

# Lilwat Forestry Ventures NEWSLETTER

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FEATURE STORY

Lilwat Forestry Ventures (LFV) engaged in a collaborative project with the University of British Columbia's (UBC) **Master of Sustainable Forest Management (MSFM) Program** from January 20 to 24, 2025.

Led by Dr. Ken Byrne, Registered Professional Forester, Lecturer, and Coordinator for the MSFM Program at UBC, **21 students visited Mount Currie and the Pemberton area to develop a landscape-level forest management plan** centred around key themes such as cultural burning and commercial thinning.

Gordie Boldt, Canadian Overseas Log Broker, talking about log values and call grading with MSFM students at Malcolm Knapp Research Forest. Photo credit: Dr. Ken Byrne



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## RECENT NEWS

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation has awarded a **\$790,000 USD grant** to the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry to support collaborative research focused on **Indigenous-led, proactive approaches to wildfire management and ecological restoration**. The project, co-led by Dr. Lori Daniels and Dr. Janette Bulkan, seeks to better understand the ecological and cultural benefits of innovative forest management, including prescribed and cultural burning practices, in collaboration with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation, Stuxwtéws First Nation, and **Lilwat First Nation**.



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## UPCOMING TRAINING

### S390: Intermediate Fire Behaviour Course



Only  
**10**  
Seats  
Available

**DATE:** May 5-6, 2025 at Ts'zil Learning Centre, Room 105  
**PRICE:** \$500 for two-day course

At successful completion of this course, participants will have met the following learning outcomes under the Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction (FBP) System:

1. Identify and describe the characteristics of fuels, weather, and topography that influence fire behaviour.
2. Describe the interaction of fuels, weather, and topography on fire behaviour in wildfire, prescribed fire, fuels management and safety.
3. Interpret, communicate, apply, and document fire behaviour and weather information.
4. Demonstrate the use of weather tools and Red Book to determine primary outputs and fire behaviour predictions.
5. Recognize the FBP Fuel Type Descriptions along with the unique fire behaviour and effects for each type.
6. Apply the information to develop safe and effective fire management decisions, e.g., fuels management, prescribed fire, suppression.

### S219: Firing Operations Course



Only  
**3**  
Seats  
Available

**DATE:** May 7-8, 2025 at Ts'zil Learning Centre, Room 105  
**PRICE:** \$500 for two-day course

This is the NWCG version with a BC twist, customized for future projects. At the successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the Firing Boss for planning, execution, safety, coordination, and evaluation of an ignition operation on a wildland or prescribed fire.
2. Describe the characteristics, applications, safety and availability of the various firing devices a Firing Boss has at their disposal.
3. Given a wildland or prescribed scenario, prepare a firing plan and briefing that contains desired fire behavior, firing techniques, required resources, coordination, safety and risk management factors, and communication, to meet specific objectives.
4. Practice the role of a Firing Boss through exercises that cover organizing, briefing, communications, and firing scenarios.

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## CURRENT PROJECTS



### Old Growth Stewardship Data Collection Project

Lilwat Forestry Ventures is leading a data-collection project to assess old-growth areas within the First Nation's traditional territory. The Old Growth Stewardship Data Collection Project will give the Nation a snapshot of the forest to help promote wildfire management, wildlife habitats and the growth of traditional plants.



### Wildfire & Community Resilience Training

Stillwater Consulting Ltd. and Lilwat Forestry Ventures recently partnered to deliver two fully funded, six-week training programs on Wildfire & Community Resilience. The 12 students enrolled will receive 240 hours of comprehensive training across essential field skills.

## MEET OUR TEAM

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### Troy Bikadi

Meet **Troy Reuben Bikadi**, a Senior Certified Utility Arborist and General Forman for LFV. He is a key member of our team who helps ensure trees are properly maintained for our community's safety and overall forest health.

#### Interesting Facts:

- Troy first became involved with LFV in 2011 when it was named Creekside Resources Incorporated.
- Throughout his career, he had the opportunity to move to Nanaimo and travel all over British Columbia.
- Troy has a passion for climbing, which led him to explore a career as an Arborist.

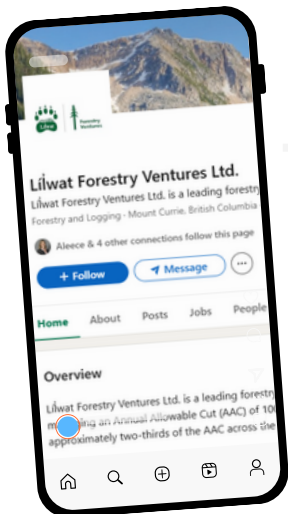




## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2**  
APR **BC Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Annual Convention**  
Prince George Civic Center, Prince George, BC

**14**  
APR **Wildfire & Resiliency and Training Summit**  
Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre, Penticton, BC



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## KUDOS



Lilwat Forestry Ventures was a finalist for the **2025 BC Cleantech Awards** in the **Adopter of the Year** category. This category recognizes a leading organization, company, or group adopting or championing sustainable practices in their industry.



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