



About FEP & FES

FEP = Forest Enhancement Program

FES = Forest Enhancement Society

Ken recently attended the Regional Management Team, West Coast Region, FLNR (RMT) meeting which contained discussions about the program and society.

Staff are reminded that the program is still in it's infancy, and details are still evolving. More information will be coming as details are solidified.

Board Members

- **Jason Fisher**, Associate Deputy Minister, Forest Sector, FLNR
- **Peter Fuglem**, Interim Executive Director
- **Bob Turner**, Assistant Deputy Minister, FLNR
- **Dave Peterson**, Assistant Deputy Minister Tenures, Competitive & Innovation
- **Jim Snetsinger**, past Executive, FLNR
- **Wayne Clagg**, former West Fraser employee and Chair of Society
- **Derek Orr**, First Nations representative, Chief McLeod Lake Indian Band.

FEP Purpose

To:

- protect BC communities against future wildfires and natural disasters;
- advance wildfire prevention and mitigation through salvage harvesting, forest fuel management, reforestation and habitat restoration;
- BCTS will auction harvest opportunities with revenues to return into FEP.

FES Purpose:

To manage and administer funds allocated to FEP.

Funds

Funds (\$85 million) have been transferred to FES for administration. These funds are available for work on provincial lands only. The bulk of the work will be targeted for 2017-2018.

The society may be able to leverage federal funding. It is important that funds are invested in forest land, in a way that is a benefit to the province.

From BCWS Exec to RMT:

This program will require broader ministry partnerships to deliver mandate and goals.

The BCWS has one "pillar" out of the four required for FES funded eligibly: wildfire (see the matrix on page two explanation of the four pillars of the Forest Enhancement Program). Each project does not need to contain all four pillars, but must contain at least one.

Criteria are under development to guide projects.

The expectation for **this year** is to have projects delivered on the ground in Williams Lake/Quesnel, with an outcome of delivering fibre.

Those areas with **Landscape Fire Management Plans** will have a greater ability of access funds for projects. BCWS may have a significant role in identifying stands and areas that should be treated to reduce fire risk.

The FES board has asked for a workshop for ADMs to determine:

- potential treatment areas;
- how the board will interact with government;
- how we will deliver on the ground.

The **Provincial Strategic Threat Analysis** mapping was explained and discussed.

Engagement between BCWS and Regional staff is vital to create Fire Management Plans.

The Four Pillars of the Forest Enhancement Society

Fuel Management

Mitigation, prevention and other treatments to reduce the wildfire risk in areas **beyond or not treated** via existing Government programs (i.e. Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiatives – SWIPS).

Interior Rehabilitation

Salvage harvesting and reforestation of areas affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle and other events (wildfire). **Silviculture activities are funded through Land Based Investment (LBIS) and implemented through the Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) program.**

Coastal Rehabilitation

Salvage harvesting and reforestation on coastal problem forest types (Hemlock Balsam higher elevation stands).

Wildlife Restoration

Treatments to restore wildlife habitat in stands severely impacted by wildfires and mountain pine beetle in the interior.

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