

NEWS RELEASE

Forest Stewardship Plan for Kitsumkalum First Nation approved

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Kalum Ventures Limited is pleased to announce that the BC Ministry of Forests has approved the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for forest tenures held by the Kitsumkalum First Nation.

“This is the first FSP to be approved for a First Nation in British Columbia, and is reflective of the proactive approach to resource management that we are taking on behalf of the Kitsumkalum people”, said Lyle Bolton, General Manager for Kalum Ventures. In the spring of 2004 the Kitsumkalum First Nation started to receive advice on forestry matters from Estevan Forest Management; a Vancouver Island company. Subsequently, Kalum Ventures commenced the FSP process with Northwest Timberlands, a local forest consultant. “Since then, Northwest Timberlands has worked very closely with our people and the BC Ministry of Forests, and we are very pleased with the Forest Stewardship Plan that has resulted.”

“I have really enjoyed the challenge of writing this FSP”, says Northwest Timberlands’ Rick Brouwer, the Professional Forester who prepared the FSP for Kalum Ventures. “Much of the challenge focused on ensuring that the traditional heritage of the Kitsumkalum is recognized and addressed, while creating a FSP that would allow Kalum Ventures to conduct forest operations that are consistent with the Kalum Land and Resource Management Plan and the new *Forest Range and Practices Act*. I was also very encouraged by the many people at Kitsumkalum, in the local community, and in the government agencies that want to see Kalum Ventures succeed. Their efforts really helped this planning process work smoothly.”



Rick Brouwer (left) and Lyle Bolton celebrate the approval of the Kalum Ventures FSP

The FSP covers the traditional territory of the Kitsumkalum, and applies to forest management under two forest tenures awarded to the Kitsumkalum as part of a Forest and Range Agreement between the Government of BC and the Kitsumkalum First Nation. Kalum Ventures has formed strategic alliances with local loggers and consultants, and according to Mr. Bolton, the people of Kitsumkalum are already benefiting from revenue sharing and employment.

Kalum Ventures Limited was formed in 2004 to manage Forest Licence A73726 and Forestry Licence To Cut A77424 for the Kitsumkalum First Nation. These tenures have a combined five year cut of 400,000 m³. For more information on Kalum Ventures Limited, please contact Lyle Bolton at (250) 635-8060.

Northwest Timberlands provides services in all aspects of forest management, including strategic planning, forest tenure administration, permit acquisition, forest valuation, operations advice and supervision, and project management. For more information about Northwest Timberlands’ activities, please contact Rick Brouwer or Trevor Jobb at (250) 638-0337, or visit the Northwest Timberlands website at www.nwtimber.ca.