

**Alberni Valley
Community Forest
Corporation
Annual General
Meeting For Fiscal
Year 2025
May 13, 2026
Agenda**

- **Welcome**
- **Introduction**
 - **Directors**
 - **Manager**
- **Chairperson's Report**
- **Financial Report**
- **Donations Program**
- **Manager's Report**
- **Dividend Update**
- **Guest Speaker**
Shannon Janzen
- **Questions and Answers**

Introduction

- **Directors**

- Jim Sears, Port Alberni
- Ron Corbeil, Port Alberni
- Chris Duncan, Port Alberni
- Erin Badesso, Port Alberni
- Bob Cole, Sproat Lake
- Warren Lauder, Hupacasath
- Dwayne Hearn, Tseshaht
- Tom Verbrugge, City Council Representative

- **Manager**

- Chris Law

Sproat Lake Forestry Services Limited

Board Chair Report

- Safety continues to be a focus for manager Chris Law as he continues to monitor contractor compliance and standards. There were **no accidents or safety issues** reported in 2025. Operations had a successful Worksafe BC review.
- There were **no wildfires** on our Community Forest Tenure during the 2025 fire season. Chris has made every effort to ensure operations do not take place during high fire hazard and schedules regular patrols during those warm dry periods. These patrols continue to be important as we look ahead to what might be another high risk fire season in 2026.
- **Harvesting** operations that **started in 2025** were finished recently in 2026.
- 2025 continued to be a year of updating our Management Plan, engineering future sites for timber harvest, and conducting silviculture programs.
- The **markets in 2025 were uncertain** with the trend continuing in 2026.
- **Jim Sears retired as Board Chair in 2025 after 15 years of dedicated volunteer service. We are grateful that Jim will continue on the Board. Thank you Jim!**

Forward Look

- We look ahead to continued **safe forest management** and probable timber harvesting activities in 2026 subject to market conditions.
- We will be releasing a **Statement of Facts** about the Community Forest as a reference guide for community members.
- We will be updating our **governance policies** to reflect changes in the forestry community over the last 15 years.
- The Board will continue to participate in the **Alberni Valley Forestry Coalition** which seeks to find solutions for a thriving forest sector in the Alberni Valley. Stay tuned for some soon-to-be released forestry educational vignettes.

Financial Report
Rob Anderson
R.Anderson & Associates

Year ending Dec 31, 2025

Donations

- Director Ron Corbeill will report on the 2025 Donation Program and plans for 2026

Previous Recipients

2025

Black Lambs Rugby \$5000 for the purchase of equipment.

8th Avenue Learning Centre and USMA Child and Family Services \$2500 to support summer garden project and food sustainability.

Port Alberni Picklers and The Sunshine Club \$2500 to support pickle ball facilities.

2024

Split evenly between the two applicants

Navy League Cadet Corps 113 Funding for Boat Trailer

West Vancouver Island Heritage Society Funding to fix rail cars

2023

Marine Heritage Society Repairs to Alberni waterfront lighthouse building.

2022

- Alberni-Clayoquot Continuing Care Society Fir Park Village Echo Village Purchase of new passenger bus.



2025 Small Donation Fund.
Cheque Presented to Black Lambs Rugby Club. For
the purchase of new equipment.

2024 Small Donation Fund

West Vancouver Island Heritage Society Funding to fix rail cars.



New floor installed in one of the speeder cars



**Alberni Valley Community
Forest Corporation 2025 AGM
Managers Report.
Fourth Five Year Cut Control
Year Two**

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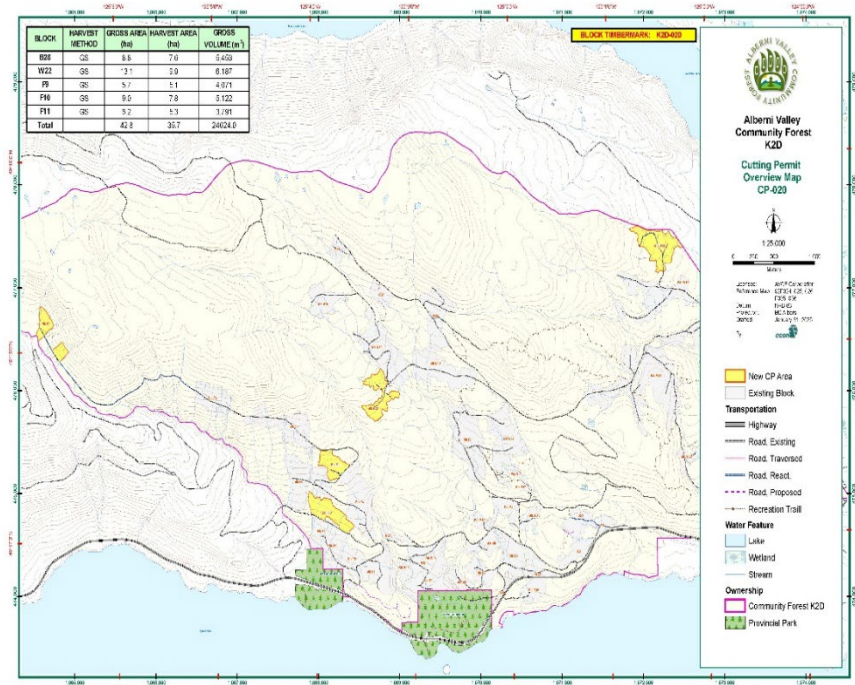
Cut Control Summary for Alberni Valley Community Forest

Annual Allowable Cut	18156 m3	Yearly Set Harvest Level	90780 m3	Set Harvest Level
First Five Year Cut Control	17,277 m3	Average Annual Harvest	86,388 m3	Total Harvest
Second Five Year Cut Control	14,240 m3	Average Annual Harvest	71,203 m3	Total Harvest
Third Five Year Cut Control	12,968 m3	Average Annual Harvest	64,838 m3	Total Harvest
Fourth Five Year Cut Control	9000 m3	Est. Average Annual Harvest	45,000 m3	Est. Total Harvest

Forest Stewardship Plan Approval

Late 2024 after a two years process with the Ministry of Forests our Forest Stewardship Plan was approved. This allowed us to apply for new cutting permits

Cutting Permit K2D 020 was approved in the spring of 2025. Log prices were low and fire hazard was increasing so we delayed putting the log purchase out for tender





- There is always paperwork
- Monitoring visual quality objective
- Watching out for fires
- Maintaining photograph record
- Think about a fire resiliency plan for Alberni Valley Community Forest

**Low Log Prices and Early Fire Hazard
No Harvesting
What Happens In Community Forest?**

Road Maintenance And Protection

General road maintenance. Keeping roads graded for drainage and access.



Protecting bridge decks while maintenance equipment with tracks are walking across concrete deck.



Larger Water Supply for Dry Spring Road Side Slash Piling Contractor Surprised by Dry Conditions on Hot South Aspect

1000 litres of water and small honda pressure pump easy to set up when excavator showed up to pile slash

**Carrying two back pack water tanks in the trucks for morning patrol.
Extra water for unattended camp fire.**



High Fire Hazard Early In Summer

Activity kept to a minimum for Summer of 2025. Morning patrols, public education. Work with recreation user groups



Sign up at all entrances to indicate the high fire hazard. Constant reminder to public of fire potential



Camp Fire Spot Clean Up

2023 to 2024 No New Fire Pits

Alberni Community Forest roads access by highway 4. Social media sharing camping spots along route to Tofino.

Keeping spots free of campfire evidence has reduced the number of people having overnight fires.



Waste dumping

Partial empty metal drums

Possible drug lab waste

Adjacent to Highway 4

- Notified by public spring 2025
- Filled out online RAPP report
- Followed up with C and E
- Followed up with district office
- Contacted local landfill
- Contacted Regional District
- Discussed with Worksafe BC
- Barrels are still there
- Only less of them
- Dumped out to drain
- Taken by public for personal use





**Economic hardship
More long term habitation
in Community Forest
Respond to Public Concern**

- Public report observations
- Follow up by site visit
- Less concern low fire hazard
- Fire hazard increases risk
- Work with C and E
- Keep public informed on response

Firewood Program
Better utilization
Less firewood available
Public report live trees being cut down

- Increased wood theft in 2025
- Public notified AVCFC of live trees being cut
- Follow up with site visit
- No Firewood cutting signs up
- Work with C and E
- Evening and weekend patrol
- Good Friday 2026 an individual was caught in action falling trees
- Inform RCMP and C and E
- Thank members of public for reporting





Alberni Valley Community Forest And Riders of Alberni Valley Working On Agreement For Mountain Biking

- ROAV on trail building course learning to construct to Rec Sites and Trails BC and Whistler Trail Standards
- Trails in Riparian areas and low productive areas
- Working on a formal agreement
- Clear definition of responsibilities
- Work with MFLNRO and Rec Sites and Trails BC

Silviculture Reforestation Utilizing Alberni Valley Employees

**Community forest has planted
660,360 trees. 18,360 trees
planted in 2025**

**AVCFC has planted 53,760 Western Red
Cedar. With climate change special spot
selection for survival over time.**



Reusing Deer Browse Protection

Cedar Stakes made locally from old logging bridge Logs

Deer browse protection installed on 53,760 Western Red Cedar trees. 2160 installed in 2025 by local employees.

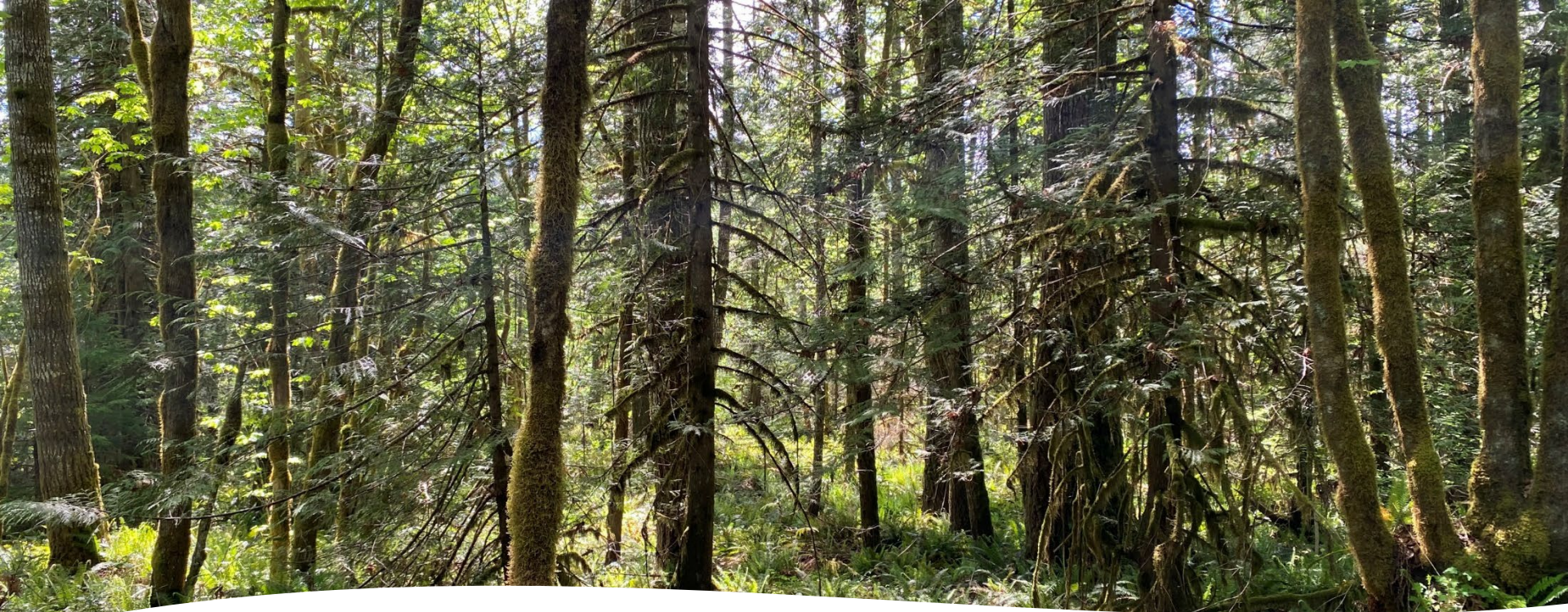
Cones are removed after about 3 years. Some of the cones have been on 4 sets of trees and counting.





Deciduous Recruitment Maple Pruning

- 2025 Treatments done by local workers
- 50 hectares of Big Leaf Maple and Dogwood Pruned
- Creates a more fire resilient stand
- Maintains biodiversity and wildlife habitat.
- Creates viable maple logs for future harvest



Alberni Valley Community Forest was awarded funds for prescriptions for forest fire fuel treatments. The intent is to modify a tree stand to enhance its fire resilience to create a natural fire break

- Utilize a mature stand with high deciduous component
- Utilize a stand with large second growth thicker bark Douglas Fir
- Utilize a rich stand with less salal and more sword fern
- Utilize a stand with urban interface to Sproat Lake Community
- Remove ladder fuels
- Clean up forest floor fuels

2025 Free Growing Declarations

We were able to declare our second set of blocks free growing in 2025. 6 blocks were free growing totalling 32.2 hectares



The blocks are now no longer a financial liability to the community forest. Similar number will be declared in 2026.



Fire Hazard Risk Reduction

Covering slash piles with plastic so they stay dry for later burning.



Fire burn hotter and cleaner with little chance of escape. Can not cover too early





Road Construction Road Rehabilitation

- 2025 Summer tender out road construction
- Successful tender Denis Franqoeur Backhoeing
- Early Fall start after fire hazard dropped
- Second day shutdown due to rainfall

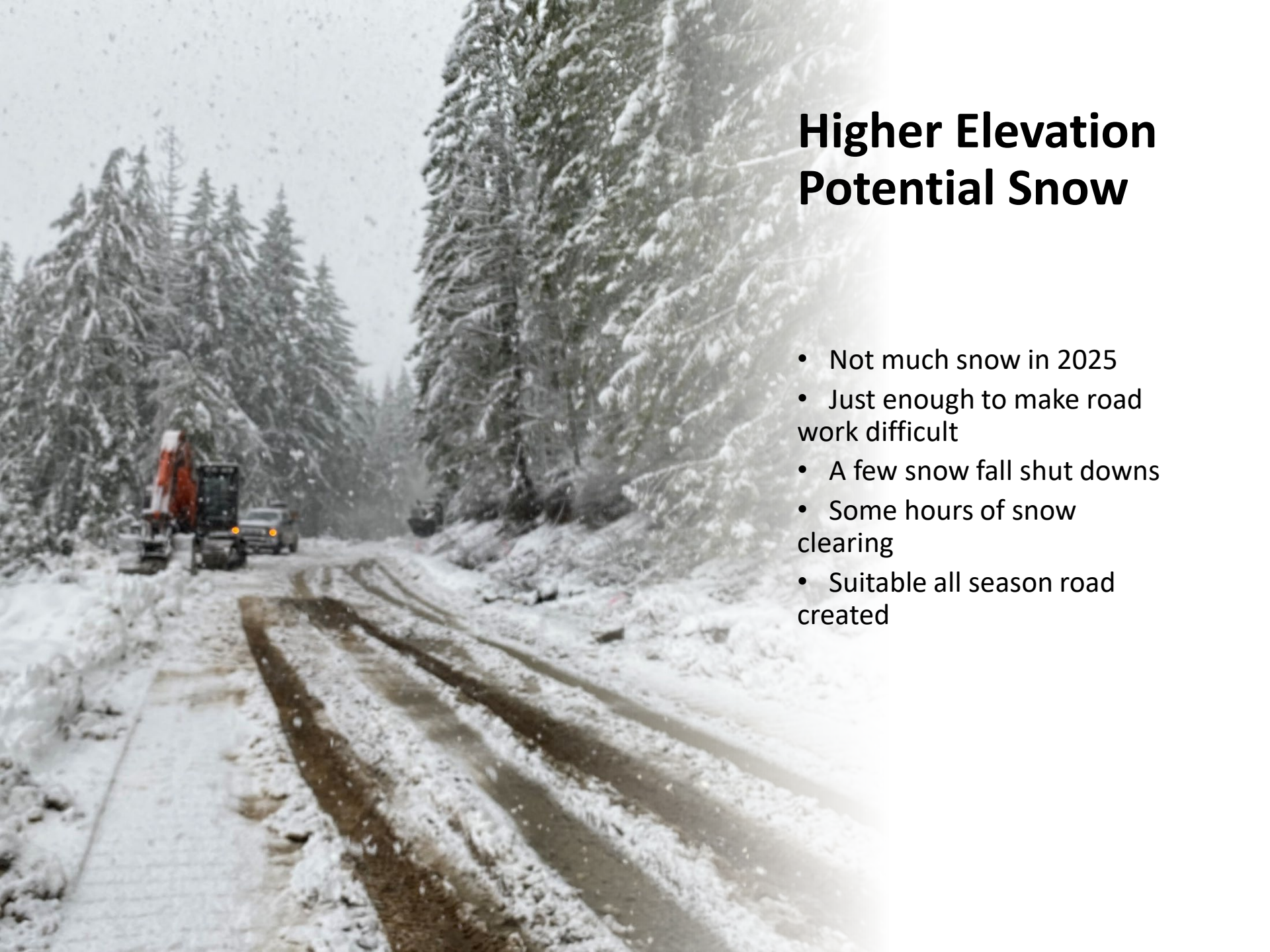
Extra Work Required For Winter Conditions

- Rehabilitating old roads
- Old M & B roads usually good base
- Never sure of original construction
- Roc Star hired to create winter road
- Road capped with blasted rock
- Log truck driver safety
- Less siltation run off in creeks



Higher Elevation Potential Snow

- Not much snow in 2025
- Just enough to make road work difficult
- A few snow fall shut downs
- Some hours of snow clearing
- Suitable all season road created





Log Sale of Standing Timber Tendered Early Fall 2025

- Otter Point Timber successful tender
- Harvesting sub contracted to Weasel Creek Logging
- Feller bunching sub contracted to Dynamite Logging

Cold Snowy Conditions Higher Elevation Logging

- Colder conditions but snow stopped
- Feller buncher with grousers able to operate
- Snow base protected ground from compaction and soil disturbance.
- No Fire hazard in the snow
- Road plowed to maintain Emergency Transport Vehicle access.



Increased Use of AVCF Lands During COVID 19 Has Continued Into 2025

All of the trail networks have seen a large increase of recreation use since Spring 2019. Always cars at trail heads. Monday to Sunday.

Overnight camping. All sorts of social media sights promoting free camping spot. Opportunity to educate on fire hazard.





Harvesting Activities Moving Through 2026

- Wrapped up Harvesting and Hauling
- Able to conduct activities during low fire hazard conditions
- Monitor markets before tendering 9000 m3 that is ready to market
- Spring 2026 Roads have been graded with road edge drainage installed.
- Waste and Residue planned



Activities Moving Through 2026

- Continue to work on siltation control
- Monitor regenerating stands
- Work on Fire Hazard Reduction Prescriptions.
- Work with Recreation user groups.
- Plant area harvested Spring 2026
- Update written policies.
- Continue to work with Alberni Valley Forestry Coalition

Dividends arising from 2025 Operations

Given the uncertain economic climate, our intention is **to pause a 2025 dividend** to the City of Port Alberni and evaluate the economic viability of the upcoming timber sale before issuing a **potential dividend for the 2026 business year.**

Guest Speaker

- The Alberni Valley Community Forest Corporation is privileged to have **Shannon Janzen RPF** as our 2026 guest speaker.
- Shannon is the owner of Hypha Consulting Inc. and the Co-chair of the Provincial Forestry Advisory Council. Shannon has recently co-authored the report-**From Conflict to Care: B.C.'s Forest Future**.
- Welcome Shannon!