

FPInnovations presents

Commercial Thinning Workshop

September 27th, 2018

Vernon, B.C.

Overview

In the last 25 years the forests in the interior of B.C. have been negatively affected by several severe insect attacks and large wild fire incidents. Increases in harvest levels to salvage these dead and damaged forests have been successful in using a large proportion of the damaged stems. As a result of this effort the interior is now faced with a reduction of available fibre and thus a “Mid Term Fibre Availability Challenge”. At the same time managed forests established 35 to 45 years ago “Second Growth” could be a source of fibre to help reduce the impact and reduction of the AAC’s in the first pass forests and thus an improved available wood supply to the mills.

This workshop will:

- **Focus on commercial thinning in second growth leading Douglas-fir, western hemlock and balsam managed forests as well as partial cuts in stands with restrictions.**
- **Introduce participants to models used to forecast the effects of commercial thinning’s. Present the implications of growth and yield from CT.**
- **Present some successful examples of CT in other jurisdictions in Canada.**
- **Provide practical information on planning, tree harvest selection, quality control and managing costs.**
- **Provide a field trip component to visit treated CT and other potential candidate CT stands.**



Location and Date

Workshop will take place on September 27th, 2018 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 5300 Anderson Way. Session will start at 8:00 a.m.

Costs

- Free for FPInnovations members
- Coffee and snacks will be provided during the morning session, however participants are required to bring a field lunch.
- PPE is required for the field trip component of the workshop.

Agenda: Commercial Thinning Workshop

TIME	TOPICS
08:00	Welcome and Introduction – <i>Colin Koszman, FPInnovations</i>
08:15	Growth and Yield & Basic Silviculture of Commercial Thinning – <i>Cosmin Filipescu, CWFC NRCan</i>
09:05	Planning and Managing Costs for Commercial Thinning – <i>Ken Byrne, FPInnovations</i>
10:15-10:45	Session Break
10:45	Operational Silviculture using Commercial Thinning - <i>Philippe Meek, FPInnovations</i>
11:45	Depart and travel to various field sites.
12:15–15:30	View Silver Star “ <i>selection</i> ” harvest, previously commercial thinned site and view Aberdeen area (final field sites to be confirmed)
16:30	Discussion, wrap-up and return travel to Vernon

REGISTRATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To register, please e-mail Colin.Koszman@fpinnovations.ca. There is limited space available for participants.

Field Session:

Participants are responsible for their own PPE (Hard hat, high visibility vest, safety toed boots etc.) and transportation to the field. Please double up where possible for travel with pickups.

Participants are required to bring their own field lunch.

Handouts:

A printed copy of the speaker’s notes will be provided to participants as well as a listing of relevant Commercial Thinning research.

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