



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
Social Get Together

Location:
Touchstone Gallery Museum
Corner of Ward Street and Vernon Street
From 5:30 pm to 8 pm

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

STOP 1: West Arm Demonstration Forest

Introduction to the Site: 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, MOF

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

Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talk

STOP 2: Mother Tree Project

Introduction to the site: 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

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 Introductory Talk

STOP 3: Harrop Creek Watershed

Introduction to the site: Erik Leslie, Forest Manager, Harrop-Proctor 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, 4:40)

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

Spkrs: Rachel Holt Ph.D.Ecology, B.Sc.Zoology, Ecologist, Veridian Ecological
Erik Leslie, Forest Manager, Harrop-Proctor 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

4:45 Participants reconvene at starting point and stay in 1 group for Q&A

STOP 3 Q&A & Discussion

Facilitator: Erik Leslie

5:10 Depart for Harrop-Proctor Community Hall

5:20 Arrive Community Hall - Social Time Happy Hour

6:00 Banquet

7:00 After Dinner Remarks, Speaker Gift Presentations
John Karakatsoulis, SISCO Chair

7:30 Depart for Nelson

8:30 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

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

Introduction to the Site: Rainer Muentner, Principal, Monticola Forest Ltd.

8:25 *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

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 ASTFT,SAS, 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 Participants stay in 1 group for Introductory Talk about the site

STOP 6: 2016 Almforest Thinning, Growth, Mortality

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;
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 ASTFT,SAS, Monticola Forest Ltd.

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

Spkr: Rainer Muentner, Principal, Monticola Forest Ltd

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