



**[IVMA of BC 2023 Forum:](#)**

***Agility in Vegetation Management***

**November 7 – 9, 2023**

**[Sun Peaks Resort](#) – In person and virtual participation options**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**CEC CREDITS: TBD**

**Pre-Forum Workshop with the Ministry of Environment**

**12:00 – 1:00pm**      **Join us at Sun Peaks For LUNCH!** *(included in your registration fee)*

**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.*

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



**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**7:00 – 8:00**     **Breakfast – Join us for a breakfast before the day begins** (*included in your registration fee*).

**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 – *Interim IVMA President Dan Tisseur*

**9:00 – 9:30**     Ecosystem resiliency

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

**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)*

**Session 3: Fire and Flood**

**10:40 – 11:00**   Prescribed Fire - *Sonja Leverkus (Shifting Mosaics)*

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

**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**



### **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

**2:00 – 2:15** **Coffee Break – Sponsored**

### **Session 4: Indigenous Perspectives**

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

**2:35 – 2:55** Invasive Plant Impacts in the Okanagan

**2:55 – 3:15** Indigenous Perspectives and Guardianship for Invasive Plant Management

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

**4:00 – 4:15** **IVMA BC Annual General Meeting – All members welcome!**

**4:15 – 6:00** Student Bursary Poster Session

- Down and Dirty with the Knottiest of Weeds by *Adam Soames (Thompson Rivers University)*
- The Rise of the Weevil 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!](#)**



**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

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**7:00 – 8:00am Breakfast – Join us for a breakfast before the day begins (*included in your registration fee*).**

**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** Updates from WorkSafe BC - *David Torrie (WorkSafeBC)*

**9:00 – 9:20** TBA

**9:20 – 9:40 Coffee Break**

**Session 6: Innovative Techniques**

**9:40 – 10:00** Katana Trials on Scotch Broom and Gorse, Vancouver Island - *Cole Schneider, Chelsey Toth (Mosaic Forest Management)*

**10:00 – 10:20** TBA

**10:20 – 10:40** The Use of Spraying Drones for Vegetation Management: Hydro Quebec's Experience After 4 Years - *Mathieu Demers (Hydro Quebec)*

**10:40 – 11:40** Vegetation Management in Forestry - *Kari Stuart-Smith (Canfor), 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)*

**12:25 – 12:30 Wrap up** - President IVMA of BC

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING  
[THE INTEGRATED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF BC!](#)**