



HOW ARE WE INVOLVED IN INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT?

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.

Resources North is conducting a five-year program to improve the integration of community needs into landscape management in northern BC.

Applying Community Needs to Managing the Land - An Integrated Landscape Management Partnership Project

This project focuses on the development and testing of practical operating-level techniques and tools to integrate development in a way which generates the optimum flow of benefits from the landscape and its resources.

RNA has proposed pilot projects in the South Peace region, Mackenzie, and Vanderhoof-Ft St James areas, where local partnerships will address critical Integrated Resource Management (IRM) issues. Some of the projects include:

- *working with First Nations on biomass energy systems,*
- *defining social and cultural indicators for IRM; and*
- *furthering development of the Agroforestry sector.*

The combined effects of the mountain pine beetle (MPB) epidemic and global economic uncertainty have community and industry leaders seeking solutions from projects such as these that derive long-term benefits, reduce the environmental footprint, and facilitate decision-making that take a more integrative approach across sectors and communities.

RNA also continues to support local research projects that address sustainable resource management. These projects include caribou habitat research, effects of the MPB epidemic on hydrology, soils, and riparian areas, and investigating the landslides and climate change relationship. In addition our work with the Northern Climate Change Network is designed to promote proactive community-level adaptation responses to climate change impacts.

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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