



Joint Forests / Industry CIO Forum - 2008 Annual Plan

Progress to Date

The CIO Forum has demonstrated good progress since its establishment approximately 2 years ago by the Joint Ministry / Industry Operations Forum

- Participation from licensees represents approximately 85% (on a volume harvested basis) of all licensees in the province. These licensees also represent approximately 85% of the data or information transactions between licensees and government. In 2007 the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations joined the forum
- Two successful FIM Workshops have been held with good representation from licensees, government and service sector from across the province.
- A “community of interested parties” has been built and communication lines have been established:
 - FIMBC.CA website
 - FIMBC newsletters
 - FIMW annual workshops
 - CIOF project teams
 - Gov’t – Industry business drivers
 - Inconsistent business practices
 - Forest roads
 - Data submission requirements
 - Data sharing
 - TRIM access and update
 - Participation on working groups and committees
 - NE BC Pilot re TRIM issues
 - Provincial Base Mapping Advisory Committee (PBMAC)
 - Vegetation Inventory Advisory Committee (VIAC)
 - First Nations Mountain Pine Beetle Initiative
- The participation on the forum has survived change both in industry and in government
 - Cascadia – Western personnel changes
 - Weyerhaeuser internal changes
 - Interfor internal changes
 - Canfor internal changes
 - MoFR – change in CIO position and other personnel
- The forum has demonstrated progress on several issues of interest to both government and industry. Some of these are issues that have come from the FIM Community via workshop discussion:
 - Inconsistent business practices
 - TRIM access & Data Exchange Agreements
 - Forest roads issues re ABR reporting
- As directed by the Operations Forum, the CIO forum has established lines of communication and relationships with industry associations (CoFI, ILMA, CFPA, FBCWA, Oil & Gas Commission)



Focus for 2008

For 2008 the CIO Forum will continue to build on progress to date with specific focus on

- *Supporting projects that have very clear, demonstrable value return to industry and government through cost reduction or streamlining*
- *Addressing concerns raised at FIMW in the areas of*
 - *Data sharing*
 - *Base map updating*
 - *Forest Road information requirements and process*
 - *Reducing inconsistencies in government requirements*
- *Increasing the amount of communication about information management initiatives and issues*
- *Raising the level of awareness of CIO Forum activities and initiatives within industry and government*

Specific activities for 2008

- Relative to addressing themes raised by the FIM Community
 - Work, in conjunction with other initiatives where possible, to promote and demonstrate the value of data sharing as a means to reducing the cost of collecting and managing data.
 - Monitor reported government inconsistencies and work to ensure issues are addressed
 - Work to ensure that data requirements are not duplicated and are to standards justified by business requirements
- Publish at least 6 newsletters for 2008
- Hold 5 CIO Forum meetings in 2008
- Organize a FIM Workshop targeted for October 2008 if warranted and supported by both industry and government
- Participate, through representation, in significant initiatives
 - PBMAC (Provincial Base Mapping Advisory Committee)
 - NE BC Pilot Project
 - Resource Roads Act initiative
 - VIAC (Vegetation Inventory Advisory Committee)