

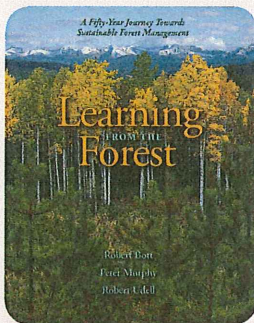
# Adaptive Forest Management/History Program



## By understanding our past, we shape our future.

Established in 1996, the Adaptive Forest Management/History Program examines the historic roots of forest management in Alberta and the role they have played in the evolution of current forest practices.

### Book Projects

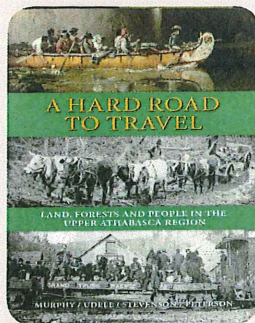


2003

The History of Forest Management at West Fraser's Hinton operation.

"This is an important account .. a first in Canada ..."

Ken Armon, former Chief Forester of Ontario

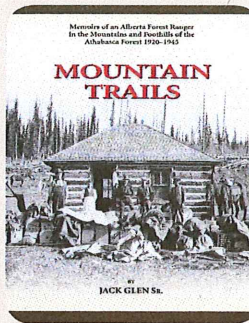


2007

History of a region at the heart of Alberta and Canadian history

".. wonderful book .. thoroughly researched .. brilliantly presented ..."

Edmonton Journal, August 19, 2007



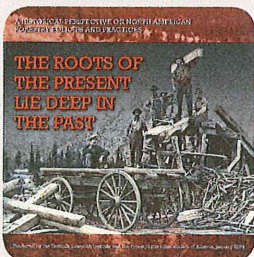
2009

Memoirs of a Forest Ranger at Entrance, Alberta 1920-1945 - an on the ground view of early Forest Service history

".. a relaxing and amazingly informative look back in time to when life was much more straightforward and true."

Steve Otway, Foothills Research Institute Board Member, Jasper National Park

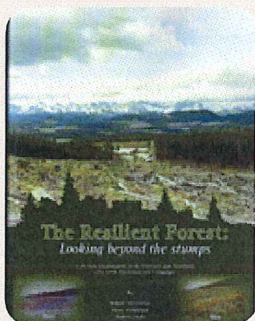
### Other Projects



Video/powerpoint of historic forum at 2004 CIF/SAF National Convention - Evolution of forestry, diverging tracks between Canada and U.S.A.

".. the best plenary I've seen in decades ..."

Norm Brocard, former Woods Mgr., Simpson Timber



In 1972, a controversial ENGO campaign targeted forest practices in the Hinton area. This report examines the assertions and predictions of that campaign.



Quicknotes: Canadians are generally unaware of the Columbia/York Factory "Express" that stretched for 4200 km and lasted 40 years in the 1800s as the main east-west mail and transportation route. Paradoxically, virtually every Canadian knows about the USA's "Pony Express" that lasted just over a year in the 1860s and was more than 1000 km shorter than the Canadian express route.

## Major Projects 2010 and Beyond

### The Northern Rockies Ecotour

The major project for 2010 - combines information from AFM/History program with new research and new communications tools to develop a multi-faceted tour package for the traveler new to the FRI landscapes, as well as residents interested in learning more about the area where they reside. This EcoTour will be an interpretive guide for the highways 16, 40 and 93 corridors including side trips. The tour will offer not only interesting ecological, geological, cultural and historical features of the area, but also selected projects and programs of the FRI and its partners. In future years, the EcoTour is proposed for adaptation to a digital format available as a download to a GPS-compatible iPhone or iPod device.



Mountain Park Cemetery, 2009



Earlier EcoTour with new tools for route finding and communication

### A Logging History of the Whirlpool River

A study of the unique history of the Whirlpool River valley, focusing on the railway tie logging of the 1920s but including the river's links to the history of Aboriginal people in the area, the development of the fur trade, and the early development of Jasper National Park.



Dr. Peter Murphy examines remnants from early 20th century river driving along Athabasca River, 2009

### A 50-Year History of Silviculture on the Hinton FMA

In 2000, consultant Lorne Brace produced a preliminary report on the history of silviculture on the Hinton FMA. This will be updated to include more recent developments in the advancement of the silviculture program, as well as findings from a number of other reports in the AFM/History Program, including "50 Years of Harvest and Reforestation" and "The Resilient Forest".



Tree Planters, "Camp 1", 1960s

Foothills Research Institute is a leader in developing innovative science and knowledge for improved resource management on the face of hardtimes through diverse and actively engaged partnerships.

The Foothills Research Institute is located in west central Alberta, and is based on the resource community of Hinton, home to the town of Hinton, three towns west of Edmonton. It covers roughly 2,700 km<sup>2</sup> (1,040 sq miles) and provides services to the province of Alberta, the provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, and the United States. It also includes some provincial crown forest management units and the Hinton Training Centre's Lake Pierre de Tabority Forest. Within its boundaries are three forest types - poplar, mountain, and mixed - and a number of forest uses including timber, recreation, and coal extraction, tourism, and recreation.

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