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Forestry is an exciting, dynamic and challenging profession. There are so many different jobs you can do within the forest sector – you’ll never be bored! You can read about some of the work our members do on these pages. If you want to learn more, visit us at [www.abcfp.ca/](http://www.abcfp.ca/) students or find us on Facebook and Twitter (@abcfp).

The Association of BC Forest Professionals, established in 1947, is responsible for registering and regulating professional foresters and forest technologists under authority of the provincial **Foresters Act**. We are the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include Registered Forest Technologists.

**Jacques Corstanje, RPF**  
Operations Supervisor, Terrace



Earlier in my career a typical week would be spent travelling to a work site somewhere in the province, often to very remote locations, then working in the forest, locating roads, block boundaries, evaluating timber, ecology, soils and vegetation, or maybe overseeing a planting program, or supervising logging or road construction. Later I would evaluate and summarize the data gathered to develop plans, prescriptions, maps, road designs, etc. As my career evolved, I learned to lead a team of professionals in planning forest development and silviculture programs. I always enjoy going into the forest (particularly when the weather is good). The forest also plays a big part in my recreation time – fishing and hiking are great fun and ways to explore and find new places that few people get to see.

**Mark Phinney, RPF, RPBio**  
Environmental Advisor, Dawson Creek



I knew from a young age I would study forestry in university, and I've been lucky enough to combine this with my love for wildlife. I'm very interested in forest management practices and how these affect wildlife species and their habitats.

**Sean Muise, RPF**  
Stewardship and Revenue Officer, Haida Gwaii



Being able to explain the art and science of forest management to the general public is a critical aspect of our profession. I feel fortunate that I am able to accomplish this through my current job.

**Rob Friberg, RPF**  
Consultant, Kaleden



I feel as though I'm contributing to new and innovative ways for managing forests. It is a very exciting time to be involved in forest management especially given that we are learning forests have for such a wide range of values, not the least of which concern climate change mitigation and the importance of the different social and cultural relationships with forests around the world.

**Heather Rice, RFT**

Forest Health Officer, Okanagan – Shuswap



In forestry, days are never long enough!  
There's no tendency to check the time  
out of boredom.



**Jill Werk, RPF**  
Stewardship Forester, Okanagan – Shuswap



The best part of my job is contributing to the sustainable management of BC's valuable forest resources.

**Sandy Long, RPF**  
Consultant, Prince George



I grew up in a logging and sawmilling family. The first seven years of my life were spent mainly in sawmill camps. I played with my brother out in the bush every day and I love the bush as much now as I did then. As a kid, I built my own roads in a gravel pit (about one metre wide) involving end hauls over ponds and side cuts with grade control. A career in forest harvesting and roads was almost automatic.

**Steve Platt, RFT**

Remote Sensing Program Manager, Campbell River



On a typical day, I'm usually processing and analyzing LiDAR data and applying field knowledge to design cutblocks for harvesting operations. I also mentor field staff and train others on how to best integrate and manage LiDAR data into daily activities. In addition, I get to head out into the field to ground truth and validate LiDAR based developments.

**Kim Lefebvre, RPF**  
Forestry Team Lead, Campbell River



At the beginning of my career, I was spending the majority of my time outdoors, far from civilization, experiencing the wild areas of BC first-hand. Working out of a small town in northern BC for several years allowed me to gain the experience I needed to advance in my career and also to enjoy the great sense of community that BC's small rural towns have to offer. Some of my best memories stem from those long camp shifts my team and I spent out in the remote wilderness, hours from the nearest town. These days, I spend the majority of my time in the office writing reports, preparing professional rationales, planning and supervising other professionals. I still get out to the field frequently enough to get some fresh air and collect information for my reports.

**Sally Sellars, RPF**

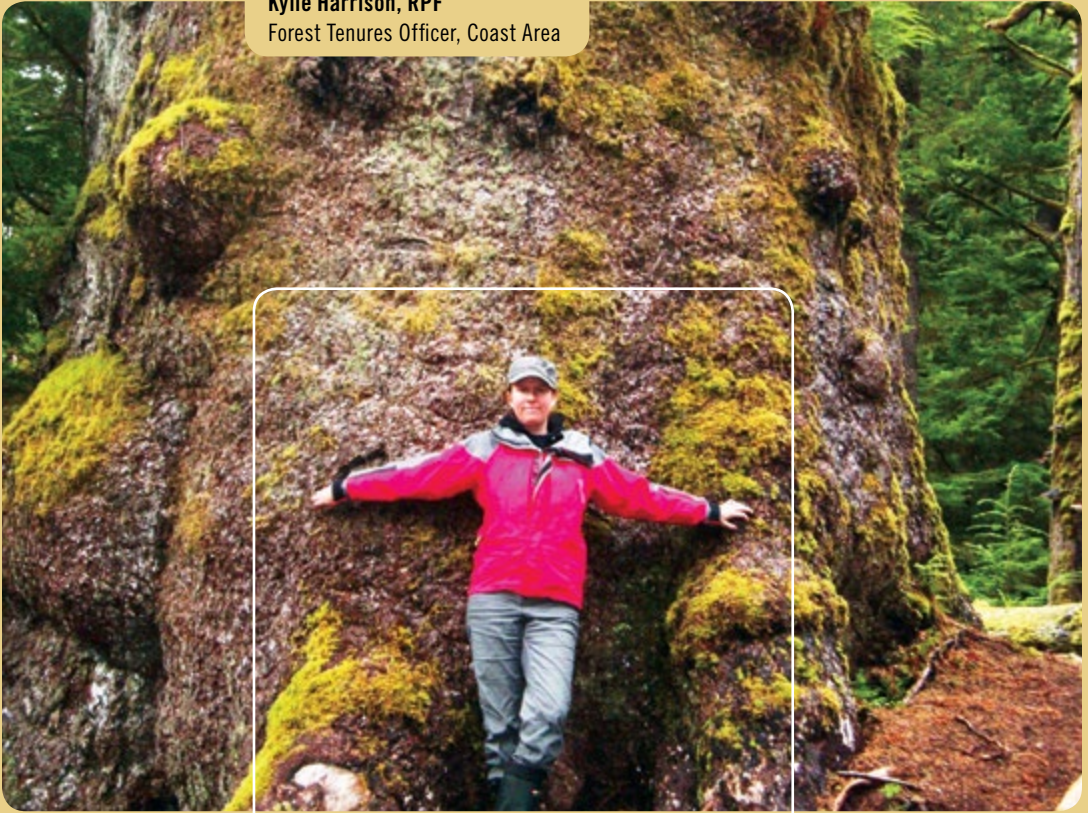
Community Natural Resources Referral Worker, Williams Lake



I am proud because people in the First Nations communities see results of the work I do and they know that progress is being made. For example, we see more of the moose population using the land (wildlife corridors) that we set aside for them and other wildlife in our stewardship and development plans.

A great perk to my job is going to First Nations community gatherings. I think it is such a benefit to be able to see first-hand salmon and meat drying on open racks, watch the peoples fish, and observe and participate in traditional cultural activities such as storytelling, stick games and ceremonies at the sweat lodge.

**Kylie Harrison, RPF**  
Forest Tenures Officer, Coast Area



A forester's job can be quite diverse and it can go in just about any direction you want to take it, therefore it is never boring!

**Alex Woods, MSc, RPF**  
Regional Pathologist, Smithers



I can see that some of my work is making a difference to the way we think about forest disease impacts on timber supply and how we might account for those impacts and possibly change practices as a result. I can also see how if we better understand those impacts we can do more to combat climate change through more sustainable forest management.

**Richard Cane, FIT**  
Consultant, Kamloops



I wanted to help in stewarding our environment for future generations as we meet the challenges of the next century. Studying forestry has provided me with the knowledge needed to help manage our forests for the diverse values and services they provide.



**Norman Caldicott, RPF**  
Instructor, Vancouver



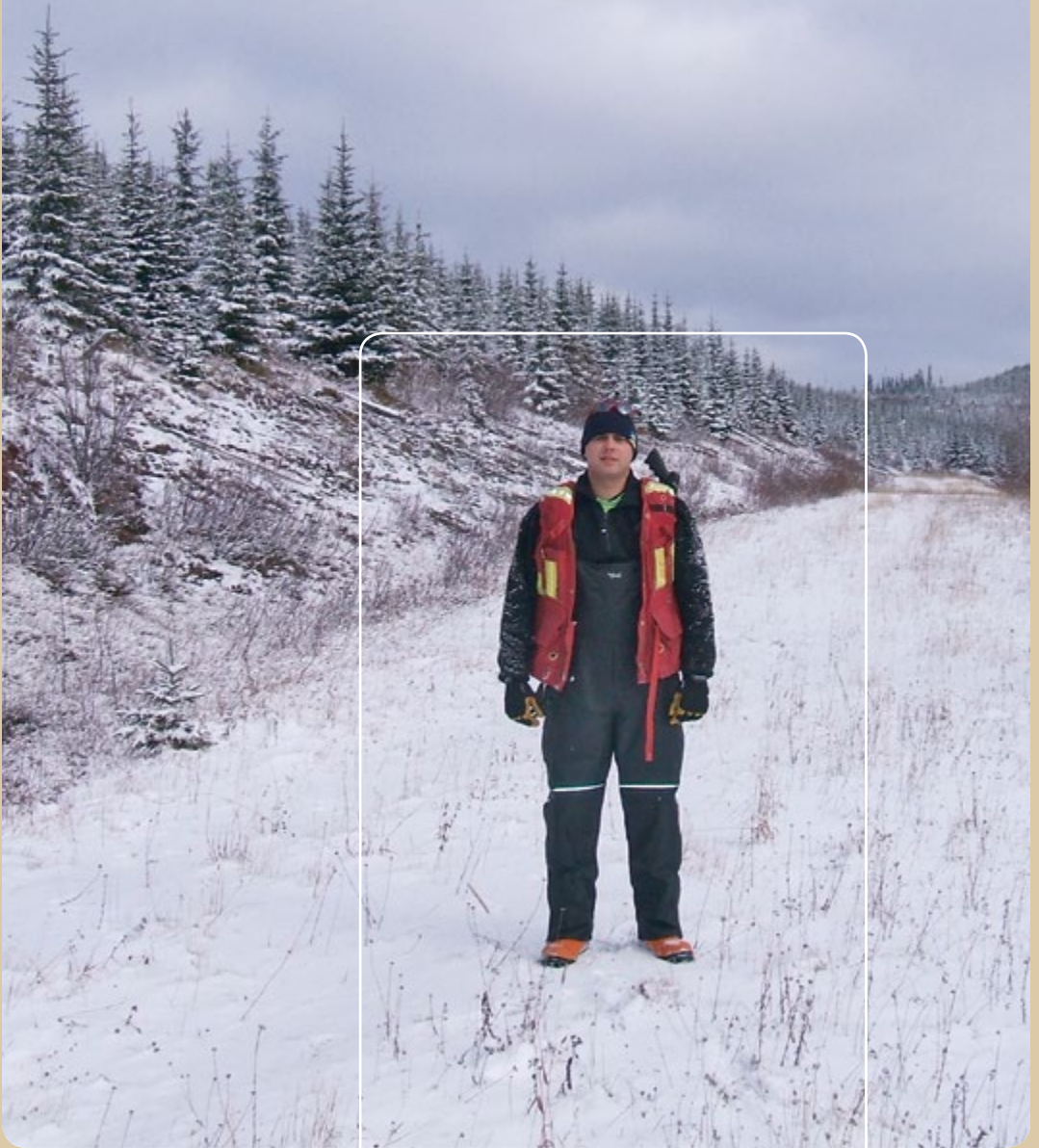
My job is to inspire students to begin a life-long process of learning about BC's forested ecosystems.

**Ian Emery, RFT**  
Area Engineer, Campbell River



I love the variability of the job. One day you're working in the office designing a road and the next day you are flying in a helicopter performing a wide range of assessments.

**Matthew Pilszek, RFT**  
Senior Project Manager, Fort Nelson



I grew up in a forestry dependent town and I have always enjoyed spending time in the outdoors, so forestry was a natural choice.

**Bob Craven, RPF**

Manager Forest Policy and Land Use, Campbell River



I love the variety – one day I could be meeting with senior government officials over legislative issues and the next day I'm in a helicopter looking at our logging operations.

**Jonathan Lok, RFT**  
Managing Partner, Port McNeill



To be successful in forestry, you need to see the forest through other people's eyes in order to make appropriate management decisions. This perspective makes every project unique and exciting.







### **What is Forestry?**

Forestry is using ecological principles to manage all forest resources including trees, wildlife, water, soils, fish and biodiversity. Forestry professionals manage all these resources in a manner that balances ecological, economic and social values.

### **Is a Career in Professional Forestry Right for You?**

With a career in forestry, you could make a real difference in environmental management. It's a great choice for those who love the outdoors, excel in the sciences, are interested in the environment and are team players.

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