
Purpose: To provide guidance to owners of private forest lands regarding the preparation or amendment of management commitments and the requirement to engage forest professionals.

Reference: *Professional Governance Act (PGA)*
Forest Professional Regulation (FPR)
*Active Registered Professional Forester or Forest Technologist:
Registered and in good standing with the Association of British Columbia
Forest Professionals*

Background: In February 2021 the **PGA** was enacted that brought several professional bodies under a single regulatory umbrella.

Professional Foresters and Forest Technologists registered with the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals are included in the pool of registrants covered by the **PGA**.

Section 4 of the **FPR** provides guidance on those areas considered “Reserved practice” of registered Professional Foresters and Forest Technologists.

As a result of the changes in the definition of the practice of professional forestry, several sections of the current management commitment are now considered to fall under the definition of “Reserved practice” as defined in Section 4 of the **FPR**.

Policy: The following sections of the Management Commitment form and any amendments require the signoff by an active registered Professional Forester or Forest Technologist.

- Long Term Forest Management Objectives
- Strategies to Achieve Forest Management Objectives
- Soil Quality Assessment
- Forest Cover Information
- Commercial Species
- Restrictions on Forest Activities

The management commitment or amendment must include the signature of an active registered professional forester or forest technologist who certifies the content for the above parts fulfills the standards expected of a registrant of the ABCFP.

Date: August 16, 2022

Approved: Original signed
Trevor Swan, Chair