



Forestry Rejuvenation Strategy

Aspen Study – Phase 2

Maximizing the Returns from Aspen Forests

Northeast BC is home to mixed coniferous and deciduous forests, which has traditionally been viewed negatively since there have been limited markets for the latter species. To develop markets for the marginalized fibre, the Northern Rockies initiated a two-phase study in early 2017, which revealed promising data about the quality and yield of the deciduous forests abundant in the Northern Rockies.

Phase 2 of the *Maximizing the Economic Returns from Aspen Forests* study is being funded in part by a \$300,000 BC Rural Dividend Fund grant from the Forest Ministry's Rural Development, Lands and Innovation Division. With forest sector research and development support from world leader FP Innovations, investigation is planned into a variety of products based on the findings from Phase 1, in addition to targeted marketing and industry identification that will create awareness of the world-class aspen resource in the community's back yard.

FP Innovations has already committed significant financial resources to the project. Logging of sample aspen stands has taken place using local contractors, and with the processing occurring locally at Trans North Timber, with some wood forwarded for further analysis and testing.

The market-matching phase of the study will follow once the results of this work are available, with the results used to provide hard data to forest industry investors.

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