



## QUICK FACTS SHEET

Resources North Association (RNA) is a not-for-profit organization that works with communities, industries and governments to support integrated approaches to natural resource management. As a result of our activities, communities will enjoy enhanced economic stability, environmental sustainability, and a healthier society.

RNA was formed in October 2007, and is supported through a combination of Natural Resources Canada's Forest Communities Program, project-based grants, and social entrepreneurship.

### Assets

- Broad membership including 3 natural resource sectors, communities, First Nations, academia, government, and small businesses.
- Respected, professional, independent and unbiased.
- Member of the Canadian Model Forest Network and the International Model Forest Network.
- Provides a neutral forum for respectful, plain language exchange of knowledge.
- Creates a venue for communication of new approaches & opportunities for IRM.
- Brings expertise in partnership brokering, multi-sectoral engagement and facilitation, project management, and proposal development.

### Key Accomplishments

- Used Forest Communities Program funding to leverage an average of \$800K annually to explore new economic opportunities and sustainable practices.
- Developed workshops and publications to help communities understand new forest-based opportunities such as bioenergy and agroforestry.
- Provided information and piloted tools to help communities understand and adapt to climate change.
- Developed online information access to caribou management strategies.
- Supported youth awareness of natural resource career opportunities.

### Future Directions

- Broaden and strengthen partnerships and services to expand our enterprising non-profit business model.
- Implement a multi-sectoral Landscape Management Forum to improve resource industry coordination, efficiencies, & credibility – one project at a time.
- Continue to assist resource based communities to diversify their economies through partnerships and demonstrations projects.
- Develop and facilitate stakeholder engagement processes on natural resource management issues.
- Initiate & foster the development of an agroforestry industry in the region through partner collaborations and demonstration sites.
- Work with partners to develop an alternative energy information portal for communities.

### Our Area Includes...

- ...25.5 million hectares within northern BC.
- ...over 100 natural resource dependant towns, communities, and First Nations.
- ...diverse ecosystems, industries, land users and cultures.



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