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Dear ABCFP Member:

The Increment e-newsletter is published up to twice a month for members of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It contains news about the association and the forestry profession. Back issues of this newsletter (and its predecessor *BC Forest Professional*) are available on the association's website.

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1. CALLING ALL ABORIGINAL MEMBERS

The ABCFP is creating a version of our popular Faces of Forestry booklet for use in recruiting Aboriginal students to forestry. The original Faces of Forestry booklet (which is available online) was produced to celebrate members during our 60th anniversary. The book features pictures and quotes from members on careers in forestry and what they enjoy most about their jobs. It has proven to be extremely popular as a recruitment tool and is regularly used by post-secondary institutions and the ABCFP at career fairs and for high school presentations. Because of the success of the original booklet, we are creating a new booklet that features our Aboriginal members. We will be contacting members who self-identified as Aboriginal by e-mail; however, if we miss you and if you would like to participate, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

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2. NEW GUIDELINES ADDED TO ABCFP WEBSITE

The ABCFP has published two new and important guidelines recently.

- Professional Quality Fieldwork
- Managing Non-Statutory Expectations in Forest Practice

Both documents can be found below and on the Policies & Guidelines page of the website.

[Professional Quality Fieldwork](#) (pdf)
[Managing Non-Statutory Expectations in Forest Practice](#) (pdf)
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3. AD SALES REP NEEDED FOR BC FOREST PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE

The association's magazine, **BC Forest Professional**, is seeking a new ad sales contractor. This is a contract position paid on a commission basis. We are seeking someone with sales experience and preferably knowledge of the forest sector in BC. Members are welcome to apply for this contract position.

A detailed job description can be found on the Job Seekers page of the website.

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4. CIF LECTURE SERIES FEATURING THE CHIEF FORESTER

“Science, sustainability and innovation” is the theme of the next CIF e-lecture series which begins May 13th. The featured speakers are Jim Snetsinger, RPF; Glenn Thiem, RFT; Ken Zielkie, RPF; Don Morgan; and Ian Moss, RPF. ABCFP members can take part in the lecture series free of charge. Please visit the CIF website for more information.

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5. UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN NOW ONLINE

Council created a comprehensive strategic plan in 2008 to guide the ABCFP through 2010. The plan was updated earlier this year to reflect the work that was achieved in 2008 and to highlight the goals for 2009. The plan is now available on the Strategic Plan page of the website.

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6. QUESNEL EXAM WORKSHOP ADDED TO THE SPRING SERIES

The Professional Ethics and Obligations workshop has been revised, shortened to a day and a half, and will be offered in various locations in 2009. The half-day Writing the Best Exam Possible and Professional Reliance workshops have been revised and updated. All three workshops will be offered as a series this spring (see below) and will also be made available online. Exam candidates are encouraged to take all three workshops.

There has been a request for a Writing the Best Exam Possible workshop in the Lower Mainland. If you are interested in attending such a workshop, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

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The Spring Series Workshops:

Kamloops

April 14 1:00 to April 15 4:30 Professional Ethics and Professional Obligations
April 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

Campbell River

April 28 am Writing the Best Exam Possible
April 28 1:00 to April 29 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations
April 30 am Professional Reliance

Prince George

May 4 1:00 to May 5 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations
May 6 am Writing the Best Exam Possible
May 6 pm Professional Reliance

Williams Lake

May 11 1:00 to May 12 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations
May 13 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

Quesnel

May 25 pm Writing the Best Exam Possible **(NEW!)**

May 26 8:30 to May 27 noon Professional Ethics and Obligations

May 27 pm Professional Reliance

Smithers

June 16 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

June 16 1:00 to June 17 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations

June 18 am Professional Reliance

Dawson Creek

June 23 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

June 23 1:00 to June 24 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations

June 25 am Professional Reliance

Nelson

September 1 am Writing the Best Exam Possible

September 1 1:00 to September 2 4:30 Professional Ethics and Obligations

September 3 am Professional Reliance

Information on the Spring Series Workshops is available on the Workshops page of the website. Registration is now available online or by fax.

[Workshops](#)

[Online Registration](#)

You can also mark your calendar with these tentative dates for the **Policy Review Seminars**. Members who take two or three Spring Series workshops will receive a 15% or 20% (respectively) discount on their choice of the policy review seminars.

- Prince George: September 10th and 11th
- Kamloops: September 14th and 15th
- Nanaimo: September 17th and 18th

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7. UPCOMING MEMBER MEETINGS

The following are dates for the upcoming member meetings. Members in each community will receive an e-mail invitation to the meeting; however, any member is welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings will be held in the early evening. More details will be released closer to the meeting dates.

Campbell River – April 28

Prince George – May 5

Williams Lake – May 12

Quesnel – May 26

Smithers – June 16

Dawson Creek – June 23

Nelson – September 1

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8. ABCFP NOW ON TWITTER

The ABCFP is now on Twitter, a micro-blogging website. We plan to use Twitter to announce news about the ABCFP and forestry in BC to the public and members; however, it will not be our only source of news dissemination so you will not miss anything if you are not on Twitter. If you are already a Twitter user, please follow us (@abcfp). For more information or to join Twitter, please see their website.

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9. THANKS FOR COMMENTS ON SPECIES AT RISK

Thanks to the more than 40 practitioners who took the time to comment on the Species at Risk discussion paper. In spite of the very short time for review (only two weeks) we received over 70 pages of well-thought out, valuable comments. When the final paper is ready to be released, it will be announced in The Increment.

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10. IMPORTANT REGISTRATION EXAM DATES

Exam eligibility notices will be sent out via e-mail in mid-May. Exam application packages and the 2009 exam resource libraries will also be made available online in mid-May.

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11. REGISTRATION EXAM STUDY GROUPS

Members who plan to write the registration exam this year or next year are encouraged to form or join a local study group. Information on how to form a study group and a listing of current groups are on the Study Groups page of the website.

Study group members are encouraged to post questions and information on the ABCFP Discussion Forum and communicate with other study groups to share information.

Study groups should meet regularly and consider the following ideas:

- Develop a list of appropriate study topics
- Assign study topics to study group members
- Distribute summaries of study topics to study group members
- Discuss study topics
- Develop questions to ask on the discussion forum or other study groups

Study information has recently been posted on the ABCFP Discussion Forum. Study groups are welcome to contact Brian Robinson, RPF, to arrange local study sessions during his travels.

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12. LABOUR MOBILITY INFORMATION NOW ONLINE

In order to be in compliance with provincial and federal regulations, the ABCFP has information on how forest professionals from other jurisdictions can apply for membership in the ABCFP on the website. Please check the link on the homepage for all labour mobility information or click on the link below.

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13. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR 2008 ENROLLED MEMBER ANNUAL EVALUATION?

The deadline to submit Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms was January 31, 2009. To date, the evaluation forms of over 275 enrolled members (FITs, ASFITs, FPs, TFTs, ASTFTs) have yet to be submitted by their respective sponsors. Unless these evaluations are submitted to the ABCFP, these members will not receive credit for work experience gained in 2008 or be eligible to write the 2009 registration exams.

If you missed the original deadline, you can still submit your Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation form by June 1, 2009.

Send to:
Registration Department
Association of BC Forest Professionals
330 – 321 Water St
Vancouver, BC V6B 1B8

Enrolled Member Annual Evaluation forms are available on the You and Your Sponsor page of the website.

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14. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – SPEAK WITH STUDENTS OR THE MEDIA

The ABCFP is compiling lists of members who are willing to visit schools and give presentations about careers in forestry as well as members who have special expertise in certain areas and who are willing to speak with the media. The ABCFP often gets calls from high schools looking for someone to make presentations to the students on careers in forestry. Typically these presentations last about an hour and usually the students have lots of questions for our members. If you are interested in speaking to groups of students, please e-mail Amanda Brittain.

We frequently get calls from the news media looking for experts on certain forestry topics (such as fire, log exports, bio-energy to name a few). If you have expertise in any particular area of forestry and you would be willing to educate the news media about your interest area, please e-mail Amanda Brittain. Basic media training will be provided to everyone who volunteers before you are asked to speak to the media.

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15. UPCOMING FORESTRY EDUCATION EVENTS

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stability in the Forest Sector are part of the professional reliance model envisioned under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The guidelines represent a team approach for developing a terrain management model. This seminar will provide an overview of the guidelines, specifically, the roles and responsibilities that members of both associations have when carrying out work in the management of terrain stability. Information will be given on when and where a TSA should be carried out and whether or not a TSA has been carried out. Participants will learn forest development strategies that are consistent with the risks and how to interpret the guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in practising due diligence which will include considerations around when to engage other professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with managing terrain stability will benefit from this seminar.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeq.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at:

http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp

ABCFP members can now register online.

[Online Registration](#)

- **Seminar: Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings (presented in partnership with APEGBC)**

The “Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Crossings” sets standards for members of the ABCFP and APEGBC involved in forest crossing planning and design. The guidelines were recently revised to address matters related to engineered culverts. This seminar will provide an overview of the guidelines, specifically the roles and responsibilities that members of both association have when carrying out work on Forest Crossings. Information will be given on how professionals are to interact with regards to the planning and design of crossings, as well as their limitations. Participants will learn how to interpret the results-based guidelines and gain an overall understanding of how these guidelines will impact their practices. This training will assist licensees in

practising due diligence, by ensuring that they know the appropriate levels at which to involve different professionals. All Registered Professional Foresters, Registered Forest Technologists, Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists and others who are involved with forest crossings will benefit from this seminar. **This course is available as a live workshop or via webcast.**

Please note that while the seminar content will be relevant to all members, this is not intended to be a “how to” course on bridge design.

You can access the seminar details at the APEGBC website:

<https://secure.apeg.bc.ca/imisCustom/Events/PDEventsListing.aspx>

You can access the Guidelines at:

http://www.abcfp.ca/regulating_the_profession/policies_guidelines.asp

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- **Silviculture II**

Location: Malcolm Knapp Research Forest: April 26-May 3, 2009

Instructors: Dr. Gordon Weetman, Dr. John Barker

Silviculture II deals with the stand tending silviculture practices from free growing through to final harvest of a stand. These include thinning, fertilization, pruning, and silviculture systems and their relationship to timber quality, structural biodiversity, habitat and stand growth and yield and allowable cuts at the forest level. Decision making in crop planning, stand dynamics, operational problems and relevant history policy and regulatory issues and underlining science theory are also covered.

The cost of this course is \$1,150. Accommodation is additional and is payable directly to [Malcolm Knapp Research Forest](#). Amount TBA

PREREQUISITES

Required:

- Dendrology
- Forest Ecology
- Forest Silvics
- Forest Mensuration
- Silviculture 1

Recommended:

- Forest Biometrics
- Forest Economics
- Forest Entomology
- Forest Pathology
- Forest Soils

This course is intended for Forestry Pupils and Foresters-in Training (FITs) enrolled with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. Silviculture II is also open to non-ABCFP members who wish to learn more about silviculture and have the prerequisite courses. Those who feel they qualify for the course, but do not have all the prerequisites must have instructor approval before registering. Please note that Selkirk Management Services is no longer offering this course. Suntrana Enterprises is the new organization putting it on.

For more information and registration please contact:

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16. ONLINE JOB BOARD – A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE

If your firm is looking for qualified and experienced professional foresters or forest technologists, be sure to post your position on the ABCFP Online Job Board or in **BC Forest Professional** magazine. Two-month online listings are only \$300 and are posted by the next business day. Visit the Post a Job Opportunity page on our website to post your listing online.

[Post a Job Opportunity](#)

There are currently four career listings on the Job Seekers page of the ABCFP website. Please check back often as new openings are posted on a regular basis.

[Job Seekers](#)

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17. FOREST CLUB OFFERS

WHISTLER -- Blow out sale on lift tickets valid April 13th - May 18th. \$50 for Adult, (Regular \$76). Order your tickets online and they will be waiting for you at the mountain in 48 hours.

PLAYLAND -- Playland opens April 25th! Save 23% on one-day PlayPasses (gate price is \$31.45, your price is \$24). Order online and print your tickets before going. The first five people to place orders will receive a FREE One-Day PlayPass!

MORTGAGE RATES -- Looking to refinance or get a new mortgage? Rates have not been lower! And association members also receive \$100 gift card upon closing. Your personal advisor is Ryan Hammerer at the Mortgage Group.

Email: rhammerer@mortgagegrp.com

To access these deals and more, follow the link below to login or register for The Forest Club.

[The Forest Club](#)

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18. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?

If you have questions or comments about the items mentioned in this e-newsletter or other communications activities, please contact:

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