
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:	<i>Professional Governance Act (PGA)</i> Forest Professionals Regulation (FPR) Active Registered Professional Forester or Forest Technologist: Registered and in good standing with the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals
Background	<p>In February 2021 the <i>PGA</i> was enacted that brought several professional bodies under a single regulatory umbrella.</p> <p>Professional Foresters and Forest Technologists registered with the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals are included in the pool of registrants covered by the <i>PGA</i>.</p> <p>Section 4 of the FPR provides guidance on those areas considered “Reserved practice” of registered Professional Foresters and Forest Technologists.</p> <p>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.</p>
Policy:	<p>The following sections of the Management Commitment form and any amendments require the signoff by an active registered Professional Forester or Forest Technologist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Term Forest Management Objectives• Strategies to Achieve Forest Management Objectives• Soil Quality Assessment• Forest Cover Information• Commercial Species• Restrictions on Forest Activities <p>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.</p>
