



IVMA of BC 2023 Forum:

Agility in Vegetation Management

November 7 – 9, 2023

Sun Peaks Resort – In person and virtual participation options

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 2023

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**Pre-Forum Workshop with the Ministry of Environment
and Climate Change Strategy**

12:00 – 1:00pm **Join us at Sun Peaks For LUNCH!** *Sponsored by Cleanfarms, Belchim, Boultsbee Vegetation Management, and Kootenay Ground Maintenance.*

1:00 – 4:30pm **BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Workshop**

*Hear updates and news from MOE's Integrated Pest Management staff and participate in group discussion and Q/A sessions to help provide feedback on the future of vegetation management related policy in BC including an interactive discussion on the **NEW** IPM Digital Transformation Strategy!*

- *Emily Carmichael – IPM Policy Analyst, Environmental Protection Division*
- *Chelsea Eby – IPM Officer, Environmental Protection Division*
- *Michael Lapham – Compliance Section Head, Environmental Protection Division*

COFFEE BREAK – Sponsored by Advantage VM

- *Andreas Wins-Purdy – Senior IPM Officer, Environmental Protection Division*
- *Jackie Duys – Service Designer, Natural Resources Info and Digital Services Division*
- *Dawn Walker – Senior Service Designer, Environmental Protection Division*

5:00pm – 6:30pm **Welcome Reception – Sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and Vesperis**
EVERYONE WELCOME! (included in your registration fee)



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8th

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7:00 – 8:00 **Breakfast – Join us for a breakfast before the day begins** (Sponsored by Spectrum Resource Group Inc.)

Session 1: Opening and Welcome

8:00 – 8:30 Welcome by the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome from the Province of BC – *Hon. Bruce Ralston, BC Minister of Forests*

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome to the IVMA of BC Forum – *IVMA President Dan Tisseur*

9:00 – 9:30 Ecosystem resilience: Getting Beyond the Catchphrase – *Don Gayton (Ecologist and Writer)*

9:30 – 10:00 **Coffee Break** – Sponsored by Enbridge

Session 2: Climate Change

10:00 – 10:20 Creatively enhancing biodiversity and climate benefit through collaboration and innovative funding approaches. - *Tony Harrison (Zanzibar Holdings)*

10:20 – 10:40 Managing Invasive Plants in a Changing Climate - *Becky Brown (BC Ministry of Forests) (0.25 CECs)*

Session 3: Fire and Flood

10:40 – 11:00 Putting Good Fire out on the Land - *Dr. Sonja Leverkus (Shifting Mosaics) (0.25 CECs)*

11:00 – 11:30 Feeding the Fire: Drivers and Impacts of the *Ventenata dubia* invasion in the Inland Northwest – *Dr. Claire Tortorelli (University of California, Davis) (0.5 CECs)*

11:30 – 12:00 Climate Change, Vegetation, and Natural Disaster and their Impacts on Transportation Infrastructure *Grahame Gielens (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)*

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** – Sponsored by Davey Tree Services and Asplundh Canada Inc.



Session 3: Fire and Flood (cont'd)

1:00 – 1:20 Fighting Fire with Fire - *Morgan Boghean (BC Wildfire Service)*

1:20 – 2:00 Vegetation Management Products

- Challenges in Vegetation Management: Review current challenges in the Vegetation Management world today and present solutions both old and new. - *Aaron Foster (Veseris)*
- New Products: Rinskor Active – *Lisa Jarrett (Corteva Agriscience)* (0.5 CECs)

2:00 – 2:15 **Coffee Break** – Sponsored by Integrity Industrial Services Ltd.

Session 4: Indigenous Perspectives

2:15 – 2:35 First Nations Emergency Services Society of British Columbia Fire and Flood Support Overview - *Dave Pascal (FNESS)*

2:35 – 2:55 Invasive Plant Impacts in the Okanagan – *Don Louis (Okanagan Indian Band)* (0.25 CECs)

2:55 – 3:15 Indigenous Perspectives and Guardianship for Invasive Plant Management – *Dave Walkem (Invasive Species Council of BC)* (0.25 CECs)

3:15 – 4:00 Recent legal decisions and Treaty Rights in BC - *Cliff Proudfoot (Lawson Lundell LLP)* (0.75 CECs)

4:00 – 4:30 **IVMA BC Annual General Meeting – All members welcome!**

4:30 – 6:00 IVMA Bursary Winner Poster Session

- Down and Dirty with the Knottiest of Weeds by *Adam Soames (Thompson Rivers University)*
- The Rise of the Weevill Abundance and Phenology of *Banasternus fausti* and *Larinus minutus* in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia - *Andres Mancero Barreto (UBC Okanagan and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)*
- Brushing with Sheep and Goats: Reducing Competitive Herbaceous Vegetation in Regenerating Forests of the Northern Interior *Julie Forrest (University of Northern BC)*
- Rubus Restoration - *Matthew Syvenky (Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver)*



6:00 – 9:00 Banquet – Sponsored - With Exciting Keynote Speaker [Lesra Martin!](#)
(Sponsored by Colebran Vegetation Ltd., Pathfinder Endeavors, Canfor, and Western Aerial Applications Ltd.)

Lesra Martin was once an inner-city kid dismissed by society; he rose from a poorly educated Brooklyn teen to a highly respected attorney. His heartrending story, which was the subject of the major feature film *The Hurricane*, has inspired millions, including its star, Denzel Washington. Also inspired by his experiences, The National Film Board of Canada produced the documentary *The Journey of Lesra Martin*, a compelling film that was screened at numerous film festivals around the world. Among many other notable appearances, Lesra has addressed world leaders and General Assembly Delegates of the United Nations. He has been featured on countless television and radio shows, including *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *Larry King Live*.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9th

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7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast – Join us for a breakfast before the day begins (Sponsored by Mosaic Forest Management)

Session 5: Doing Business

8:00 – 8:30 The Professional Governance Act and Practice Rights Framework - *Kate Haines (Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance)*

8:30 – 9:00 Health and Safety Responsibilities of workplace parties (pesticides) - *David Torrie (WorkSafeBC) (0.5 CECs)*

9:00 – 9:20 IVMA of BC Mini-workshop to gather feedback on upcoming updates to the Industrial Vegetation and Noxious Weed Pesticide Applicator Certificate Manual

9:20 – 9:40 Coffee Break – Sponsored by FortisBC



Session 6: Innovative Techniques

- 9:40 – 10:00** Katana Trials on Scotch Broom and Gorse, Vancouver Island - *Cole Schneider (Mosaic Forest Management) (0.25 CECs)*
- 10:00 – 10:20** Aerial Trim Saws and Utility Vegetation Management – *Mike Lewis (CN Utility Consulting) (0.25 CECs)*
- 10:20 – 10:40** The Use of Spraying Drones for Vegetation Management: Hydro Quebec’s Experience After 4 Years - *Mathieu Demers (Hydro Quebec) (0.25 CECs)*
- 10:40 – 11:40** Updates from the BC Interior Broadleaf Working Group - *Neil Hughes (BC Ministry of Forests)*
- 11:40 – 12:25** Glyphosate Residues in Western Canadian Forests: Some New Research from UNBC’s Plant Lab - *Dr. Lisa Wood (University of Northern British Columbia) (0.75 CECs)*
- 12:25 – 12:30** **Wrap up** - President IVMA of BC

***THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING
THE INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF BC!***