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Hello,

The Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship are collaborating with First Nations and engaging with stakeholders across British Columbia to develop an action plan to support the implementation of the Old Growth Strategic Review, which includes a BC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework (previously called the declaration).

In January and February, the province brought together more than 300 First Nations and multisector participants at two provincial forums to share ideas and better understand the current state, opportunities for improvements and the future management of our forests and ecosystems. Building on those conversations, the Province is organizing a series of in-person and virtual regional workshops in the coming weeks for more opportunities to hear additional insights.

You are invited to attend any workshops of your choice to share your view and hear directly from others. Your insights will help shape the content of the old growth strategic action plan and will contribute to future regional planning efforts to implement changes from the Old Growth Strategic Review.

WORKSHOP DATES:

In addition to a series of regional workshops specifically for collaboration with First Nations, the Province is planning the following Southern Interior regional workshops for select stakeholders together with First Nations.

- **Wednesday, April 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Kelowna (in person)**
Delta Hotels Grand Okanagan Resort, 1310 Water St, Kelowna, BC
- **Thursday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. VIRTUAL session**

At registration, you can select the workshops that would work best for you. If you are not able to attend, you may send one alternate in your place. These workshops will have a similar format to provide the same opportunity regardless whichever you attend. All regional sessions will be facilitated to allow for ideas to be shared and discussed between workshop participants and ministry staff in a respectful and collaborative way.

Registration

Please fill out this [form to register for either of the workshops](#) by March 27, 2023, by 4 p.m. Registration is free, and your business information will be required to ensure participation.

Once your registration has been received, background information will be shared in advance of the workshop to support meaningful and informed participation. For the virtual workshop, a link to attend the session will also be provided.

If you have any questions regarding these regional workshops, please email Brenda.hartley@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your interest. We hope you or a designate from your organization will attend these workshops with us.

Sincerely,

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