

Statement of Endorsement



Silviculture System and Partial Cut Harvesting Issues in the Coast Region Discussion Paper

The specific practice of 'partial cutting' is identified as the practice of professional forestry and is one of the types of forest harvesting methods recognized as having application to coastal ecosystems of British Columbia. Prescriptions that employ partial cutting techniques require a specific professional competence. The ABCFP formally recognizes the Coast Region Implementation Team (CRIT) technical report titled "Silvicultural System and Partial Cut Harvesting Issues in the Coast Region – Discussion Paper" as being an important background document and source for practitioners in the area of partial cutting.

The endorsement is necessary to sufficiently direct practitioners' diligence in the area of high retention harvesting, by drawing attention to the technical work that is already available for practitioners

(http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/rco/stewardship/CRIT/silviculture_working_group.htm), and by preventing the duplication of work by the ABCFP.

The endorsement benefits the profession by demonstrating the requirement for expertise in complex areas of practice, provides guidance that applies to a broad area of practice, and by underscoring the benefits of a team approach to professional practice problems as one way of providing practitioners with practice expertise.

Practitioners are encouraged to share their practice experience in high-retention harvesting on the ABCFP's Discussion Forum as a method of exchanging commentary on the subject.

For more information regarding this endorsement, contact Mike Larock RPF, director of forest stewardship and professional practice, at mlarock@abcfp.ca.

You can find a copy of the CRIT report here:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/rco/stewardship/CRIT/docs/CRIT%20silv%20systems%20discussion%20paper%20May15final%20.pdf>

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