



Employment Opportunity – Forest Management Extension Specialist

Reports To:	Bulkley Valley Research Centre Executive Director
Status:	Full-time (grant funded), 1-year term with option to renew for 2 years thereafter
Location:	Smithers, British Columbia with potential to be remote within British Columbia
Salary range:	Starting at \$90,000/annum (hours 30-35 hours per week)
Closing Date:	Until filled
Expected start date:	Fall-Winter 2023

Who We Are

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre (BVRC) is located in Gidimt'en Territory of the Witsuwit'en First Nation, in Smithers, British Columbia (BC). The BVRC is a not-for-profit organization that conducts research throughout BC and is working to build collaborative relationships, extend knowledge, and facilitate science-informed policy.

Position Description

The BVRC is seeking a Forest Management Extension Specialist to work within the newly formed Silviculture Innovation Program (SIP). The purpose of the SIP is to support new research, extension and innovative practices to better address forest resiliency, ecosystem health and climate adaptation. The work of the Forest Management Extension Specialist will be to develop a comprehensive extension and outreach program focused on managing forests for multiple values across BC, with and for multiple partners such as professionals in government agencies, industry, First Nations, community

forests and woodlots, non-profits, and university partners (herein referred to as clientele).

The technical forestry extension priorities include but are not limited to: silvicultural systems, intermediate silviculture practices, climate adapted reforestation, and tree silvics. The Specialist will connect existing and emerging research to practice, bridge planning and practice, build a strong community of regional hubs around BC to deliver technical extension and outreach activities, translate and mobilize information needs. The Specialist will work with clientele and the SIP team to understand barriers to implementing alternative silvicultural systems (i.e., non-clearcut with reserve systems) and will develop targeted extension materials to assist in meeting practitioners' needs, as well as supporting research conducted by the SIP to address key knowledge gaps. The Specialist will be expected to travel across BC to engage in place-based fieldwork and in-person meetings and workshops as needed. The expectation is that this position will support the collective scientific, cultural and social contributions of the Silviculture Innovation Program.

Specifically, the Specialist will:

1. Build a strong community of regional hubs around BC to deliver technical extension and outreach activities to forestry practitioners and understand ongoing information needs.
2. Work with clientele to mobilize existing scientific knowledge related to silviculture, applied forest ecology, forest disturbances and resilience, climate change adaptation, and decision support.
3. Conduct meta-analyses, literature reviews, information summaries and syntheses that connect forestry knowledge to practice and identify key gaps in knowledge.
4. Help develop an online knowledge hub that stores data, reports gray and peer-reviewed scientific literature and information widely accessible to diverse audiences.
5. Lead and/or contribute to presentations, workshops, seminars and/or public meetings delivered in-person and online by the SIP.
6. Lead and/or contribute to reports and publications produced by the SIP.

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

- Master's degree or equivalent international degree in a relevant field (e.g., forestry, environmental science, biology, geography) and at

least five years of experience in forestry, silviculture, applied forest ecology, and/or forest management in BC.

- Demonstrated experience conducting extension and/or technical transfer in the forestry space.
- Demonstrated communication skills (i.e., writing and public speaking) and ability to communicate to diverse groups and cultures.
- The capacity to bring together diverse interdisciplinary networks focused on managing BC's forests for multiple values.
- Experience working with First Nations and multi-institution collaborative teams.

Preferred qualifications

- Master's degree or international equivalent degree in a relevant field (e.g., forestry, environmental science, biology, geography) and at least 10 years of experience working in forestry, silviculture, applied forest ecology, and/or forest management in BC; OR
- PhD degree or international equivalent degree in a relevant field (e.g., forestry, environmental science, biology, geography) and at least three years of experience in forestry, forestry, silviculture and applied forest ecology, and forest management in BC.
- Demonstrated relevant and recent experience in silviculture
- Registered professional designation – registered professional forester (RPF), professional agrologist (PAg) and/or Registered Professional biologist (RPBio) is considered an asset.

Terms of Employment

- This is a full-time, 1-year term position, with the option to renew for two years thereafter.
- The candidate can be based in Smithers, BC, but remote work options are acceptable.
- Applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada (at time of the application) and be prepared to travel around the province as and when needed.
- The successful candidate would start in the late Fall/Winter of 2023.

Additional Information

At the BVRC we value diversity — in backgrounds and in experience, and we need people from all backgrounds to help achieve our strategic plan of supporting science and extension. BVRC is an equal opportunity employer and committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our workplace and in science, conservation, and society. We strongly encourage applications from members of groups that are underrepresented and/or excluded from these sectors. We also encourage people to contact us to discuss alternate academic experiences and training that may be equivalent to a degree-granting program.

Apply

To explore this opportunity further, please send a cover letter and resume demonstrating how you meet the qualification above with title formats as follows: "(Last Name) (First Name)" - Cover and "(Last Name) (First

Name)" - Resume Subject: "Your Name" – Application for Forest Management Extension Specialist to: sip.manager@bvcentre.ca.

We appreciate all applications, however only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.
