

Northern Silviculture Committee (NSC) 2026 Winter Workshop

Theme:

***Improving Northern Silviculture in Challenging Times
Through Adaptation, Innovations, and Collaborations***

EVENT AND SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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Wednesday Feb. 18th and Thursday Feb. 19th, 2026

NSC Winter Workshop - DAY 1 (Wednesday February 18th, 2026)

7 AM to 8:10 AM	REGISTRATION and MORNING REFRESHMENTS
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TIME	Speaker	Organization	Topic and Title
8:15 AM	Greg Rose & Mike Jull	NSC	WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION & WELCOME
8:30 AM	Alana Clason	Silviculture Innovation Program (SIP)	The Provincial Silvicultural Innovation Program (SIP): Active Projects and Current Directions
9:15 AM	Leanne Puhallo	BC Ministry of Forests, Office of the Chief Forester	Designing stocking standards for a wildfire resiliency objective
10 AM			DAY 1 MORNING COFFEE BREAK

10:30 AM	Diana Gerdenits	Society for Ecosystem Restoration in Northern BC (SERNbc)	Developing new stocking standards for wildfire restoration in concert with ecological objectives
11:30 AM	Angus Brochez	Dept of Fisheries and Oceans, Pinkut Spawning Facility	Wildfire Effects on Streams and Fisheries: An Observational Review
12:15 PM			DAY 1 LUNCH
1 PM	Erin Hall	BC Ministry of Forests Research Section, Skeena Region	Stand-Scale Forest Models in B.C.: Understanding the suite of models available and the relevant applications
1:45 PM	Pablo Crespell	College of New Caledonia (CNC) Research Forest	Radio-frequency identification (RFID) tagging for tracking seedling nursery assets
2:30 PM			DAY 1 - AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK
3:00 PM	Sohail Akram	University of Northern BC (UNBC)	Using FVS-BC Models for Central Interior BEC to Test Different Silviculture Treatments and future applications to disturbances such as wildfire and insect outbreaks
3:45 PM	Dana Hopfauf RPF	Mackenzie District, BC Ministry of Forests	Pining for resistance: exploring potential traits associated with lodgepole pine resistance to <i>Dothistroma</i> needle blight
4:35 PM	NSC Moderators		CLOSING THOUGHTS for DAY 1, and INTRODUCTION to RESEARCH POSTER SESSION and SOCIAL EVENT
5:00 – 9:00 PM	SOCIAL TIME	Sponsored by NSC	EVENING SOCIAL EVENT & Silvicultural and Forestry Research Poster Session

NSC Winter Workshop - DAY 2

(Thursday, February 19th, 2026)

7:30 AM to 8:15 AM	MORNING REFRESHMENTS and CATCHING-UP TIME !
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TIME	Speaker	Organization	Topic and Title
8:15 AM	NSC Moderators	NSC	INTRODUCTION to Day 2, and WELCOME BACK !
8:30 AM	Alex Pierre	Tanizul Timber Ltd.	T'laz'ten First Nation’s perspectives and operational approaches to forestry brushing and vegetation management
9:15 AM	Sophie Wong & Bonita Zawada	Canfor PG & Black Sheep Brushing Operations	Sheep grazing as a forestry vegetation management tool
10 – 10:25 AM			DAY 2 MORNING COFFEE BREAK
10:30 AM	Dr. Che Elkin	University of Northern BC (UNBC)	Using drones to evaluate early seral vegetation: opportunities and challenges
11:15 AM – 12:00 Noon	Erica Lilles, Stephen Chipman	BC Ministry of Forests NorthPac Forestry Group Ltd.	Learning from Light-harvest Partial-cutting entries in the Date Creek Research Forest
12 PM to 12:45 PM	Vanessa Foord	BC Ministry of Forests	Drought and Seedling Mortality

12:45 PM	NSC Moderators	Northern Silviculture Committee	Closing workshop thoughts and invitation to upcoming AGM after lunch !
12:45 PM to 1:30 PM			DAY 2 LUNCH
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	NSC 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Elections		NSC 2026 AGM – All welcome