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about the BC forum

The BC Forum on Forest Economics & Policy is designed to direct and facilitate research on key issues facing the BC forest sector. The Forum consists of individuals from academia, government, industry and other organizations dedicated to enacting positive change to foster the sustainability of BC's forest sector, forest lands and communities.

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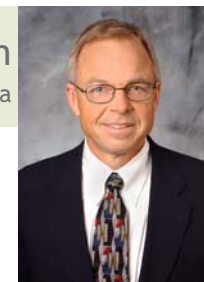
April 13



The BC Forum Distinguished Lecture Series in Forest Economics and Policy brings to BC some of the most active and innovative thinkers in forestry and focuses on the issues currently impacting our forest sector.

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The political economy of protected area performance: a framework for evaluation

date: April 13

time: 2:00pm

location: Forest Sciences Centre, UBC, room 1221
2424 Main Mall, Vancouver, BC
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The area of land set aside for conservation of biodiversity and other natural resources has grown rapidly over the last 40 years. At present, however, there is little hard evidence on how well these 'protected areas' (PAs) are achieving the goals for which they were established. Anecdotal evidence on the operation of specific sites indicates that corruption, bureaucratic inefficiency and political instability in the host country can significantly affect conservation outcomes. Ideally, these factors should be incorporated in spending decisions from the beginning. At present, this is impossible because there is insufficient evidence on which political factors matter and on their quantitative impact.

The presentation will report on a current research project that aims to provide this information. The intended result is a predictive model that identifies the host country institutional factors that are related to PA success. Results from this model will then be combined with information on species richness and threat (the factors presently receiving paramount attention) to develop a ranking system for potential PA sites. The desired end product is a prioritization scheme that allows conservation NGOs and government bureaus to allocate conservation funds more cost effectively.

The lecture is open to the public and free of charge, though space is limited. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

If you care about forestry in BC and want to be part of the solution, then we would like you to come and participate.

