



BC Forest Service Centenary Society

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BCFS100 FAQ's

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What is the BC Forest Service Centenary Society?

- The Society is a non-profit registered society.
- The Society was created in 2008 by retired and current staff of the BCFS to help coordinate centenary activities and projects.

What are the goals of the Society?

- To capture the rich history of the BCFS and document it so that critical knowledge can be transferred to current and future employees, students and to the public.
- To celebrate past accomplishments and to inspire optimism for the future.
- To create interest and enthusiasm for the Forest Service and the forest sector.
- To raise awareness of the historic and present role of the Forest Service.

Who is involved in the Society?

- The Society has a board of directors of retired and current members of the BCFS.
- The Society has no staff, but has used contractors to build and manage their web site; perform financial, contract and project management; provide support services; communications; and to do historical research of films and videos.
- The majority of work has been performed by volunteers or by in-kind contributors including members of the Society, the Royal BC Museum, BC Archives staff, and current BCFS staff.

What has been accomplished to date?

- researching and drafting of a book that will detail the history of the BCFS;
- researching of past film and video productions;
- creation of an interactive website to gather and publish photos, stories and historical documents; (BCFS100.ca)
- recording of oral history interviews with past employees;
- collecting and preservation of significant images, documents and artifacts;
- writing and publication of theme papers to document histories of various programs and facilities;
- coordinating local projects and events to help network current and past staff and to share their knowledge and experiences and perspectives;
- planning provincial and local events to mark the centenary; and,
- regular communication with target audiences to promote and publicize the goals and activities of the Society.

What is planned for 2012?

- publication of a book through a private sector publisher;
- digitization and publication of more historical photographs and films/videos;
- completion of additional oral interviews and theme papers;
- local community projects and events across the province to commemorate the centenary;
- a ceremony at the Legislature on February 27th, 2012; and,
- a private sector partnership to provide BCFS100 branded memorabilia and clothing.

Isn't the government disbanding the BCFS?

- The BC Forest Service and its logo have endured through 100 years of changes of governments, reorganizations, ministry name changes, government visual identity programs, up sizing, down sizing, ministry amalgamations, depressions, recessions, budgets, ministers, and deputy ministers.
- The BC Forest Service isn't so much an organizational unit as it is a collection of staff and their families who, for a century, have committed their time and energy to manage the forest, range, recreation, wildlife and scenic resources on public lands across British Columbia.
- Current and past staff are proud of this culture of service and it will continue to be that way well into the next century and beyond.
- Regardless of what current or future governments may do, in 2012 we are celebrating and honoring the past 100 years of the BC Forest Service.

For more information:

Visit the BC Forest Service Centenary Society's web site at www.BCFS100.ca that has our:

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Links and Resources](#)
- [Historical Timeline](#)
- [Stories](#)
- [Our People](#)
- [Photo Gallery](#)
- [Promotional Materials](#)

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