

Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Diversifying the wealth derived from our interior forests

A Public Presentation

Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, 7:00pm-10:00pm
University of Northern British Columbia, Atrium

Held in conjunction with

Mountain Pine Beetle: from lessons learned to community-based solutions

There has been much talk in recent years of the **environmental, economic, and social challenges** posed by the current mountain pine beetle infestation and its spin-off effects. The push for **economic diversification** of our natural resource-based economies and for strengthening of **community resilience** in our interior townships has been strong. But what do these terms mean, and what is already being done?

Seeing the Forest for the Trees will showcase a number of individuals, community groups, and small businesses that have already derived new economic and social wealth from interior forests, beyond the traditional timber values.

This event will include presentations by leaders in the area, as well as displays showcasing artwork, woodcrafts, non-timber forest products, recreational opportunities, value-added products, and new timber innovations. In addition, 40 research projects showcased at *Mountain Pine Beetle: from lessons learned to community-based solutions*, will be on display for viewing.

The event is free and open to the general public.

If you have a product, business, or creative work you would like to display as part of this event, please contact Jillian Merrick: Jillian.merrick@forrex.org.

For more information on this event and the main conference, *Mountain Pine Beetle: from lessons learned to community-based solutions*, please visit the website: <http://www.forrex.org/events/MPBconference>.

