



GLOBAL THINKERS, ACTING LOCALLY

The power of strong partnerships will fuel the future of Foothills Research Institute. Through our partners' contributions, our tools and knowledge are integrated into land and forest management policy, planning and practice. The strength of our organization would not be what it is today without our partners' commitment and we are honoured to have contributions of all shapes and sizes.

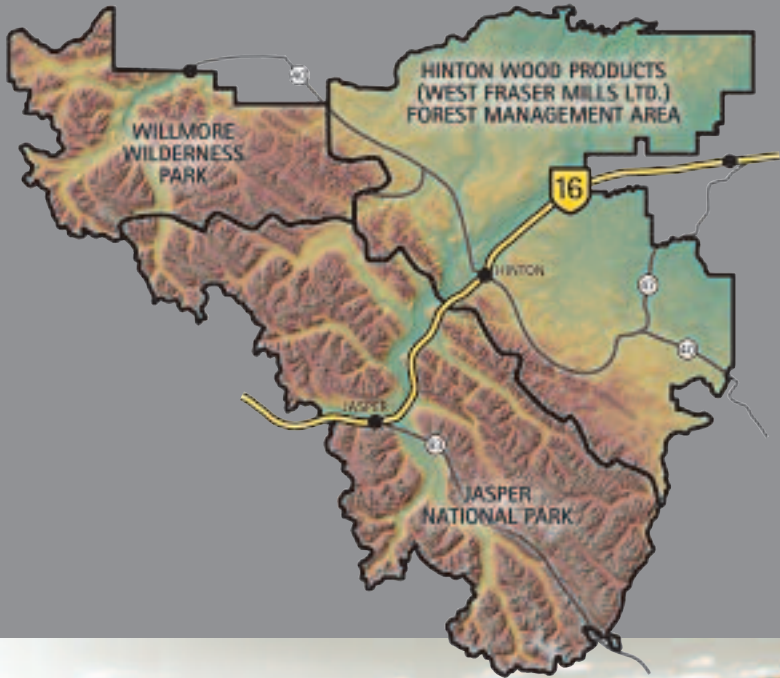
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FOOTHILLS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Foothills Research Institute landbase is located in west-central Alberta, and is based in the resource community of Hinton, some three hours west of Edmonton. It covers roughly 2.75 million hectares (27,500 square kilometres), and embodies Jasper National Park of Canada, Willmore Wilderness Park, William A. Switzer Provincial Park and the Forest Management Area of Hinton Wood Products, A division of West Fraser Mills Ltd. It also includes some provincial "crown forest management units" and the Hinton Training Centre's Cache Percotte Training Forest. Within its boundaries are three forest areas — boreal, montane, and sub-alpine — and many forest uses including timber, petroleum, and coal extraction, tourism, and recreation.

Over 60 percent of the Foothills Research Institute land base is protected. The remaining area is a working forest. This model of partnership encourages the coordinated management of a large and rich landscape.



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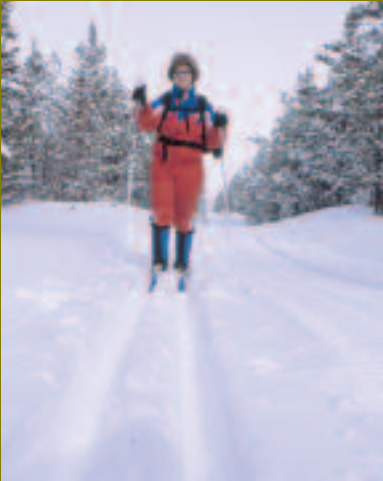







# SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

FOOTHILLS RESEARCH INSTITUTE IS A LEADER IN DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ON THE FOREST LANDSCAPE THROUGH DIVERSE AND ACTIVELY ENGAGED PARTNERSHIPS.





WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR VISION BY:

- BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DIVERSE AND ACTIVE PARTNERS WHO ARE WORKING IN OR ARE CONCERNED ABOUT NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.
- IDENTIFYING NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES AT THE LANDSCAPE LEVEL THAT ARE COMMON TO OUR PARTNERSHIP, RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.
- PROVIDING SCIENCE-BASED TOOLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE AND AVAILABLE TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGERS, POLICY MAKERS, AND THE PUBLIC.
- BROADLY DISSEMINATING OUR KNOWLEDGE.

TO HELP GROW KNOWLEDGE, TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY AND FOSTER INFORMED DECISION-MAKING, FOOTHILLS RESEARCH INSTITUTE WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING THEME AREAS.



PROGRAM EXAMPLES WITHIN THE THEME AREAS:

**LANDSCAPE DYNAMICS** Mountain Pine Beetle Ecology Program – this new program will include natural disturbance and stand dynamics research and will examine the relationship of fire, mountain pine beetle and the eventual community impacts.

**WILDLIFE** Foothills Landscape Management Forum – the Integrated Industrial Access Plan continues to evolve and assist resource companies in reducing their footprint on the habitat of the Little Smoky and A la Pêche caribou herds in north-western Alberta.

**WATER** Water Quality and Quantity Program – creating a new program that will focus on integrating watershed management decisions with resource management decisions.

**FOREST COMMUNITIES** Aboriginal Involvement Program – continues to demonstrate excellence in the Multi-Community Traditional Cultural Study Referral Process and supporting Aboriginal-Industry visits.

**DATA, INFORMATION, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program – provides GIS and data management support to all Programs and is currently developing a data catalogue for all Foothills Research Institute Programs.