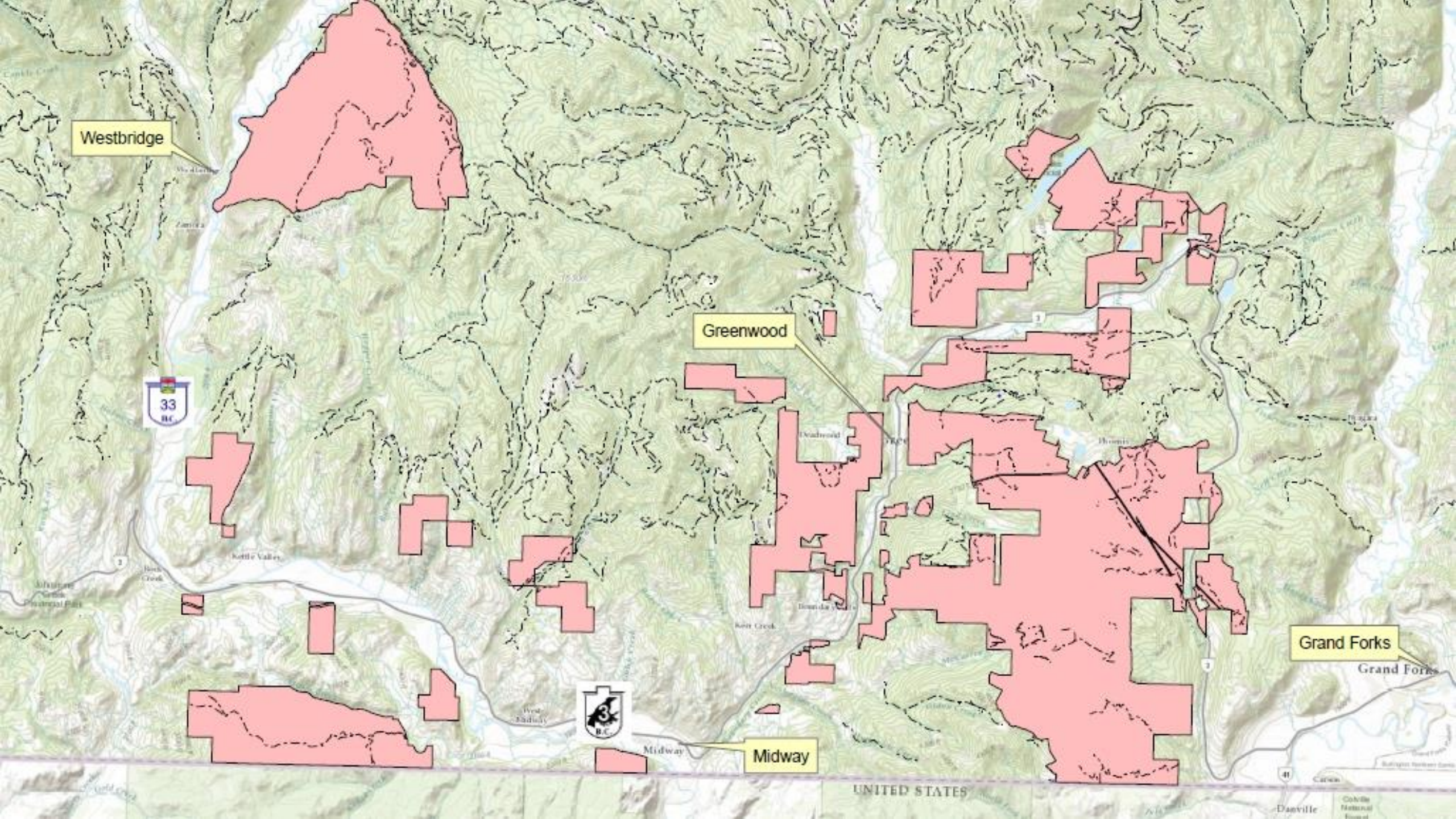
Bookkeeping

- Denise Frocklage
 - financial audits conducted annually with municipalities

Administrative Assistant / Communications, and Outdoor Education Centre Coordinator

- Elly Macmaster





Westbridge

Greenwood

Midway

Grand Forks



UNITED STATES

Danville

Columbia National Forest

Background

- Total Area: 17,761 hectares
 - 21 separate parcels adjacent to private land, woodlots, TFL 8, Boundary TSA, and municipal land
 - 11,932ha is THLB
- Annual Allowable Cut of 23,000 m³
 - Total cut in the Boundary is 670,142 m³
- Fragmented tenure is unique for CFAs in BC and require lots of work with adjacent landowners and licencees.





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Grants and Bursaries

A key mandate of WBCF is to provide funding to eligible non-profit community groups and societies within the West Boundary region. This is accomplished through grants and student bursaries.



Grants

WBCF awarded \$ 112,020 in grants to 41 different West Boundary area non-profit organizations in 2024:

- \$ 72, 020 – Spring intake
- \$ 40, 000 – Fall intake



Bursaries

WBCF awarded two \$2,500 bursaries to West Boundary area students for post-secondary studies:

- Elise Pryce, \$2,500
- Sylvie Harpur, \$2,500



Annual Dividends

\$400,000 in Dividends in 2024

- \$200,000 each to WBCF joint shareholders, City of Greenwood and Village of Midway



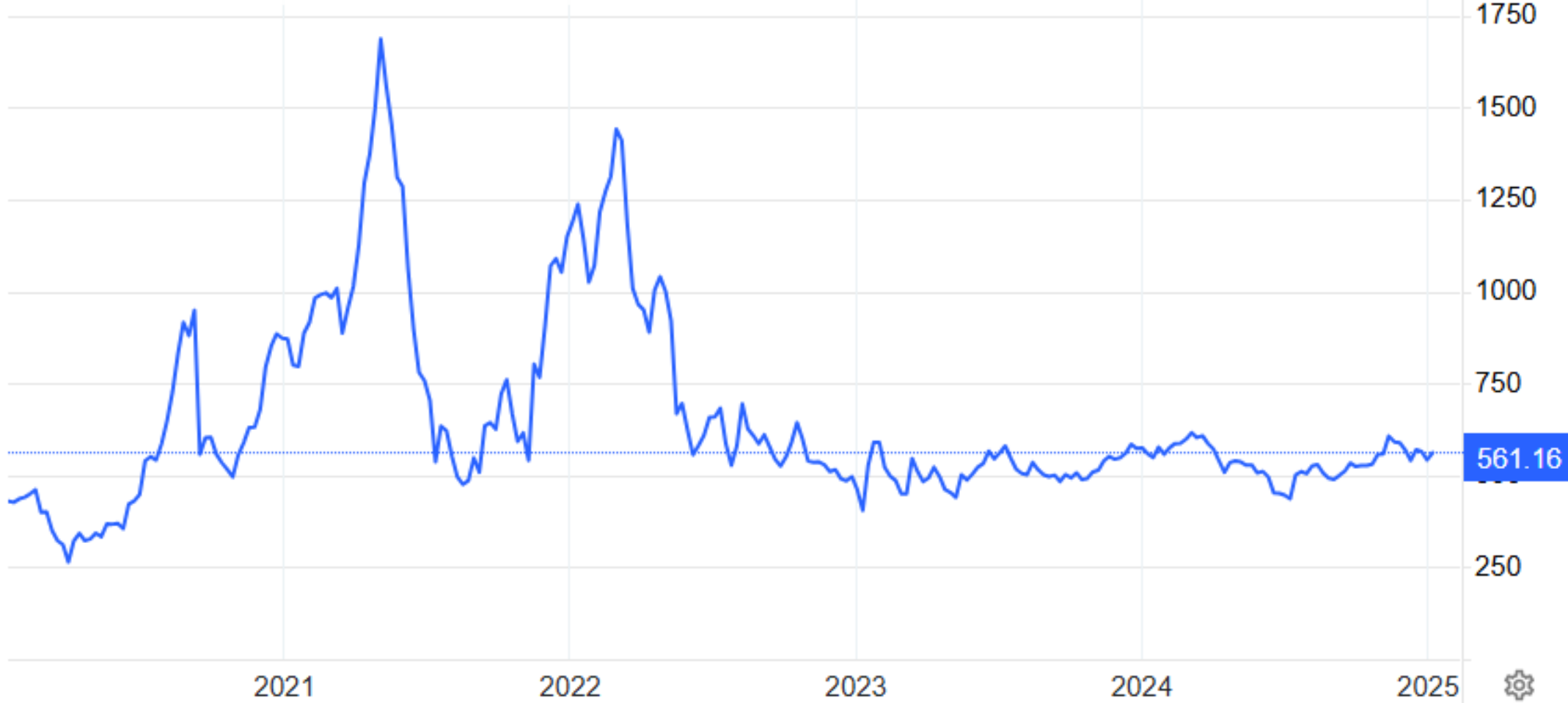


Total Disbursements for all of 2024:

\$ 517,020 disbursed

- Dividends - \$400,000
- Grants - \$112,020
- Bursaries - \$5,000

Lumber (USD/1000 board feet) 561.16 19.69 (+3.64%)



561.16

250

1750

1500

1250

1000

750

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025



<u>Site</u>	<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Timber Mark</u>	<u>Return Count</u>
1533	ZELLSTOFF CELGAR LTD.	Detail	K4E00A	23
			Total:	23
501	ATCO (VENEER PLANT)	Detail	K4E00A	26
			Total:	26
506	INTERFOR CASTLEGAR	Detail	K4E00A	2
			Total:	2
556	INTERFOR GRAND FORKS	Detail	K4E00A	318
			Total:	318
9740	CELGAR - MIDWAY	Detail	K4E00A	46
			Total:	46





2024 Forest Operations Review

1. Lone Star
2. Myers Creek Road



Forest Enhancement Society of BC Funding WBCF Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects:

- \$1,600,000 in funding for 5 wildfire-mitigation projects in West Boundary Community Forest
- Greenwood
- Rock Creek
- Fiva South
- Lone Star
- Myers Creek



Forest Enhancement
Society of British Columbia





Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects



FESBC Project Details

- reduce wildfire risk while enhancing wildlife habitat, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from slash pile burning, and support forest recreation and ecological resiliency.
- Working with SE Fire Centre and BC Wildfire Service on prescriptions and layout.





Myers Creek Road WRR

- 6 blocks total – 145.17ha
- 4 blocks completed – 123.14ha
- 2 blocks in progress – 22.03ha
- Merchantable harvest, pulp utilization, understory thinning, slash piling, burning
- Most work to be completed by March 15, 2025



Lone Star WRR

- Understory thinning
- Some areas we harvested small logs and some areas were treated for fuels.
- Piling and burning of fine fuels

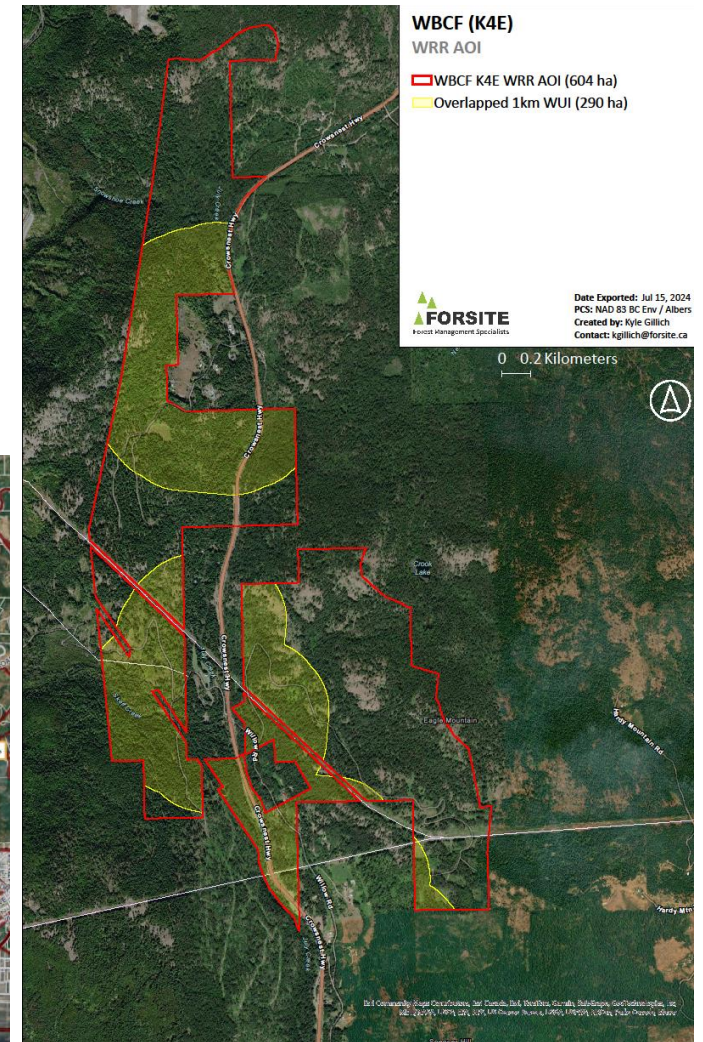
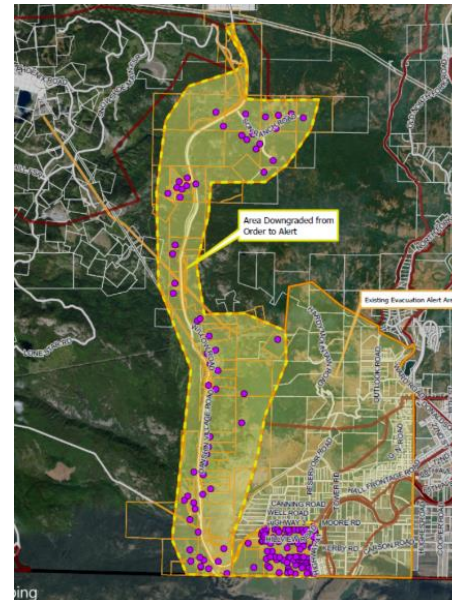




Current WRR Project

- Prescription being developed with FESBC funding in WBCF.
- Subsequent application for treatment funding (completion from April 1, 2025 to March 15, 2027).
- Iron Clad Rd
- Athelston-Hartford Rd
- Willow Rd

2024 Evacuation Area



Rexin Prescribed Burn



NEWS RELEASE

Prescribed burn northeast of Rock Creek sets the stage for ecosystem restoration in the area

West Boundary Community Forest (WBCF), recently partnered with the Osoyoos Indian Band, the Penticton Indian Band, the Ministry of Forests and the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS), to undertake a prescribed burn in the Rexin area, northeast of Rock Creek.

The burn was conducted on April 7, 2022 to enhance wildlife habitat, while reducing fuel load density, and associated potential wildfire risk.

Vaagen Fibre Canada's Peter Flett, who was one of the project partners through WBCF, was extremely happy with the success of the burn, which was in close proximity to the community.

"It is the first burn we have been involved with that was so close to the community. It's a great introduction to prescribed fire to the community," he said, adding that while this burn covered one treatment unit, there will be several other prescribed burns planned for the future in the region. "This prescribed burn was mainly geared towards ecosystem restoration, to eliminate some of the ground vegetation and promote regrowth of native grasses. It will also help to improve wildlife habitat and support water quality objectives," said Flett.

James Katasonoff, Wildfire Officer with BCWS' South East Fire Centre, said that not only was this a great opportunity to implement traditional practices in the forest, and form partnerships and relationships, but was also crucial in mitigating wildfire risk in the future for the community.

"Our ecosystem here in Boundary is called NDT 4 ecosystem, which means it traditionally has had natural, lightning-caused, low intensity fire, and the ecosystem in the area has evolved to need fire, to function properly. So, this burn is a good opportunity to bring the beneficial fire back in a controlled manner and when it is close to a community like this, any reduction in the intensity of wildfire that could happen in the future, is always positive," he said.



BC Wildfire Service crew on site at Rock Creek. Photo by Peter Flett.





Outreach & Education

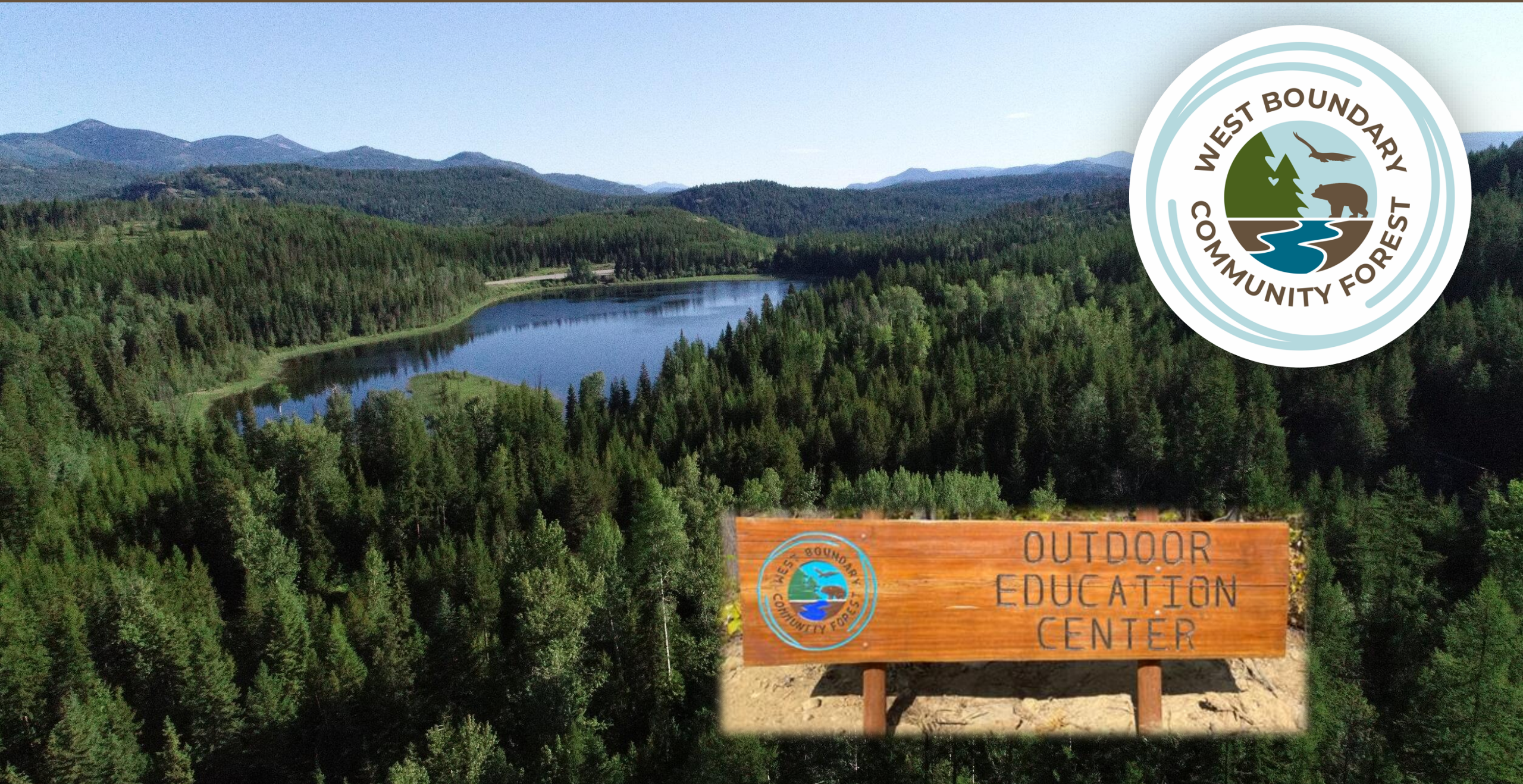


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New Outdoor Classroom Opens



OEC Highlights of 2024

- 15 school visits: West Boundary, Hutton, Perley, and Greenwood Elementary
- Orange Shirt Day, Take Me Outside Day, and National Forest Week
- OEC hosts BC Wildlife and GF Wildlife Association's Wild Kidz Camp









Founders Day

July 13 & 14 2024

GREENWOOD BC

An illustration of a mine entrance with a red and white striped awning, flanked by two miners in red carts. The mine entrance is labeled 'MINE'.

ROCK CREEK FALL FAIR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH 2024
PROUD TO BE COUNTRY



Education in our Communities





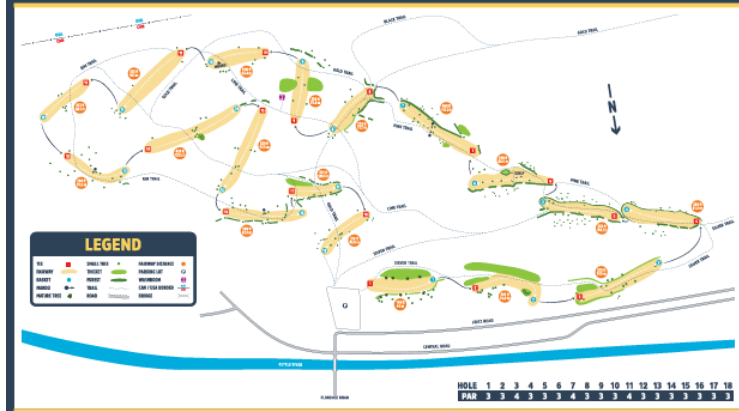
BCCFA Board
Victoria Meetings in
November
Focus is Forest Policy for
Community Forests





Midway Disc Golf Course

MIDWAY DISC GOLF & RECREATION AREA



COURSE SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

- Use disc golf course at your own risk
- NO ALCOHOL: Pack in, pack out
- No abuse of equipment or vegetation
- Watch for others before throwing
- Wait for others to finish before driving
- All personnel walk on "Dirt of course"
- Play in a fire management area, NO SMOKING
- No wildlife, birds, bees, insects until safe to proceed
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- In case of an emergency call 911
- Course operational hours are from Sun - Mon
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- AAWV #104

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UBC MSFM Class of 2024

- Master's program in Sustainable Forest Management
- Landscape-level modeling of 25-year timber supply
- Compare current management strategies for Old Growth and Wildfire Resilience with alternative management scenarios
- Analyze impacts to long-term sustainability



West Boundary Community Forest Old Growth Landscape Level Plan 2024

UBC Master of Sustainable Forest Management 2024

Crew 2

Ruoxuan Ma, Wyatt Peterson, Anton Z'Graggen, Xiwen Zhang





BCCFA Conference
Mackenzie



Thank you!