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**POLICY STATEMENT**

The objective of the British Columbia Forest Service, as the forest administrative agency for the government of British Columbia, is to develop and enforce policies which will ensure for all time the proper balance of timber supply, forage production, forest recreation, wildlife protection and environmental preservation on the Crown forest lands of the province.

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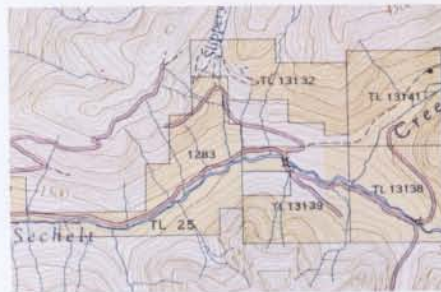
Yellow arum (skunk cabbage) is found in most swampy areas of B.C. and is most noticeable in March and April when soft yellow sheaths are in bloom and before plants have come into leaf.



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Kootenay  
Forest  
Products



Old  
Forest  
Tenures



Forest  
Museum



Rangeland  
Management



Good  
Seed  
Pays

*Government buys...*

# Kootenay Forest Complex

*... at bargain price*



Protocol people of the business world would have expressed it more delicately, but what it boils down to is this: it was a helluva good deal.

And better yet, it was a good deal for the people of British Columbia.

It became official on February 6 when Resources Minister Robert Williams announced the provincial government had purchased the entire holdings of Kootenay Forest Products Ltd., of Nelson, from Eddy Match Company, Ltd., for nine million dollars.

### **30 Miles of Waterfront**

And just what did British Columbians get for their money?

They got a large sawmill, and a plywood plant.

And they got something a lot more precious—more than 42,000 acres of prime timber and recreation land, formerly owned outright by the

timber firm. The property includes about 30 miles of choice waterfront on Kootenay Lake, Duncan Lake, at the mouth of the fast-running Lardeau River, and at the southern tip of very appropriately named Trout Lake.

Let's take a closer look at that property in terms of its value. Real estate people in the Nelson area indicate that a 100-foot river or lakefront lot sells for anywhere between \$50 to \$100 a foot (and in some cases much more). Take 30 miles of such sought-after property at the low rate of \$50 a foot and you have waterfrontage land worth around \$7,920,000.

The same realtors report that "strictly wilderness land"—no improvements, not even road access—is selling for around \$300 an acre. At that rate, a "round" 40,000 acres is worth about \$12,000,000.

That's nearly \$20,000,000 in real estate alone, if you want to link it with current property values.

