Executive summary

Title: Book preparation: *Ecology, conservation and management of British Columbia’s inland rainforest*

**FSP: Y08-2046**

**Purpose and management implications** The purpose of this project is to produce a book that brings together the current state of knowledge about the inland rainforest, describes management options, and identifies their likely consequences. The core audience for the book is managers and scientists, but we expect that it will also be used by public participants in land use planning processes. We anticipate that the book will inform forest policy and practices in the inland rainforest when the forest industry and forestry-dependent communities complete pine salvage programs and examine the options for future timber supply in other areas of the timber harvesting landbase.

**Project timing** This three-year project began in April 2006 and is scheduled for completion in March 2009. This project was begun in 2003/04 with FII funding (Project R04-289), and furthered in 2004/05 with a one-year funding contribution from the BCMoF Northern Interior Forest Region. It was originally prepared in report format, but the authors subsequently decided to expand it to a book.

**Methodology overview** The manuscript is being prepared by a team of six coauthors and draws upon published literature, “gray” literature, government databases, and the authors’ own research and professional experience. The book includes sections written by contributing authors to cover topics that are outside the areas of expertise of the coauthors.

**Project scope** The book covers the wet and very wet subzones of the Interior Cedar-Hemlock Zone (ICHwk and vk) along the western slopes of the Columbia and Rocky Mountains, an area that includes parts of both the Northern Interior and Southern Interior Forest Regions.

**Interim conclusions** Not applicable

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