



## HOW ARE WE INVOLVED IN BIOENERGY & AGROFORESTRY?

Resources North is a new society, formed in October 2007, funded by Natural Resources Canada's Forest Communities Program.

Our goal is to work with communities, industries and governments to create new direction, energy and tools that facilitate an integrated approach to resource management.

We have received funding from Western Economic Diversification Canada (WEDC) to conduct two projects that explore alternative uses of mountain pine beetle affected forests in communities and First Nations of northern BC :

**1. Potential of biomass energy systems and industries for First Nations economic diversification, stability and well-being**

**2. Demonstration of agroforestry opportunities to offset mountain pine beetle impacts on forestry**

Through a series of workshops, presentations and discussions we aim to:

1. Increase understanding of the potential of agroforestry and biomass energy systems to enhance long-term community stability and economic diversification;
2. Provide information on the business potential, products, and marketing of biomass energy systems and industries in the Prince George, and Lakes Timber Supply Areas; and
3. Assess the feasibility and desirability of establishing agroforestry and biomass energy systems for First Nations communities.

The First Nations covered by the proposed workshops include: Saik'uz, Nak'azdli, Tl'azt'en, Nadleh Whut'en, Lheidli, Yakoochie, Cheslatta, Stelat'en, Ts'il Kuz Koh, and Wet'suwet'en First Nations. The nearby municipalities are Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Burns Lake, and Prince George.

The agroforestry workshops were delivered during the first week of December 2009 and the bioenergy workshops will be delivered March 2-4, 2010. Visit our website for details, presentations and resources.

### Our Area Includes...

- A large portion of the north and central BC, totaling nearly 25.5 million hectares.
- Most communities in the region are small and dependent on forest resources.



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