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Minister Accountability Statement



The *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development 2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Donaldson', written over a horizontal line.

Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural
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Purpose of the Ministry

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is the Province's land manager, responsible for stewardship of provincial Crown land, cultural and natural resources. Operating on a provincial land base of over 94 million hectares, the ministry ensures the sustainable management of forest, wildlife, water and other land-based resources, works with rural communities to strengthen and diversify their economies, and supports activities that provide benefits for all British Columbians both economically and environmentally. The ministry protects public safety through wildfire prevention, mitigation and suppression strategies and facilitates safe public access to a wide range of recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and access to British Columbia's wilderness and backcountry. The ministry also works with the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESBC), a Crown agency accountable to the ministry, to deliver its mandate as described in the FESBC 2017/18-2019/20 Service Plan. The ministry is responsible for policy development, operational management and implementation, and administers all or part of [62 statutes and associated regulations](#).

Ministry Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development's goals are to help government achieve the following three commitments to British Columbians:

- The first commitment is to make life more affordable. British Columbians are counting on government to make their lives easier by containing costs and service fees.
- The second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day, and there is so much more that we can – and must – do to provide these services where and when people need them. Additionally, in many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown corporations, and our Ministry will work with Board Chairs to improve levels of service to citizens.
- The third commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that all ministries and public sector organizations have a role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth, developing poverty reduction strategies, and helping create good-paying jobs in every region of the province.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, as we move towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Beyond our work in supporting these commitments, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has been tasked in the [mandate letter](#) to achieve the following specific objectives and performance targets:

- Protect and create jobs by fighting for a fair deal for B.C. wood products in softwood lumber negotiations with the United States.

- Work with communities and industry to develop a fair, lasting strategy to create more jobs by processing more logs in B.C. and to renew our forests by expanding investments in reforestation.
- Expand our innovative wood-products sector by addressing regulatory and capital barriers hampering the growth of engineered wood production and working with other ministers to ensure public projects prioritize the use of B.C. wood.
- Work with the Minister of Indigenous Relations, First Nations and communities to modernize land-use planning and sustainably manage B.C.'s ecosystems, rivers, lakes, watersheds, forests and old growth.
- Improve wildlife management and habitat conservation, and collaborate with stakeholders to develop long and short term strategies to manage B.C.'s wildlife resources.

Our Ministry will continue to develop specific objectives and performance measures for inclusion in our 2018/19 Service Plan, which will be released with Budget 2018.

Resource Summary

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates ¹	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Integrated Resource Operations	59,237	60,658	60,843	60,667
Resource Stewardship	107,624	116,278	117,660	118,210
Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation	41,239	44,357	44,423	44,275
Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations	24,282	24,456	24,603	24,603
Regional Operations	126,837	139,847	131,668	131,305
Executive and Support Services	69,223	73,554	74,449	74,833
Fire Management	63,164	506,293	63,986	63,986
BC Timber Sales Account	181,659	183,174	181,029	182,710
Crown Land Special Account	20	20	20	20
Total	673,285	1,148,637	698,681	700,609
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	25,893	52,852	32,748	32,373
Fire Management	525	525	525	525
BC Timber Sales	46,235	42,567	36,145	36,812
Total	72,653	95,944	69,418	69,710

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates ¹	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
Other Financing Transactions (\$000)				
BC Timber Sales Account Disbursements	87,582	94,876	84,776	81,690
Crown Land Administration Disbursements	6,382	6,382	6,382	6,382
Crown Land Administration Receipts	(30)	0	0	0
Tourism Development Disbursements	600	600	600	600
Habitat Conservation Trust Receipts	(6,380)	(6,500)	(6,500)	(6,500)
Habitat Conservation Trust Disbursements	6,380	6,500	6,500	6,500
Habitat Conservation Trust Net	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	(6,410)	(6,500)	(6,500)	(6,500)
Total Disbursements	100,944	108,358	98,258	95,172
Total Net Cash Source (Requirements)	94,534	101,858	91,758	88,672

¹For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2016/17 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2017/18 Estimates.

* Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

Major Capital Projects

Major Capital Projects (over \$50 million)	Targeted Completion Date (Year)	Project Cost to June 30, 2017 (\$ millions)	Estimated Cost to Complete (\$ millions)	Approved Total Capital Cost of Project (\$ millions)
<p>Natural Resource Permitting Project (NRPP) NRPP will help streamline and simplify access to natural resource related permitting services within government’s natural resource agencies, consistent with Government’s commitment to reduce red tape. NRPP is following the best practice of breaking down large IT projects into smaller, self-contained scope components that deliver value. Planning for future scope components is underway. Consistent with government’s gated approach, any investment for additional scope components will require government review and approval. Government committed to the foundational phase of NRPP in 2014/15 at a cost of \$57.2 million. An additional \$21 million of funding has subsequently been approved for additional scope components bringing the total funding committed to the project to \$78 million. For more information, see the NRPP capital plan.</p>	2018	61	78	78

Forest Practices Board Resource Summary

The Forest Practices Board independently monitors and reviews forest and range practices in B.C.’s public forests and rangelands. The Board audits both tenure holders and government ministries for compliance with forest and range practices legislation, carries out special investigations and issues reports as appropriate, investigates concerns and complaints from the public, and participates in appeals to the Forest Appeals Commission. It informs both the B.C. public and the international marketplace of forest and range licensees’ performance in carrying out sound practices and complying with legal requirements.

The Board’s mandate is provided by the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the *Wildfire Act*. While the Board operates independently from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, its budget vote is the responsibility of the Minister. The Board reports its accomplishments and priorities through an annual report found at: www.bcfpb.ca.

Forest Practices Board	2016/17 Restated Estimates ¹	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Total	3,813	3,817	3,829	3,829
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Total	0	0	0	0

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Appendix B: Hyperlinks to Additional Information

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BC Timber Sales: www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/

EmergencyManagementBC: www.embc.gov.bc.ca/index.htm

FPInnovations: www.fpinnovations.ca/

GeoBC: geobc.gov.bc.ca/

Integrated Land and Resource Registry: <http://geobc.gov.bc.ca/rrr/ilrr/index.html>

Land Based Investment Strategy: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment>

Major Projects BC: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/natural-resource-major-projects>

Wildfire Information: www.bcwildfire.ca

Crowns, Agencies, Boards and Commissions associated with the Ministry:

Crowns

[Creston Valley Wildlife Management Authority](#)

[Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia](#)

Major Agencies, Boards and Commissions

[BC Timber Export Advisory Committee](#)

[Forest Practices Board](#)

[Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board](#)