



## CHINOOK BUSINESS AREA PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON SAFETY AND SOUND FOREST MANAGEMENT

**BC Timber Sales (BCTS)** was founded in April 2003 with a mandate to be the cost and price benchmark for timber harvested from public land in British Columbia. Through 12 Business Areas and an operational presence in 33 locations, BCTS manages some 20 percent of the annual provincial Crown harvest.

From operations in Chilliwack, Queen Charlotte City and Squamish, the Chinook Business Area conducts forest planning, timber cruising, layout and engineering, road construction and maintenance, bridge installations, and silviculture activities such as tree planting, surveys and stand treatments in an area encompassed by the Chilliwack, Haida Gwaii and Squamish forest districts. These forestry activities provide economic benefits to local businesses through the purchase of goods and services. Timber sales support communities by making wood available to loggers, wood processors and other forestry businesses of varying size, including major licensees. BCTS contracts annually with local and regional suppliers for forestry work, road and bridge construction, and reforestation activities.

In its first five years, BC Timber Sales provincially offered 73 million cubic metres of timber to the market, sold 63 million cubic metres and generated \$430 million in net revenue for the Province. Over the same period, the Chinook Business Area offered 2.9 million cubic metres of timber and sold 2.4 million cubic metres.

BC Timber Sales is the largest tree planter in B.C., with 199 million tree seedlings planted provincially since 2003 and 3.8 million seedlings planted in the Chinook Business Area over the same period. Operating with the principle of sound forest management, the Chinook Business Area has achieved International Organization for Standardization (ISO 14001) certification of an Environmental Management System for the entire business area.

Planning and consultation play a major role in Chinook's business practices as the area encompassed by the Business Area includes a large majority of the province's population. The Business Area is actively engaged with more than 20 First Nations communities and manages for a number of threatened and endangered species.

Safety is an overriding principle of BC Timber Sales and the organization, including the Chinook Business Area, has achieved SAFE Company certification. BCTS strongly supports a culture of safety across the B.C. forest industry and is committed to the safety of all people affected by its operations – staff, contractors, licensees and the public.

The Chinook Business Area provides front-counter walk-in service from its office in Chilliwack, where customers can pick-up or drop-off TSL tender packages/bids, contract tenders and copies of other documents.

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[www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TCH.htm)

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