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The Private Forest Landowners Association

What is the PFLA?

The Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) comprises small and large owners of private Managed Forest lands in British Columbia. The PFLA was formed in 1995, and its mission is:

- To promote responsible forest stewardship on BC's private forest lands;
- To promote government policy which is fair, environmentally sound and fiscally responsible;
- To protect the rights of private property owners and seek compensation if landowners' rights to manage are constrained by government policy;
- To promote government policy that encourages investment on private forest lands, including incentives to grow trees.

Who are the Members?

In British Columbia approximately 94 percent of the land base and forests is publicly owned Crown land managed by the provincial government. Less than 1 percent of the entire land base is held as privately owned Managed Forests (MF). The PFLA represents the owners of over 97 percent of the land classified as Managed Forest. Forest landowners in the MF classification have a legal obligation to abide by the Private Managed Forest Land Act and associated regulations, with a commitment to a high standard of forest practices and environmental protection.

The membership of the PFLA includes individuals as well as corporations. Some own forests as small as a dozen hectares, while others own forests as large as many thousands of hectares. Over 50 percent of the PFLA's membership is comprised of owners with land under 250 hectares. What they all have in common is a long-term commitment to forest land management.

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PFLA Best Management Practices (BMP) Program

Background

The PFLA Best Management Practices (BMP) program builds on the Association's commitment to protect the key public environmental values of fish habitat, water quality, soil productivity and critical wildlife habitat. The BMPs are the result of ongoing research and a review of Best Management Practices processes throughout the world.

The development of the BMP program resulted from public hearings conducted in 1995 for the provincial government by University of British Columbia Forestry Professor Dr. Gordon Baskerville to examine private forest land management in B.C. Dr. Baskerville's report encouraged a results-based forest management approach to develop appropriate standards.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Adopted by the membership in 1997, the Best Management Practices are standards for private forest landowners and forest resource managers to follow in practising responsible forest stewardship. The standards set out management practices for riparian zones, roads and drainage construction, harvesting, site rehabilitation and preparation, reforestation, critical wildlife habitat and handling hazardous substances management.

The BMP program is a practical, results-oriented approach, which includes *The Handbook of Best Management Practices for Private Forest Lands in British Columbia*, formal training workshops, the support of the Association's Forestry Manager and performance assurance through field monitoring and auditing.

The Challenge

- The PFLA seeks to balance three important considerations:
- Protect key public environmental values affected by activities on private forest and, for owners of Managed Forests, the continued commitment to growing trees.
- Sustain the value of private forest lands and the landowners' freedom to ensure continuation of long-term investment and forest management innovation, jobs and production on these lands.
- Minimize burdens to government and landowners in administration, while providing a performance assurance program that ensures Best Management Practices are being practised and continually improved.



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Facts on British Columbia's Private Forest Land

How much private forest land is there in B.C.?

Ninety-four percent of B.C.'s land base and forests is publicly owned Crown land managed by the provincial government. Roughly 2 million hectares is privately owned forest land. Owners are individuals, families and companies.

How much do private forest lands contribute to the B.C. economy?

	<i>Managed Forests</i>	<i>Other private forested lands</i>
<i>Annual Harvest</i>	3.4 million m ³	4.3 million m ³
<i>Potential Annual Yield</i>	4.5 million m ³	2.8 million m ³
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$700 million	\$900 million
<i>Employment Income</i>	\$265 million	\$275 million
<i>Government Tax Revenue</i>	185 million	\$225 million

How many people work in B.C.'s private forests?

9,000 direct and 18,000 related jobs.

How much timber is harvested from B.C.'s private forests?

Harvests typically range from 6 million to 9 million cubic metres per year, or approximately 10 % of the total volume of timber harvested in B.C.

How is private forest land distributed in B.C.?

Managed Forest: 900,000 hectares
 Forested Residential Land: 500,000 hectares
 Forested Farmland: 400,000 hectares

What is a Managed Forest?

Managed Forest is a property assessment classification established by the provincial government in 1986 designed to encourage private landowners to manage their forest lands for long-term forest production. To earn the Managed Forest classification, owners of private land must make a commitment to a high standard of forest practices and environmental protection.