

New Initiatives

***Forest Enhancement, Forest Carbon, Forests for Tomorrow,
Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative***



Land Based Investment Programs

- **Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC):** formed in February 2016, with an \$85M investment over 3-5 years.
- **Forests For Tomorrow (FFT):** program was established in 2005. Annual budget is \$48.85M.
- **Forest Carbon Initiative (FCI):** program currently being developed. Funding is to be determined.
- **Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative (SWPI):** administered by UBCM. Since 2004 has invested \$78 million since 2004.

Common Goals

- Preventing and mitigating wildfire impacts.
- Improving damaged and low-value forests.
- Improving wildlife habitat.
- Supporting increased fibre utilization.
- Increasing carbon storage/reducing carbon emissions.

Common Funding Conditions

- Must not pose a Trade Risk
- Projects must be deemed uneconomic
- Projects cannot be used to relieve existing licensee obligations

Forests for Tomorrow

Mission: FFT optimally utilizes available funding to reforest and manage productive forest land through the use of best science, and in consideration of all forest values and changing factors.

FFT, nested within LBIS, has two delivery programs:

- Current Reforestation (CR), and
- Timber Supply Mitigation (TSM).
- THLB / ROI Criteria

FFT ministerial commitments include:

- Plant >20 million seedlings, and 28 million by 2019/20
- Plant 25 million seedlings in 2017/18
- Fertilize 20,000 ha.

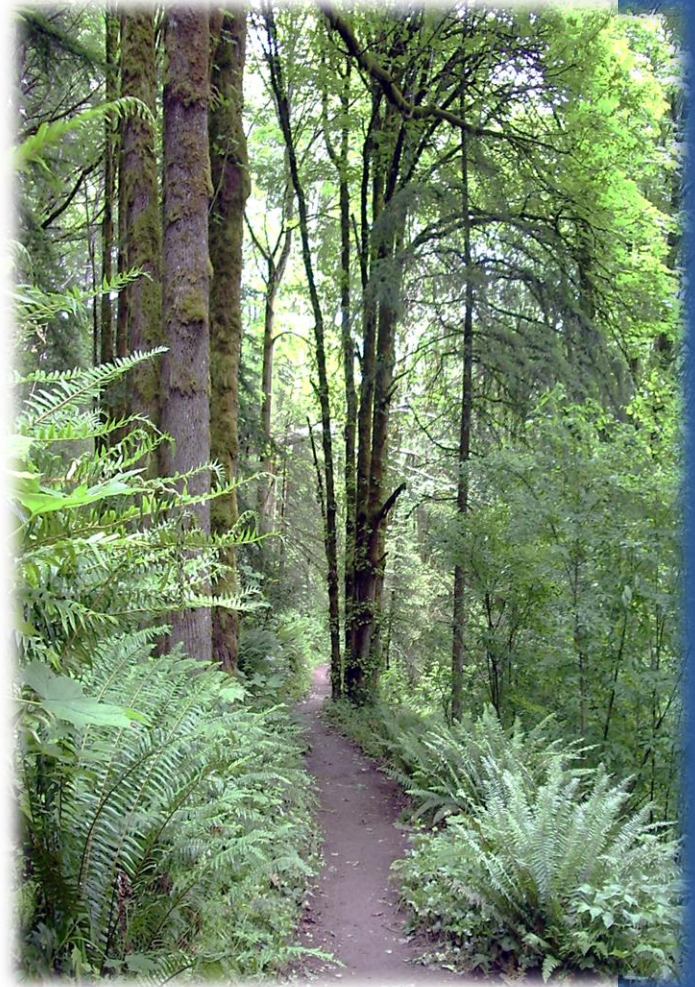
Forest Enhancement BC

\$85 million

- To advance and advocate for the environmental and resource stewardship of British Columbia's forests by:
 - preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires;
 - improving damaged or low value forests;
 - improving habitat for wildlife;
 - supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low value forests; and
 - treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases.

Funding Parameters

- No hard timelines for spending, but initial funding is projected to be spent over 3 to 5 years. Commencing projects in Fall, 2016.
- Enhancement and development of British Columbia's forests.
- Society will pursue other potential funding and partnerships to expand the program.
- Society will be subject to an annual financial audit.



Getting Started With Projects

- FESBC is not the land manager. Planning activities and uses on Provincial Crown land is a government responsibility. FESBC's role is project selection and helping to fund delivery.
- FESBC works closely with Provincial agencies who identify the highest priority areas for treatment based on - wildfire risk, forest rehabilitation/fibre recovery opportunities and habitat restoration needs.
- Within these areas, the highest priority projects will be those which meet multiple Society objectives.

Eligible Applicants

Currently :

- Provincial government resource management agencies – primarily the Ministry of FLNRO
- Local governments – municipalities and regional districts in collaboration with SWPI
- First Nation governments in collaboration with SWPI (where applicable)
- Area-based tenures – TFLs, Community Forests and Woodlots
- Business entities performing forestry services on behalf of the Provincial Gov't and/or Industry
- Licensees operating in a TSA
- Conservation organizations

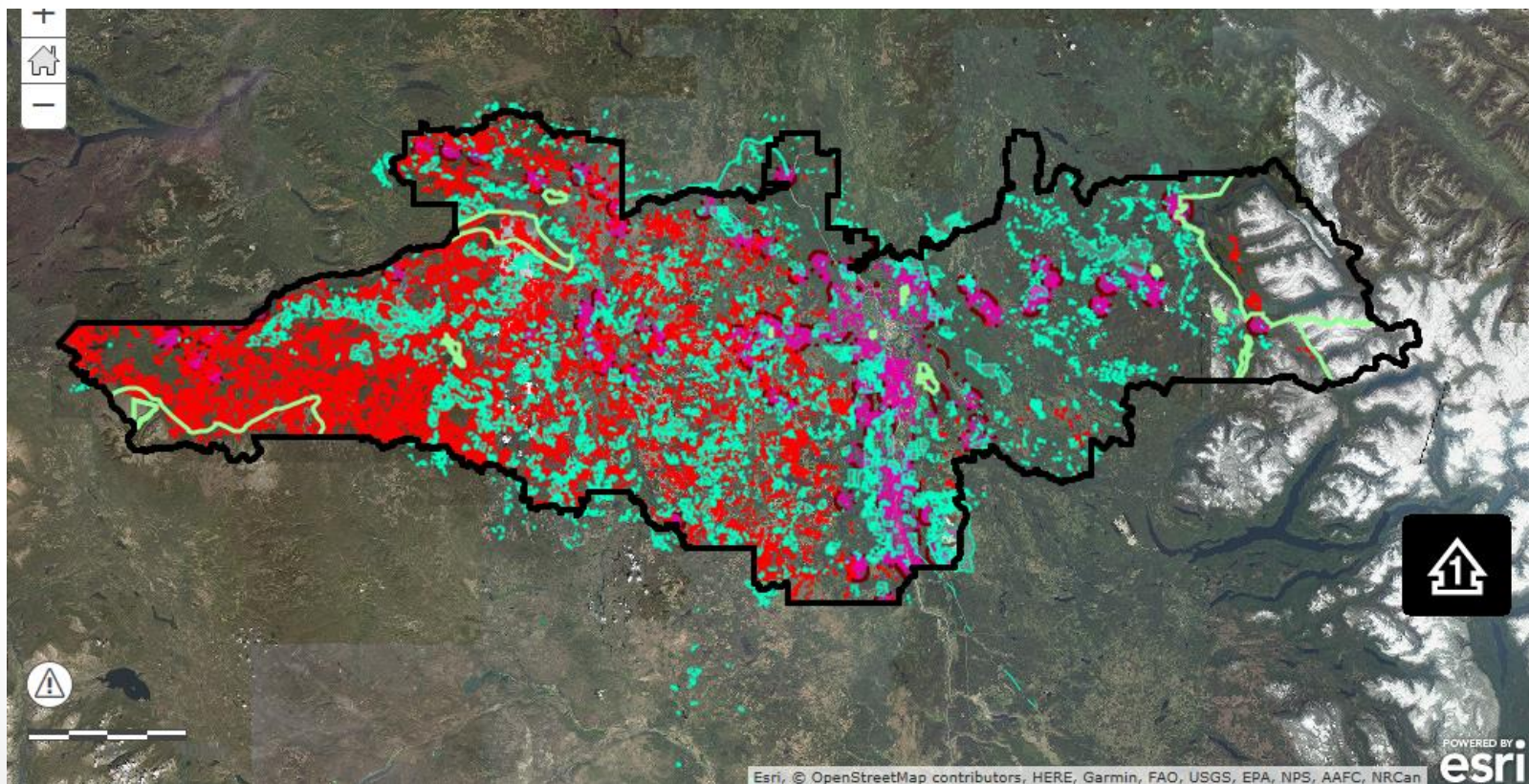
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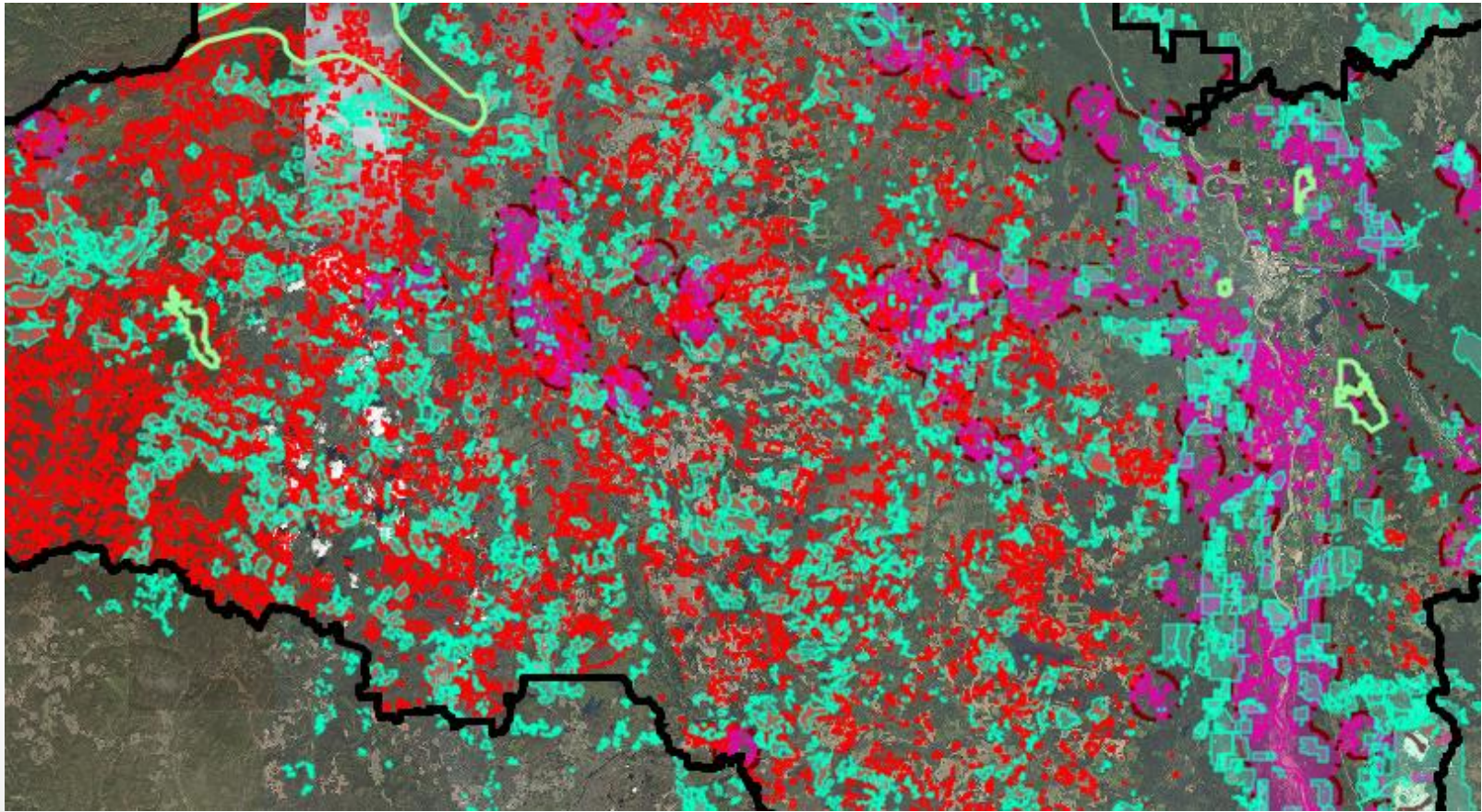
- Two project intakes with a third scheduled for March
- Projects meet Society purposes
- 46 projects, \$6.7 Million covering multiple purposes
 - Fibre recovery and fire mitigation - \$3.4M (17)
 - Low value / damaged stands and fire - \$1.2M (11)
 - Fire mitigation only - \$2.0M (16)
 - Wildlife habitat and fire - \$331K (2)

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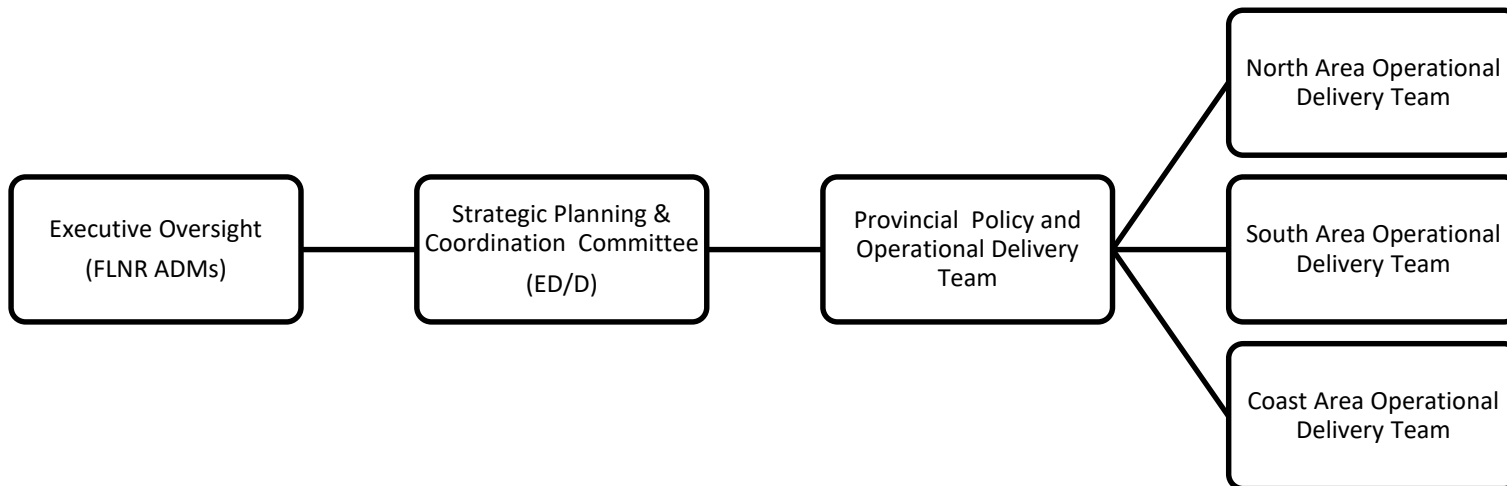
Forest Carbon Initiative

- FCI's goals are to:
 - Increase carbon storage in forests
 - Increase rate of replanting and fibre recovery
 - Reduce/avoid emissions from forest operations.
- FCI is tentatively expected to begin April 2017.
- Will be the main tracking program for all programs
- Carbon benefit is the indicator; projects can be in or out of the THLB. There are few restrictions expected on how FCI can be invested as long as there is a carbon benefit.





FLNR Governance



Overarching Principles:

- Coordinated program delivery from planning through to implementation.
- Fund mixing to achieve the best results.
- Follow integrated resource management principles: ensure stewardship of the range of resource values for the benefit of current and future generations.
- Support rural/First Nations employment, economic activity.

Program Guidebook

- Overview of the programs and principles
- Coordinated delivery model details – who is responsible for what
- Details on tenure delivery options – how to tenure site prep and fibre rights
- Details on planning requirements – fuel treatment, stand rehabilitation, carbon enhancement.

Questions