



2019 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

SOUTHERN INTERIOR
SILVICULTURE COMMITTEE

Summerland Waterfront Resort
October 1 - 3, 2019

*Working Together: Integration and Collaboration – The Necessary Ingredients
to Achieve Results in Natural Resources Management*

Brought to you by

Gorman Bros Lumber, Okanagan Shuswap Forest District, and Tolko Industries

Natural resource activities have changed on the land base of British Columbia as a result of both physical (climate) and social pressures. The increase in forest fires has resulted in a renewed awareness of the importance of protecting communities and the values that we as society deem important. The other change agents are the recognition of the need to incorporate integration and collaboration into the activities that occur on these same lands as well as the interest the general public has in ensuring that the values that they deem important are managed and protected.

“Working Together” is the theme of this year’s Fall Field Tour, and we’ve chosen sites to visit where collaboration is a necessary ingredient to achieve the desired results in natural resource management.

We will see how the planning of the Forest Enhancement Society for harvesting for wildfire mitigation has provided steps in the journey of integration of First Nation values, how changes in harvesting and planting practices can achieve multiple objectives, and how interface wildfire has led to a change in social license, to allow timber harvesting to occur where it was previously viewed as a negative practice.

On the tour we will see how innovative silviculture practices, post wildfire, were used to reforest areas in the dry fir belt of the Okanagan. One of the sites will foster discussion of the results of planning and planting 15 years after the Okanagan Mountain wildfire. At another we’ll see how mechanical mulching was used to manage regeneration in stands with ~one million stems/hectare.

We will look at the integration of recreation values with forest practices in the Okanagan where tourist visits are typically over 4 million. We’ll see the site where the first targeted grazing in the province will occur to reduce the risk of wildfire near an area of Kelowna near a golf course and associated subdivision.

All this ... and more! Come join your colleagues on a field tour that will change your ideas and perspectives on the way you do your work!

REGISTRATION EVENING: Tuesday October 1st

5:30 – 8:30

Summerland Waterfront Resort

Registration Desk and Social Time with Hosted Hors d'Oeuvres and Beverages

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DAY ONE: Wednesday October 2nd

8:00 Depart Summerland Waterfront Resort

8:45 Arrive at Stop 1

Stop 1 – Munro FSR @ 3 km – Low Snowpack Zone

Overview: Gorman Bros innovative harvesting and silviculture prescriptions, working with First Nations to incorporate Syilx values to meet Government Action Regulation (GAR), Ungulate Winter Range (UWR) values in a low snow pack zone, as well as to protect a watershed and a community from the risk of wildfire.

Group splits into 2 and proceeds through the 2 stations consecutively

(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change time: @9:15)

Station 1: Integrating First Nations Values with Timber Harvesting-Walking on Two Legs Approach - Integrating Western Science with First Nations Values

Speaker(s): Matt Scott RPF, Planning Forester, Gorman Bros Lumber
Ian McLellan, FLNRO, Vernon Forest District

Station 2: What Does Silviculture Look Like When It Addresses Maintaining Ecosystem Function, Wildfire Mitigation, FN Values, and Recreation?

Speaker(s): Stefanie Rothenburger, Silviculture Supervisor, Gorman Bros Lumber
Rob Stewart, FLNRO, Penticton Forest District

9:45 Depart for Stop 2

10:00 Arrive at Stop 2

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 Resume tour

Stop 2 – Munro FSR @ 5 km – Moderate Snowpack Zone

Overview: Harvesting and silviculture in a moderate snowpack zone in an Ungulate Winter Range using innovative harvesting and planting practices - continuation of GAR discussion from Stop 1 with focus on future harvesting concerns.

Group splits into 2 and proceeds through the 2 stations consecutively

(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change time: @11:30)

Station 1: Ecosystem Concerns

Speaker(s): Craig McLean, Penticton Forest District

Station 2: Harvesting and Silviculture in a Moderate Snowpack Zone

Speaker(s): Bryan Daroch RPF, Forester Gorman Bros Lumber

12:00 Depart for Stop 3

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DAY ONE continued

12:45? Arrive at Stop 3

LUNCH

1:30 Resume tour

Stop 3 Location TBA Commercial Thinning Stop

Group splits into 2 and proceeds through the 2 stations consecutively
(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change time: @2:00)

Station 1: Commercial Thinning - Demonstration of Layout and Assessment
Speaker: Rainer Muentner, Monticola Forest

Station 2: Operational Details
Speaker(s): tba

2:45 Depart for Stop 4

3:15 Arrive at Stop 4

Stop 4 – Tentative- Greata Ranch Winery - Interface Issues, Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting

Overview: Interface issues for wineries; smoke damage (very significant last year) and the threat of infrastructure damage by its proximity to the forest; how the winery perceives the role of both industry and government, in protecting their holdings; followed by a tour of Vineyard Operations, and Wine Tasting.

4:30 Depart for Summerland

4:45 Arrive Summerland

5:30 Local Vineyards Wine Tasting (wines to be served at the banquet)

6:30 Banquet

7:30 After Dinner Speaker tba

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DAY TWO: Thursday October 3rd

8:00 Depart Summerland Waterfront Resort

9:30 Arrive at Stop 4:

Stop 5: Km 1 on Philpott Road or Joe Rich / Peregrine Road

Overview: Innovative harvesting and silviculture practices on hydrophobic soils and steep terrain, post wildfire; social license when operating on difficult terrain and soils.

Group splits into 3 and proceeds through the 3 stations

(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change times: @10:00 and 10:30)

Station 1: Recreation and Social License Issues on the High Rim Trail

Speaker: Ian McLellan, FLNRO

Station2: Silviculture Difficulty After Fire

Speaker: Jerome Girard, Forestry Superintendent, BC Woodlands, Tolko Industries

Station 3: Terrain Stability Challenges

Speaker: David Melville, Geoscientist, BC Woodlands, Tolko Industries

11:00 Depart for Stop 5

11:15 Arrive at Stop 5

REFRESHMENT BREAK - Participants take their refreshments along with them to their first station

11:30 Resume tour

Stop 6: Km 8 on McCulloch Road

Overview: 2003 Okanagan Mountain Wildfire, looking at a site 15 years after, post wildfire regeneration of extremely high stems/ha., small mammals ,recreation.

Group splits into 3 and proceeds through the 3 stations

(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change times: @12:00 and 12:30)

Station 1: Silviculture Challenges

Speaker(s): Kevin Derow, Vernon Forest District

Station 2: Ecosystem Recover for a Healthy Forest, not just trees

Speaker: Rob Stewart, Ecosystem Biologist, Penticton Forest District

Station 3: This area is next to a Provincial Park that gets 330,000 visitors/yr

Speaker: tba

1:00 LUNCH at 12 kms on McCullough Road

Rep from Friends of Myra Bellivue ... how many trestles burned, how they rebuilt, etc

1:45 Depart for Stop 6

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2:00? Arrive at Stop 6

Stop 7 – June Springs Road - South East Kelowna Forest Enhancement Project

Overview: The June Springs area was spared wildfire in 2003. Standing timber within an area heavily used by recreation and land locked by private land made this area both high risk for wildfire and a good candidate for wildfire mitigation - the City of Kelowna is partnering with FLNORD, Gorman Borthers and West Bank First Nation on this innovative project incorporating targeted grazing as a tool to mitigate this risk.

Group splits into 3 and proceeds through the 3 stations

(30 minutes per station including travel time between stations – station change times: @2:30 and 3:00)

Station 1: The purpose of the FES Project including Collaboration with FN Westbank, Isolated / Alienated Timber

Speaker: Julius Huhs, Vernon Forest District

Station 2: Introduction Of Targeted Grazing to replace Prescribed Burning in the interface (because the latter is a Wildfire Threat to Community

Speaker: Rob Dinwoodie, Agrologist, FLNRO, Vernon Forest District

Station 3: Diverse Recreation in the Interface

Speaker(s): Ian McLellan
First Nations Speaker tba

3:30 Buses Depart for Summerland and others depart for other locations as needed

Conference and Registration Details

Hotel Accommodation / Field Tour Host Venue Information

The Summerland Waterfront Resort, located at 13011 Lakeshore Drive South, is the venue for the registration evening social on Tuesday Oct.1, the banquet on Wednesday Oct.2, and the bus marshalling point each day of the field tour (Wednesday Oct.2 and Thursday Oct.3). We have secured special rates at this hotel for those participants needing accommodation, as follows:

8 King Rooms @ \$109 per night; 14 Studios @ \$129 per night (King or Queen, Full Kitchen);
26 One Bedroom Studios (separate BR w King, Sofabed in Living Room, Full Kitchen) @ \$159

To book a room, phone (877) 494-8111 or (250) 494-8180

Registration and Payment Information

Registration is online, on the SISCO website www.siscobc.com

You can also go directly to the Registration/Payment Page here:

<https://event-wizard.com/2019SISCOFALLFIELDTOUR/0/register/>

For Registration at the door, Payment is by cheque or cash.

Registration Options

(includes 2 lunches, 4 coffee breaks and 1 banquet)

Earlybird Registration	before or on September 3, 2019:	\$270
Later Registration	from September 4 to September 14, 2019:	\$295
Late Registration	on or after September 15, 2019:	\$325

Cancellations:

received on or before September 14 receive full refund minus \$50 admin fee.

received on or after September 15 will not receive a refund.

Other Things to Note

**Please bring your water bottle to fill before you leave on the tour each day;
we don't supply bottled water.**

SISCO's webpage features agenda and detail updates as they develop: www.siscobc.com