

Northern Silviculture Committee (NSC) 2026 Winter Workshop

Theme:

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

EVENT AND SPEAKER SCHEDULE

(Version 1.0, 15/01/2026)

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

Note New Location !: Prestige Treasure Cove Hotel, 2005 Highway 97 South, Prince George, BC

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

7 AM to 8:10 AM	REGISTRATION and MORNING REFRESHMENTS		
TIME	Speaker	Organization	Topic and Title
8:15 AM	Greg Rose & Mike Jull	NSC	Welcome and Workshop Introduction
8:30 AM	Alana Clason	Bulkley Valley Research Centre	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	Regional Stocking Standards for Wildfire Risk Management and Mitigation

10:00 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
1:00 PM	Erin Hall	BC Ministry of Forests, Office of the Chief Forester	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
2:50 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
3:30 PM	Brandon Geldart	Society for Ecosystem Restoration in Northern BC (SERNbc)	McLeod Lake Moose Habitat Enhancement Project Utilizing Alternative Silvicultural and Stand Management Practices
4:10 PM	Dana Hopfauf	Mackenzie District, BC Ministry of Forests	Pining for Resistance: Exploring Potential Traits Associated with Lodgepole Pine Resistance to <i>Dothistroma</i> Needle Blight
4:55 PM	NSC Moderators		Closing Thoughts for Day 1, Introduction to Forest Research Poster Session, and Social Event

5:30 PM Start	Research Community	UNBC and CNC	Silvicultural and Forestry Research Poster Session
5:30 – 8:00 PM	SOCIAL EVENT	Sponsored by NSC	Evening Social Event

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 & Chelsea Heyer	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
10:00 – 10:25 AM			DAY 2 MORNING COFFEE BREAK

10:30 AM	Ché Elkin	University of Northern BC (UNBC)	Using Drones to Evaluate Early Seral Vegetation: Opportunities and Challenges
11:15 AM	Erica Lilles	BC Ministry of Forests, Skeena Region	Learning From Light-harvest Partial-cutting entries in the Date Creek Research Forest
12 Noon	Vanessa Ford	BC Ministry of Forests, Omineca Region	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 1:45 PM			DAY 2 LUNCH
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	NSC 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Elections		NSC 2026 AGM – All welcome