

**FPC Transition Training**  
**Introduction: Industry Perspective**  
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2 As the Chief Forester of Slocan Forest Products, I have been involved  
3 with the CEOs stewardship working group, as well as the results based  
4 Code working group. Part of our work has included developing some of  
5 the transition language to the existing Code that you're going to go  
6 through today.

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8 The things that we see necessary in terms of moving forward are:

9 Number one: Immediate relief from the costs of the existing process  
10 under the existing Code. That is a tremendous benefit for us.

11 Number two: We see the transition as an opportunity to start the process  
12 of change in forest management. We're support changing our existing  
13 culture from process to professional reliance.

14 Number three: Ramping up the process. This is another key part of the  
15 transition language that you'll go through today.

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17 Some of the specific changes that we look at as opportunities in this  
18 transition include less onerous requirements to submit silviculture  
19 prescriptions. Now, minor amendments will be subject to professional  
20 interpretation for all operational plans, Forest Development Plans or  
21 silviculture prescriptions. Also covered are road related activities, for

1 example, road design. Now, road plans may not necessarily be submitted  
2 to District Managers for approval, which will give us some opportunity to  
3 shorten the timelines for getting our plans underway.

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5 We are certainly going to maintain in our operations our professional  
6 responsibilities. In fact, we'll strengthen those in many ways. We'll  
7 maintain our existing environmental standards and certainly look for  
8 opportunities to strengthen them over time. We'll maintain, for example,  
9 the soil on the hill; we'll keep the water clean; we'll keep the species and  
10 populations that are important to us viable; we'll maintain site productivity.  
11 We'll keep our social contract and maintain the local participation in our  
12 activities, and we'll maintain the economic viability of our industry. In short,  
13 we're going to maintain many of our present activities and look to future  
14 options to improve.

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16 From Slocan's perspective, we look at the changes in this transition in a  
17 positive light. We're pleased to be moving forward with this initiative and  
18 are prepared for future changes as we go. Thank you.

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