



Managing B.C.'s Land and Resources for the Benefit of all British Columbians

Land Use Certainty to Generate Jobs and Investment

The Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management provides provincial leadership to support the sustainable economic development of B.C.'s land and water resources, based on the understanding that:

- Land use certainty is critical to creating new jobs and new opportunities in communities across B.C.
- Sound land use planning builds certainty by determining what land needs to be protected and what economic activities can take place on the balance of B.C.'s resource-rich land base.
- Effective land use designations recognize all uses, including oil and gas, forestry, mining, tourism, recreation and agriculture.

Five Steps to Ensuring Certainty About Access to Land and Water Resources

We're working to ensure long-term land use certainty that enables communities, conservation groups, First Nations, industry and recreational users to co-exist for the benefit of all British Columbians by:

1. Improving Access to Land: confirming what land and resources are available for development with the completion of remaining land use plans by June 2004.
2. Working with First Nations: engaging in meaningful consultation and accommodation with First Nations to ensure all British Columbians share in a growing economy.
3. Ensuring Tenure Security: providing the tenure security needed to attract new investment and create new jobs across the province.
4. Enhancing B.C.'s Business Climate: building on land-use certainty by providing a positive business environment that lets B.C. businesses compete and succeed in global markets.
5. Opening Up New Markets: supporting new investment and accessing new markets by meeting the growing global demand for responsible land and resource management.

Sustainable Land and Resource Management

A strong economy not only creates jobs and opportunities for B.C. communities, it also supports the vital public services we all desire, including quality health care and education

Sustainable resource management helps grow a thriving economy by improving access to Crown land and resources that attracts new investment, resulting in new jobs and renewed prosperity in all sectors of the economy.

The province's strategy for achieving sustainable resource management and land use certainty involves two key components:

1. Shared Responsibility and Innovation: working with the resource sector to step up resource planning and stewardship in order to maintain market share.
2. Accountability: setting and monitoring indicators that ensure sustainable use of the land and resources, protection of key ecosystems, economic investment and job creation.

Ensuring B.C.'s Working Landscape Works for All British Columbians

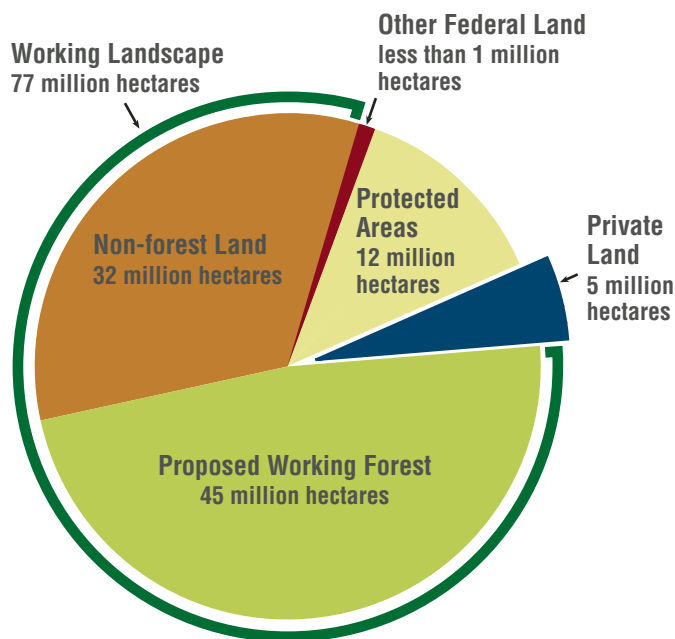
The B.C. government is keeping its New Era commitment to "establish a Working Forest land base to provide greater stability for working families and enhance long-term forestry management and planning."

The Working Forest is part of a broader Working Landscape.



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The Working Forest and Other Land Types in British Columbia



Protected Areas = 12%	% of Province
Private Land = 5%	
Non-forest Land = 34%	
Working Forest = 48%	
Other Federal Land = 1%	

What is the Working Landscape?

The Working Landscape accommodates all activities, including forestry, agriculture, recreation, tourism, conservation, oil and gas development and mining (including the new two-zone mineral policy, which clarifies that all lands outside protected areas and parks are open to mineral exploration subject to applicable legislation).

The Working Landscape supports our broader efforts to increase land use certainty that:

- Identifies what land is permanently protected and what land is available for businesses, communities and First Nations for economic development and job creation.
- Provides long-term land use certainty allowing communities, conservation groups, First Nations, industry and recreational users to co-exist.
- Focuses on the highest and best use of the land, whether it's set aside for environmental protection or economic opportunities.

What is the Working Forest?

The Working Forest recognizes that B.C.'s public forest land should be managed in a way that generates the best benefits for all British Columbians.

It includes the 45 million hectares of publicly owned forestland outside of parks and protected areas. The objective of the Working Forest is to maintain access to Crown land and to define opportunities for investment.

B.C.'s total area: 95 million hectares

B.C.'s working landscape: 77 million hectares of publicly owned land available for resource development and all other uses (does not include parks, protected areas, or privately owned land)

B.C.'s working forest: 45 million hectares of publicly owned forestland within the Working Landscape

What the Working Forest Supports

It's important that British Columbians understand that under B.C.'s Working Forest:

- B.C.'s publicly owned forests remain in public hands and it remains illegal to sell Crown land for forestry purposes.
- The existing 23 million hectare timber harvesting land base remains the same.
- Millions of hectares of forest land will continue to be managed primarily for conservation, benefiting wildlife and biodiversity and protecting B.C.'s scenic quality.
- Land use plans will continue to determine the types of activities and designations that will occur on the land base.
- It will only apply to the 45 million hectares of public forest land, not private lands or existing parks or protected areas.



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