



New feature highlights FIA–FSP projects

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As an applied research program, the Forest Investment Account–Forest Science Program (FIA–FSP) is trying to address key management issues facing the Province of British Columbia through its research investments. In support of this effort, FORREX, the provincial forest extension provider, is introducing a new section in *LINK* called FIA–FSP Forest Science Corner. This feature dedicates space in each issue to identifying and highlighting FIA–FSP-funded projects that focus on addressing specific management questions.

In upcoming issues of *LINK*, we will highlight different areas of FIA–FSP research that address challenges such as: How can we use retention to manage species at risk such as the northern caribou? How do we manage for riparian processes? How do we model and manage complex stands in the Interior of British Columbia? What are the growth

and yield implications of alternative silvicultural systems? How do we manage for non-timber forest resources? How do we connect information across scales?

In this first FIA–FSP Forest Science Corner, we will be looking at three research projects: the first addresses the question of how woodland caribou respond to the changes that occur when winter range pine-lichen habitat has been salvaged following a mountain pine beetle attack; the second attempts to understand the impact of mountain pine beetle-caused lodgepole pine mortality on stand structure and vegetation; and the last examines the question of how best to manage lodgepole pine with aspen mixtures in the central region of BC.

We hope you will enjoy this new section of *LINK* and we look forward to your suggestions about other topics to cover in this new feature. 