



SOUTHERN INTERIOR
SILVICULTURE COMMITTEE

2025 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

October 6-8, 2025

Williams Lake BC

*Silviculture Systems to Adapt to 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

Afternoon Registration Completion / Check In

Location: Coast Fraser Inn

From 4pm to 6pm

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Evening Social Get Together

Location: Coast Fraser Inn Sports Bar (Boston Pizza)

From 6pm to 8pm

2025 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

DAY ONE

Tuesday October 7

7:00 Participants assemble in Coast Fraser Inn Parking Lot

7:15 Depart for STOP 1

8:00 Arrive at STOP 1: Chimney Valley

Welcome Address from Secwepemc Nation

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; 25 mins presentation time per station.

8:20 to 9:55 (Station Change Times: 8:50, 9:20, 9:50)

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, Stewardship Forester, T'execl Williams Lake First Nation

Haley Clement FIT, Silviculture Forester, T'execl Williams Lake First Nation

Sta 3: *Stand Development Pathways - An Introduction to the New Silvicultural Systems Handbook*

Spkr: Ken Day RPF, MF, KDay Forestry Ltd

Participants reconvene

9:55 REFRESHMENT BREAK

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

STOP 1 Q&A & Discussion

Facilator: Ken Zielke RPF, Zielke Consulting

10:30 Participants walk down the hill to STOP 2, buses go to the Chimney Lake Rec site

10:40 Participants arrive on foot at STOP 2

STOP 2: Trees and Grass: Open Forest to Grassland Ecotone Transitions

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins walking time between stations; 25 mins presentation time per station.

10:45 to 12:20 (Station Change Times: 11:15, 11:45, 12:15)

Sta 1: *Fire History, Landscape Fuel Conditions, and the Desired Future Condition of Dry Forests*

Spkr: Dr. Lori Daniels, Inaugural Koerner Chair, Centre for Wildfire Coexistence, Faculty of Forestry UBC

Sta 2: *Stand Development Pathways and Silvicultural Systems (LMH 79)*

Spkr: Ken Zielke RPF, Zielke Consulting

Sta 3: *Alkali Resources - Creating a Treatment Unit in the FSP that Allows for an Ecotone From Grassland to Forest Treatment Unit*

Spkrs: Francis Johnson RPF, Forest Supervisor, Alkali Resources Management

Bryan Jakubec RPF, Woodlands Operations Supervisor, Tolko Industries

Participants reconvene

12:20 STOP 2 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Doug Lewis, Landscape Ecologist, Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects, BCMWLRs

12:50 Participants walk down to Chimney Lake Rec Site for lunch

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DAY ONE Continued

1:00 Arrive at LUNCH STOP: Chimney Lake Rec Site
LUNCH

1:45 Depart for STOP 3

2:15 Arrive at STOP 3: Bond Road near Race Track and Fuel Treatment Site

STOP 3: Wildfire Risk Reduction Work – Different Perspectives

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

2:20 to 3:55 (Station Change Times: 2:50, 3:20, 3:50)

Sta 1 *Wildfire Risk Reduction Planning and the Current Tools Available*

Spkr: Mauro Calabrese RPF, RPBio, Planning Superintendent, West Fraser Mills, Williams Lake
Evan Dean, Fire Chief, City of Williams Lake

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

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

Sta 3: *Best Management Practices for Dry-Belt Douglas-fir – Managing for Resilience and Resistance*

Spkr: Ken Day RPF, MF, KDay Forestry Ltd

Participants reconvene

3:55 *STOP 3 Q&A & Discussion*

Facilitator: Dr. Lori Daniels, Inaugural Koerner Chair, Centre for Wildfire Coexistence, Faculty of Forestry UBC

4:30 Depart for Williams Lake

4:40 Arrive in Williams Lake

5:30 Depart for Curling Rink

5:45 Arrive at Curling

7:00 Banquet

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DAY TWO

Wednesday, October 8

7:15 Participants assemble in Coast Fraser Inn Parking Lot

7:30 Depart for STOP 4

8:20 Arrive at STOP 4: UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest, Knife Creek Block @ km 5 on Big Meadow Road

STOP 4: Growth & Yield – Project 88-3, UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations; 25 mins *presentation* time per station

8:25 to 10:00 (Station Change Times 8:55, 9:25, 9:55)

Sta 1: *Stand Dynamics, Stand Structure and Succession in the IDF.*

Spkr: Ian Moss PhD, RPF, Analyst, Forestry Dynamics Ltd.

Sta 2: *Biophysical Risks Associated with Thinning Operations Particularly Windthrow and Snow Damage*

Spkr: Ken Zielke RPF, Zielke Consulting

Sta 3: *Experiences in Planning for Partial Cutting*

Spkr: Ryen Leslie RPF, Resident Forester, Alex Fraser Research Forest, UBC

Participants reconvene

10:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

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

STOP 4 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Jodi Axelson PhD, PAg, Research Leader, Silviculture, Office of the Chief Forester, MOF

11:00 Depart for LUNCH STOP

11:10 Arrive at LUNCH STOP UBC Research Forest Front Gate
LUNCH

12:15 Depart for STOP 5

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DAY TWO Continued

12:35 Arrive at STOP 5: Wildwood Fire Trial

STOP 5: Drought Stock 420s Planting Trial and History Lesson About the Site

Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talk about the site

Intro: *Sugarcane Salvage Logging After 2017 Wildfire - History and Overview*

Spkr: tba

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations; 25 mins *presentation* time per station

12:45 to 2:20 (Station Change Times: 12:50, 1:20, 1:50)

Sta 1: *Seedling Stocktypes for Hot, Dry Sites*

Spkr: Steven Kiiskila RPF, PAg, Arbutus Grove Nursery

Sta 2 *The Drought Stock Type Trial – What We've Learned So Far*

Spkrs: Jodi Axelson PhD, PAg, Research Leader, Silviculture, Office of the Chief Forester, MOF

Sta 3: *Softening the Impact of Salvage Logging for Wildlife and Biodiversity*

Spkr: Tom Sullivan PhD, Director and Research Scientist, Applied Mammal Research Institute

Participants reconvene

2:20 *STOP 5 Q&A & Discussion*

Facilitator: Ken Zielke RPF, Zielke Consulting

2:50 Depart for Williams Lake

3:20 Arrive in Williams Lake