



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

Location is tba
it will be identified in your registration confirmation letter
emailed to you soon!
From 6pm to 9pm

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: 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, Mark Tallman

10:55 Depart for STOP 2

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

STOP 2: Mother Tree Project

Introduction: 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: *Impacts of Retention Harvesting and Forest Health: Windthrow, Fire, and Bark Beetles*

Spkr: Marnie Duthie-Holt, Kootenay Boundary Forest Entomologist, Ministry of Forests

Sta 2: *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: *Connections Between Yew, Cedar, and Maple and How Overstory Buffers Understory Climatic Conditions*

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

Hannah Sachs RPF, Graduate Student, Oregon State University

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

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DAY ONE continued

- 2:05 Arrive Harrop Community Hall
LUNCH (45 mins)
- 2:50 Depart for STOP 3
- 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

Introduction: Erik Leslie, Forest Manager, Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative

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
Erik Leslie, Forest Manager, Harrop-Procter Community Co-operative

Sta 2: *Fire Management Stocking Standards*

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

Sta 3: *Forest Management in Watershed Systems*

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

- 5:15 Depart for Harrop-Proctor Community Hall
- 5:25 Arrive Community Hall - Social Time Happy Hour
- 6:00 Presentation by Ted Hensold
- 6:30 Banquet
- 7:30 Speaker Gift Presentations
- 7:45 Depart for Nelson
- 8:45 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 *Introductory Comments: Thinning in Complex and Variable 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: *Thinning Practices for Differing Ecological Conditions*

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*

Spkrs: Thomas Rogers, Area Forester, Monticola Forest Ltd
Martin Staebler RPF, Monticola Forest Ltd.

Sta 2: *Ponderosa Pine with Cedar – 2011 Partial Harvest in the Kootenay Mix*

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, Rainer Muentner

3:30 Depart for Nelson

4:30 Arrive Nelson