



SOUTHERN INTERIOR
SILVICULTURE COMMITTEE

2026 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

September 22-24, 2026

Nelson BC

*Kootenay Lake West Arm Demonstration Forest
Monticola Forest Management, Salmo
Harrop-Proctor Community Forest
Mother Tree Project, Redfish Creek*

REGISTRATION AFTERNOON AND EVENING SOCIAL

Tuesday September 22

Registration Completion / Check In
and
Evening Social Get Together

Nelson Museum Archives and Gallery (“Touchstone Gallery”)

From 5pm to 7:30pm

2026 SISCO FALL FIELD TOUR

DAY ONE

Wednesday September 23

7:15 Participants assemble in the Walmart Parking Lot, Southwest Corner (look for buses)

7:30 Depart for STOP 1

8:10 Arrive at STOP 1: WADF (Kokanee Glacier Park Road)

Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talk about the site

STOP 1: West Arm Demonstration Forest

Introduction to site, Objectives of WADF; What We've Learned, Prognosis, Etc

Spkr: Deb Delong, Senior Project Forester, B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd.

Participants divide into 3 groups and circulate through 3 stations; 10 mins *walking* time between stations;
25 mins *presentation* time per station

8:25 to 10:10 (Station Change Times (10 mins travel time instead of 5 mins): 9:00, 9:35, 10:10))

Sta 1: *Prescribed Fire, Adaptive Management, and Plantation Considerations for Climate Change*

Spkr: Mark Tallman, RPF, Planning Forester, BC Timber Sales, Kootenay, Ministry of Forests

Sta 2: *Active Management for Forest Biodiversity Through Partial Harvest at Varying Retention Levels*

Spkr: Deb MacKillop, Provincial Forest Biodiversity Lead, Ministry of Forests

Sta 3: *Preliminary Results from the Analysis of Several Long-Term Partial Harvest Trials and Their Relevance to the West Arm Demonstration Forest*

Spkr: Trevor Blenner-Hassett, Silviculture Systems Researcher, Kootenay Boundary Region, Ministry of Forests

10:20 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

REFRESHMENT BREAK

Participants stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 1 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Deb Delong, Trevor Blenner-Hassett and Mark Tallman

10:55 Depart for STOP 2

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DAY ONE continued

11:20 Arrive at STOP 2: Redfish Creek Mother Tree Project on Beggs Road

STOP 2: Mother Tree Project

Introduction: Goals of the Mother Tree Project, the Effects of the Harvesting Methods and Assisted Migration on Seedling Regeneration, and Follow-On Disturbances Including Windthrow, Fire, and Bark Beetles

Hannah Sachs RPF, Graduate Student, Oregon State University

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

11:40 to 1:10 (Station Change Times: 12:10, 12:40, 1:10)

Sta 1: *Seed Tree Treatment Area: Impacts of Retention Harvesting on Forest Health*

Spkr: tba

Sta 2: *Clearcut Treatment Area: Impacts of Harvesting Intensity and Assisted Migration on Seedling Regeneration Across the Climate Gradient*

Spkr: Thomson Harris, Research Assistant, Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Stewardship, UBC

Sta 3: *60% Overstory Retention Treatment Area: Connections Between Yew, Cedar, and Maple and How Overstory Buffers Understory Climatic Conditions*

Spkr: Eva Snyder, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Stewardship, UBC

1:15 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 2 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Deb DeLong and Hannah Sachs

1:35 Depart for LUNCH STOP: Harrop Community Hall

2:05 Arrive Harrop Community Hall

LUNCH (45 mins)

2:50 Depart for STOP 3

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DAY ONE continued

3:05 Arrive at STOP 3: Harrop-Proctor Community Forest - East Harrop Burn Unit (CP201 Block 1)
Participants stay in 1 group for Introducton Overview

STOP 3: Harrop Creek Watershed

Overview by Erik Leslie

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

3:15 to 4:45 (Station Change Times: 3:45, 4:15, 4:45)

Sta 1: *Managing For Old Forest Values on Dry Sites*

Spkr: Rachel Holt Ph.D.Ecology, B.Sc.Zoology, Ecologist, Veridian Ecological

Sta 2: *Fire Management Stocking Standards*

Spkr: Brent Ziegler RPF, BSF, Stewardship Officer, Selkirk District, Ministry of Forests

Sta 3: *Watershed Hydrology*

Spkr: Kim Green P.Geo., PhD, Senior Geoscientist, Apex Geoscience Consultants Ltd

4:50 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 3 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Erik Leslie, Forest Manager, Harrop-Proctor Community Co-operative

5:15 Depart for Harrop-Proctor Community Hall

5:25 Arrive Community Hall - Social Time Happy Hour

6:15 Banquet and Presentations

7:30 Depart for Nelson

7:45 Arrive in Nelson

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DAY TWO

Thursday September 24

7:15 Participants assemble in the Walmart Parking Lot, Southwest Corner (look for buses)

7:30 Depart for STOP 4

8:15 Arrive at STOP 4: Annie Rooney (south of Salmo) Emerald Road, @5.5 km

Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talks about the site

STOP 4: Partial Cutting / Selective Harvesting / Commercial Thinning 2017 - 2024

Introduction to the Site

Rainer Muentner, Principal, Monticola Forest Ltd.

8:25 *How To Deal With Complex and Variable Forest Stand Structures.*

Ken Day MF, RPF, KDay Forestry Ltd. and Rainer Muentner

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

8:40 to 10:10 (Station Change Times: 9:10, 9:40, 10:10)

Sta 1: *Difference in Practice for Commercial Thinning in Different BEC Zones*

Spkr: Ken Day MF, RPF, KDay Forestry Ltd.

Sta 2: *Early Harvester/Forwarder Commercial Thinning a Natural Stand From 2017 (AR 105)*

Spkr: Rainer Muentner, Principal, Monticola Forest Ltd.

Sta 3: *Recent Harvester/Forwarder Commercial Thin (same stand type) 2024 (AR108)*

Spkr: Thomas Rogers RPF, Area Forester, Monticola Forest Ltd.

10:15 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Refreshment Break and Q&A
REFRESHMENT BREAK

STOP 4 Q&A & Discussion Emerald Road 4.5 km

Facilitators: Erik Leslie and Ken Day

10:40 Depart for STOP 5

11:20 Arrive at STOP 5: Erie Lake (West of Salmo), Query Forest Service Road @ 0km

Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talk about the site

STOP 5: Meadows: Cedar Retention 2023, Thinning 2025

Introduction to site

Rainer Muentner, Principal, Monticola Forest Ltd.

Participants divide into 2 groups and circulate through 2 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;
25 mins *presentation* time per station

11:25 to 12:20 (Station Change Times: 11:55, 12:20)

Sta 1: *Cedar Retention Spacing 1993, Harvest 2022, Planting 2024, Survey 2026*

Spkr: Martin Staebler RPF, Monticola Forest Ltd.

Sta 2: *Partial Harvest to Promote Mid-Story Cedar 2025*

Spkr: Patrick Finder RPF, Monticola Forest Ltd.

12:25 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 5 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitators: Mark Tallman and Trevor Blenner-Hassett

12:45 Depart for STOP 6

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DAY TWO continued

1:00 Arrive at STOP 6: Champioun Lakes Road @ 4.5 km

LUNCH

1:45 *STOP 6: 2016 Almforest Thinning, Growth, Mortality*

Introduction to site

Rainer Muentner

Participants divide into 2 groups and circulate through 2 stations; 5 mins *walking* time between stations;
30 mins *presentation* time per station

2:00 to 3:00 (Station Change Times: 2:30)

Sta 1: *Commercial Thinning with Harvester/Forwarder from 2026, Growth Projection Vs. Real Change*

Spkr: Thomas Rogers, Martin Staebler

Sta 2: *A Confused Forest: Ponderosa Pine w Cedar, Partial Harvest in the Kootenay Mix 2011*

Spkr: Rainer Muentner

3:05 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 6 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitators: Deb Delong and Rainer

3:30 Depart for Nelson

4:30 Arrive Nelson