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First meeting of the BC Coalition for Forestry Reform draws 33 people from across the province

Peachland, B.C., May 22, 2018 — 33 members of the BC Coalition for Forestry Reform recently held their inaugural meeting in Peachland, in the Okanagan Valley. People drove and flew in from across the province, traveling at their own cost from Smithers, Vancouver, Gun Lake, Yalakom, Kaslo and Lumby, to name just a few.

“These travel distances demonstrate the commitment of people to reforming B.C.’s forestry regulations and practices,” stated coalition steering committee member (title?) Debbie Demare of Gold Bridge, B.C. “As a province-wide coalition, we are working on strategies to ensure B.C.’s forestry regulation, legislation and policy is formed to provide communities a legal role in forestry planning and use.”

The B.C. Coalition for Forestry Reform (BCCFR) <https://bccfr.org/> is demanding significant changes to existing forest industry regulations and practices, including elimination of the exclusive reliance on industry-employed consultants and a return to community input into management of BC’s forests. The BC Government is currently conducting a review to obtain feedback on this current model of so-called professional reliance with the report due to be made public in early June.

PHOTO: BC Coalition for Forestry Reform members gather for their inaugural meeting in Peachland, B.C. on May 12, 2018

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