



SOUTHERN INTERIOR
SILVICULTURE COMMITTEE

2025 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

October 6-8, 2025

Williams Lake BC

*Silviculture Systems that Anticipate Climate Change and
Catastrophic Events in Dry-Belt Douglas-fir Zone
and
Introduction to the new Silvicultural Systems Handbook*

REGISTRATION AFTERNOON AND EVENING SOCIAL

Monday October 6

Location: Coast Fraser Inn
Registration Completion Check In

From 4pm to 6pm

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Location: Coast Fraser Inn Sports Bar

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: Silviculture Systems for Fuel Mitigation, and 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 Douglas-fir Management in Mule Deer Winter Range - Indigenous Perspectives*

Spkr: Michelle Marchand, Silviculture Supervisor, Alkali Resource Management

Sta 2: *Prescribed Burning for Wildland / Urban Interface Protection and for Cultural Values*

Spkrs: John Walker, Silviculture Forester, T'exelc Williams Lake First Nation

Haley Clement, Silviculture Forester, T'exelc Williams Lake First Nation

Sta 3: *Inroduction to the new Silviculture Systems Handbook*

Spkr: Ken Day, Ken Day Consulting

Participants reconvene

9:40 REFRESHMENT BREAK

STOP 1 Q&A & Discussion

Facilator: Ken Zielke

10:20 Walk down the hill to STOP 2, buses go to the Chimney Lake Rec site

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: *Maximizing Soil Carbon Along the Forest-Grassland Ecotone*

Spkr: Tim Philpott, Research Soil Scientist Ministry of Forests

Sta 3: *Impacts of Silviculture on Range Resources and Management*

Spkrs: Ashley Tod, Range Officer, Ministry of Forests

Chris Armes, Senior Rangeland and Policy Specialist, Ministry of Forests

(Local Rancher John)

Participants reconvene

12:15 *STOP 2 Q&A & Discussion*

Facilitator: Ken Zielke

1:00 Depart for LUNCH STOP

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DAY ONE Continued

1:10 Arrive at LUNCH STOP: Chimney Lake Rec Site
LUNCH

2:00 Depart for STOP 3

2:40 Arrive at STOP 3: Williams Lake- Bond Road, Race Track Fuel Treatment

STOP 3: Wildfire Risk Reduction Work – Different 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 Planning and the Current Tools Available*

Spkr: Daniel Merth, Land and Resources Specialist, Ministry of Forests
Mauro Calabrese, West Fraser

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

Spkr: Haley Clement, T'exelc Williams Lake First Nation

Sta 3: *Best Management Practices for Wildfire Risk Reduction in Dry-Belt Douglas-fir*

Spkr: Ken Day, Ken Day Consulting

Participants reconvene

STOP 3 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: tba

4:30 Depart for Williams Lake

4:40 Arrive in Williams Lake

5:30 Depart for The Williams Lake Curling Club

5:45 Arrive at Curling Club

7:00 Banquet Catered by Crystal Baba

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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 / Forest Investment Program Funding for Difficult Sites*

Spkr: Kirsty Gartshore, Practices Forester, BC Timber Sales

Karen Stout, Forest Investment Specialist, Forest Investment and Reporting Branch, Ministry Of Forests

Sta 2: *Research Trial: Companion Planting*

Spkr: Gabriel Danyagri, Research Silviculturist, Ministry Of Forests

Sta 3: *Can Inoculation Of Douglas-Fir Seedlings with Nitrogen Fixing Bacteria Prevent Drought-Related Regeneration Failure?*

Spkr: Tim Philpot, Research Soil Scientist, Ministry Of Forests

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, and Overview of Silvicultural Systems Handbook Material*

Facilitator: Jodi Axelson, Research Leader in Silviculture, MOF

11:15 Depart for LUNCH STOP

11:30 Arrive at LUNCH STOP
LUNCH

12:30 Depart for STOP 5

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DAY TWO Continued

12:45 Arrive at STOP 5: Wildwood Fire Trial

STOP 5: Drought Stock 420s Planting Trial

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

12:25 to 1:40

Sta 1: *Growing Drought Stock 420s*

Spkr: Steven Kiiskila, Arbutus Grove Nursery

Sta 2: *Regeneration Problems from Drought / Forest Investment Program Initiatives*

Spkr: Karen Stout, Forest Investment Specialist, Ministry of Forests

Sta 3 *The Drought Stock Type Trial – What We’ve Learned So Far*

Spkr: Taylor Holt - Silviculture Research Technician, Forest Science, Planning and Practice Branch, MOF

Participants reconvene

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

Facilitator: Jodi Axelson, Research Leader in Silviculture, MOF

2:30 Depart for Williams Lake

3:30 Arrive in Williams Lake