



## Wetzin'kwa Fast Facts

- Wetzin'kwa Community Forest Corporation was granted a Community Forest Agreement in 2007
  - The tenure is jointly held by the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa, with participation from the Office of the Wet'suwet'en
  - The area of the community forest licence is 32,897 hectares
  - Wetzin'kwa is overseen by a board of seven directors, with representatives from the Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa, Office of the Wet'suwet'en and Newpro, and three representing the community at large
  - The community forest is on
- Wet'suwet'en traditional territory and Wetzin'kwa strives to protect cultural heritage sites and values, and to maintain a good working relationship with the Wet'suwet'en
  - The word *Wetzin'kwa* means flowing blue green or clear waters in the Wet'suwet'en language and refers to the Morice and Bulkley rivers
  - Skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, camping and horseback riding all exist within the community forest
  - Wetzin'kwa works with local outdoor organizations to improve recreation
  - The Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre sits within the community forest tenure



area and a portion of logging profits within the 200-metre-wide trail management area are shared with the Bulkley Valley Cross-Country Ski Club

- Two designated BC Recreation Sites at Dennis Lake and Twin Falls offer free camping within the community forest



## Fast Facts, continued...

- \$1.5 to 2 million is spent annually on labour within the community forest for forest management, logging, log hauling, seedling production, tree planting and forest health services
- Up to \$100,000 is contributed to the provincial government annually in stumpage fees
- Wetzin'kwa's annual allowable cut is 30,000 cubic metres
- More than 90 percent of Wetzin'kwa logs are saw logs that are processed into lumber at mills in Smithers
- Roughly half the processed lumber is shipped to the United States, 30 percent to China, 15 percent to Japan and the remainder is used domestically
- Commercial tree species found in the



community forest include lodgepole pine, spruce, sub-alpine fir and western hemlock

- The Community Grant Program has funded dozens of projects since 2009, investing over \$500,000 into community initiatives in the area
- Wetzin'kwa has planted well over one million trees

