



SOUTHERN INTERIOR  
SILVICULTURE COMMITTEE

2025 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

October 6-8, 2025

Williams Lake BC

*Silviculture Systems that Anticipate Catastrophic Events  
and Climate Change*

REGISTRATION AFTERNOON AND EVENING SOCIAL

Monday October 6

Location: tba

Registration Completion Check In

From 4pm to 6pm

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Location: tba

Social Get Together

From 6pm to 8pm

# 2025 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

## DAY ONE

Tuesday October 7

- 7:15 Participants assemble in hotel Parking Lot Marshalling Point, hotel tba  
7:30 Depart for STOP 1  
8:00 Arrive at STOP 1: Chimney Valley

### *STOP 1: Innovative Silviculture System for Fuel Mitigation, Cultural, and Community Values*

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;  
20 mins *presentation* time per station.

8:15 to 9:35

Sta 1: *Dry Belt Fir Management in MDWR and First Nation Cultural Management.*  
Spkr: Michelle Marchand, Alkali Resource Management

Sta 2: *Dry Belt Fir Prescribe Burning as Wildland Urban Interface Practice and Cultural Practice*  
Spkrs: tba, Williams Lake First Nation

Sta 3: *Different Silviculture Systems For Dry Belt Fir - the New Silvicultural Systems Handbook*  
Sprk: tba

Participants reconvene

9:40 REFRESHMENT BREAK

*STOP 1 Q & A and Discussion Session*  
Facilator: tba

- 10:20 Depart for STOP 2  
10:50 Arrive STOP 2: Brunson Lake

### *STOP 2: Grasslands Ecosystem Management*

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;  
20 mins *presentation* time per station.

11:00 to 12:15

Sta 1: *Climate Change and Grassland Ecology Management*  
Spkr: Kristi Iverson, Research Vegetation Ecologist, Ministry of Forests

Sta 2: *Transitional Soils - Grasslands to Forests*  
Sprk: Tim Philpot, Research Soil Scientist Ministry of Forests

Sta 3: *Impacts of Silviculture on Range Resources and Management*  
Sprks: tba, Ministry of Forests  
tba Local Rancher

Participants reconvene

12:15 *STOP 2 Q&A & Discussion Session / Review of pertinent material in the new Silvicultural Systems Handbook*  
Facilitator: tba

1:00 Depart for LUNCH STOP

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## DAY ONE Continued

1:10 Arrive at LUNCH STOP: Brunson Lake  
LUNCH

2:00 Depart for STOP 3

2:10 Arrive at STOP 3: Williams Lake- Bond Road, Race Track Fuel Treatment

### *STOP 3: Wildfire Risk Reduction Work - MoF District and First Nations Perspectives*

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;  
20 mins *presentation* time per station

2:15 to 3:45

Sta 1 *Wildfire Risk Reduction Work MUI*

Sprk: Danny Merth, Land and Resources Specialist MOF  
tba, Industry Forester

Sta 2: *Wildfire Risk Reduction, Indigenous Perspectives / - Community Forest Perspectives*

Sprks: tba, Williams Lake First Nation  
tba, Williams Lake Community Forest

Sta 3: *Wildfire Risk Reduction Guidelines in the New Silviculture Systems Handbook*

Sprk: Ken Day, Ken Day Consulting

Participants reconvene

### *STOP 3 Q & A and Discussion Facilitator*

Facilator: tba

4:30 Depart for Williams Lake Marshalling Point

4:40 Arrive in Williams Lake

5:30 Depart for The Point Restaurant, Signal Point Casino

5:45 Arrive at Restaurant

7:00 Banquet

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## DAY TWO

Wednesday, October 8

7:15 Participants assemble in hotel Parking Lot Marshalling Point, hotel tba

7:30 Depart for STOP 4

8:15 Arrive at STOP 4: Slater Mountain

### *STOP 4: Reforestation Difficulties Due to Climate Change*

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;  
20 mins *presentation* time per station

8:45 to 10:00

Sta 1: *Douglas fir Survival / FIP Funding on Difficult Sites*

Spkr: Kirsty Gartshore, Practices Forester, BC Timber Sales  
Karen Stout, Forest Investment Specialist, MOF

Sta 2: *Research Trial: Companion Planting*

Spkr: Gabriel Danyagri, Research Silviculturist, MOF

Sta 3: *Soils Bacteria Post Fire - Impacts on Reforestation*

Spkrs: Tim Philpot, Research Soil Scientist, MOF

Participants reconvene

10:05 REFRESHMENT BREAK

Participants get their refreshments and stay in 1 group for Q&A

10:25 *STOP 4 Q&A & Discussion Session / Review of pertinent material in the new Silvicultural Systems Handbook*

11:15 Depart for LUNCH STOP

11:30 Arrive at LUNCH STOP tba  
LUNCH

12:30 Depart for STOP 5

12:45 Arrive at STOP 5: Wildwood Fire Trial

### *STOP 5: Drought Stock Planting Trial* (this STOP is in clearcut)

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;  
20 mins *presentation* time per station

12:45 to 2:00

Sta 1: *Drought Stock Planting Trial Growing Drought Stock 420s*

Spkr: Steven Kiiskila, Arbutus Grove Nursery

Sta 3 *420 Drought Stock Planting Research Trial*

Spkr: tba

Sta 3 *The Forest Investment Program Activities Related to Regeneration Problems from Drought*

Spkr: Karen Stout, Forest Investment Specialist, MOF

Participants reconvene

1:45 *STOP 5 Q & A and Discussion*

Facilitator: tba

2:30 Depart for Williams Lake

3:30 Arrive in Williams Lake