

## **Land Use Plan to Protect BC Coastal Rainforest**

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Interfor welcomes Land Use Plan announced for BC coastal forests.

A land use decision by the provincial government will protect some of the most spectacular and ecologically diverse coastal temperate rainforests in the world. The plan has been widely supported through a collaboration of effort between industry, environmentalists, First Nations, local governments and many other stakeholders.

Interfor played an important role in the developing the plan by helping parties reach a consensus agreement that will see a balance of conservation and development interests. The company has been involved in the Coast Forest Conservation Initiative that has been working together for many years with environmental groups in a unique joint solutions process to resolve land use issues on the BC coast.

The plan establishes more than 100 new protected areas, preserves vast areas of coastal forest, and identifies other areas available for timber harvest. Forest operations will be guided by a new ecosystem based management approach that is designed to ensure the coexistence of healthy ecosystems and a sustainable economy.

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