



Counting on our Forests: Midterm Timber Supply Crisis

THE PHOTO ABOVE IS A MANAGED STAND IN THE FROST LAKE AREA, OUTSIDE PRINCE GEORGE. IT'S one example of the work forest professionals are doing to mitigate the midterm timber crisis. You can read more about this work in the article "Fertilization: How Can it Affect Midterm Timber Supply?" by Ralph Winter, RPF, and Mel Scott, RPF.

Taking a broader look at midterm timber supply, Jim Snetsinger, RPF, gives his perspective on the situation as BC's chief forester and John Rustad, MLA, discusses the opportunities he saw available when he was parliamentary secretary for silviculture. Both these men offer a strategic view that explains where they see BC going in the future.

Steve D'Eon, RPF, who works for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Ontario, writes about new technology and the challenge of getting a "detailed and defensible forest inventory on our foresters' desktops in a cost effective manner." He thinks a solution may have been found with LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging System) which uses an aircraft mounted laser to provide accurate 3D modelling.

Finally, International WOOD MARKETS Group Inc, although unable to write an original article for us, encouraged me to create an article based on two comprehensive press releases they published last spring. With the help of the editorial board, I think we have produced an interesting and useful summary for our readers.

This issue of the magazine also includes a Wood is Good 2011 special feature. The ABCFP's annual conference and AGM was very successful this year and I encourage you to peruse the feature and check out the PDFs of the presentations that are available on the Wood is Good website, www.abcfp.ca/conference.asp