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B.C.'S MANAGED FOREST COUNCIL APPOINTS A NEW CHAIR

VICTORIA, B.C., February 1, 2021 –Today the Managed Forest Council, British Columbia's regulator of forest practices on private managed forest land, announced the appointment of Trevor Swan to a three-year term as Chair effective February 1, 2021, following the retirement of the current Chair Rod Davis.

Trevor, an accredited lawyer, registered professional forester and chartered director, has over 30 years experience in developing and implementing legislative and regulatory frameworks in B.C. for the forestry and oil and gas sectors. He served as the President of the Association of BC Forest Professionals in 2020 to 2021. This is Trevor's second appointment as Chair, previously having served from 2004 to 2011.

The Council consists of five members: two members appointed by the provincial government; two members elected by Private Managed Forest Landowners and the Chair which is jointly appointed by the other four Council members.

"I welcome the opportunity to return as Chair and work with Council to build on the progress made under Rod's tenure," said Swan. "I look forward to working with Council, private landowners, regional communities and governments as we continue evolving the environmental, social and economic benefits derived from B.C.'s private managed forest lands."

After nine years as Chair, Rod Davis, is retiring on January 31, 2021, having served on Council since its inception in 2004.

"On behalf of Council and its staff, we thank Rod for his immense contributions and leadership to our organization over the past two decades," said Blair Robertson, vice-chair, Managed Forest Council. "Rod's professional guidance and extensive experience have been extremely beneficial in realizing the success of the Managed Forest Program."

"We are exceptionally pleased to have Trevor joining us. His appointment ensures a seamless transition and all of Council looks forward to working with him through our

ongoing efforts to strengthen the program goals and objectives, further contributing to the well-being and long-term interests of private managed forest land in British Columbia,” said Robertson.

Quick Facts:

B.C.’s private managed forests contribute to the province’s forest sector:

- Approximately 808,000 hectares of B.C.’s forest land are included in the program.
- Harvest from private managed forest lands accounts for approximately 10 per cent of the provincial harvest each year.
- Approximately, 4,500 jobs are supported by private managed forests.
- All private managed forests are inspected regularly, a minimum of once every five years with 20 per cent inspected each year.

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About the Managed Forest Council:

The Managed Forest Council is an independent regulatory agency established under B.C.’s *Private Managed Forest Land Act* in 2004 and is accountable to the Province to administer the Managed Forest Program and protect key environmental values as well as ensuring sustainable economic and social practices on private managed forest land in B.C. The Council promotes and regulates best forest management practices for protection of the key environmental values: soil conservation, water quality, fish habitat, critical wildlife habitat and reforestation. For more information on the Managed Forest Council visit:

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