



Forest Enhancement  
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## Project Location Map shows FESBC-funded Projects in Your Area

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**KAMLOOPS, B.C.:** A new project location map launched last week by the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C. (FESBC) provides a unique opportunity to view projects throughout the province based on location as well as on the society's five purposes for project funding: forest carbon, stand rehabilitation, fibre recovery, wildlife habitat enhancement, and wildfire risk reduction. A goal of the project location map is to highlight the good work of project proponents so community members can see what work is being accomplished province-wide and in their own backyard.

"We get asked by media, local leaders, and community members where funding goes and the purpose of these funded projects," said Steve Kozuki, Executive Director of FESBC. "We know when community members see smoke from a prescribed burn or large wood harvesting machines in their area, they may not know the scope of a local project or the outcomes the project is seeking to accomplish. The more transparent and proactive we are in our communications to share and inform people, the better understanding they have of the good work being done and the benefits realized."

Media and community members are encouraged to visit the society's website at [www.fesbc.ca](http://www.fesbc.ca). Scroll down on the home page to see all FESBC-funded projects and the locations where they are occurring or have occurred. Additionally, visitors may choose a specific purpose of interest, such as wildfire risk reduction, then a specific project in a location of interest and learn more about the project, the work being done, and the intended outcomes.

"This project location map is another way we can highlight the outstanding work being undertaken by First Nations, community forests, municipalities, and others," said Kozuki. "The innovative work and partnerships may inspire others to undertake work in other parts of our province, too. We want to help inform British Columbians about the work being done, through funding provided by the governments of British Columbia and Canada, to protect and enhance our precious forests."

In addition, FESBC developed an [Accomplishments Report](#) outlining more details on specific projects, economic benefits from the deployment of funding to projects, collaborative partnerships, and a full summary of funded projects province-wide.

### Quick Facts:

The Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia, a Crown Agency, was established in 2016 to advance the environmental and resource stewardship of the province's forests by: preventing and mitigating the impact of wildfires; improving damaged or low value forests; improving habitat for wildlife; supporting the use of fibre from damaged and low value forests; and treating forests to improve the management of greenhouse gases.

As of January 2019, the B.C. government has invested \$235 million in the Forest Enhancement Society of B.C., with over \$173 million allocated to date for wildfire risk reduction, reforestation, forest rehabilitation, wildlife habitat restoration, and raising awareness of the FireSmart program.

The Forest Carbon Initiative is funded in part through the federal government's Low Carbon Economy Fund. This initiative assists with B.C. government priorities, such as: revitalizing the forest sector; partnering with First Nations; supporting the Province's CleanBC commitment to transition to a low-carbon economy; and providing economic benefits for rural communities.

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