

BC COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES

The background features a stylized forest scene with various shades of green. On the right side, a large, dark green arrow points horizontally towards the right edge of the frame. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, using geometric shapes to represent trees and foliage.

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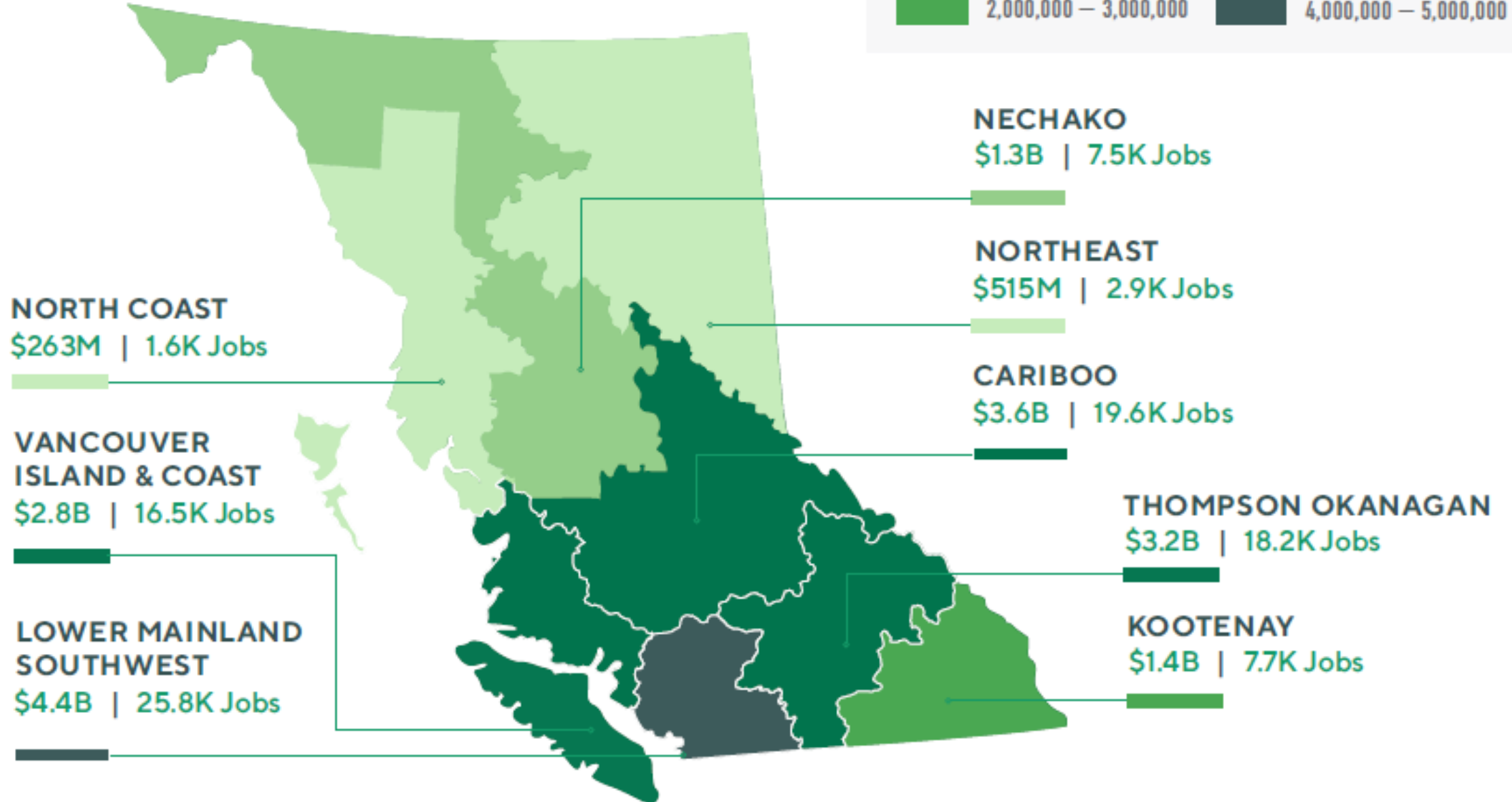
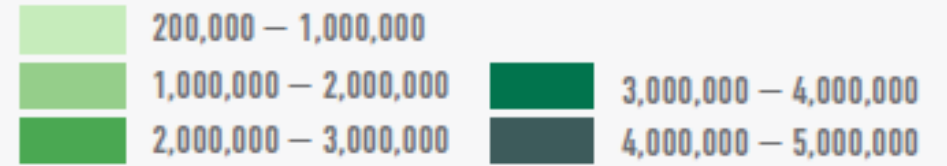


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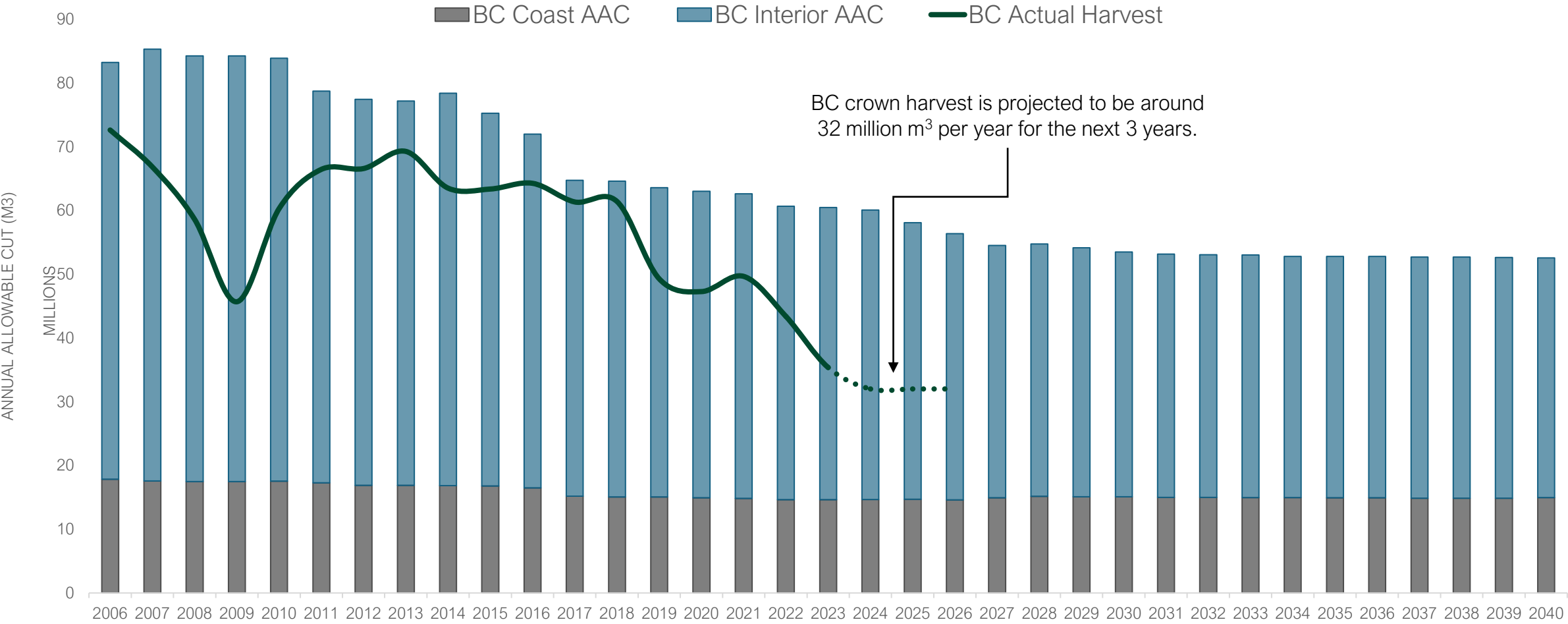
Economic Regions: GDP & Jobs Supported

GDP Created (\$000s)



Supply Constraints

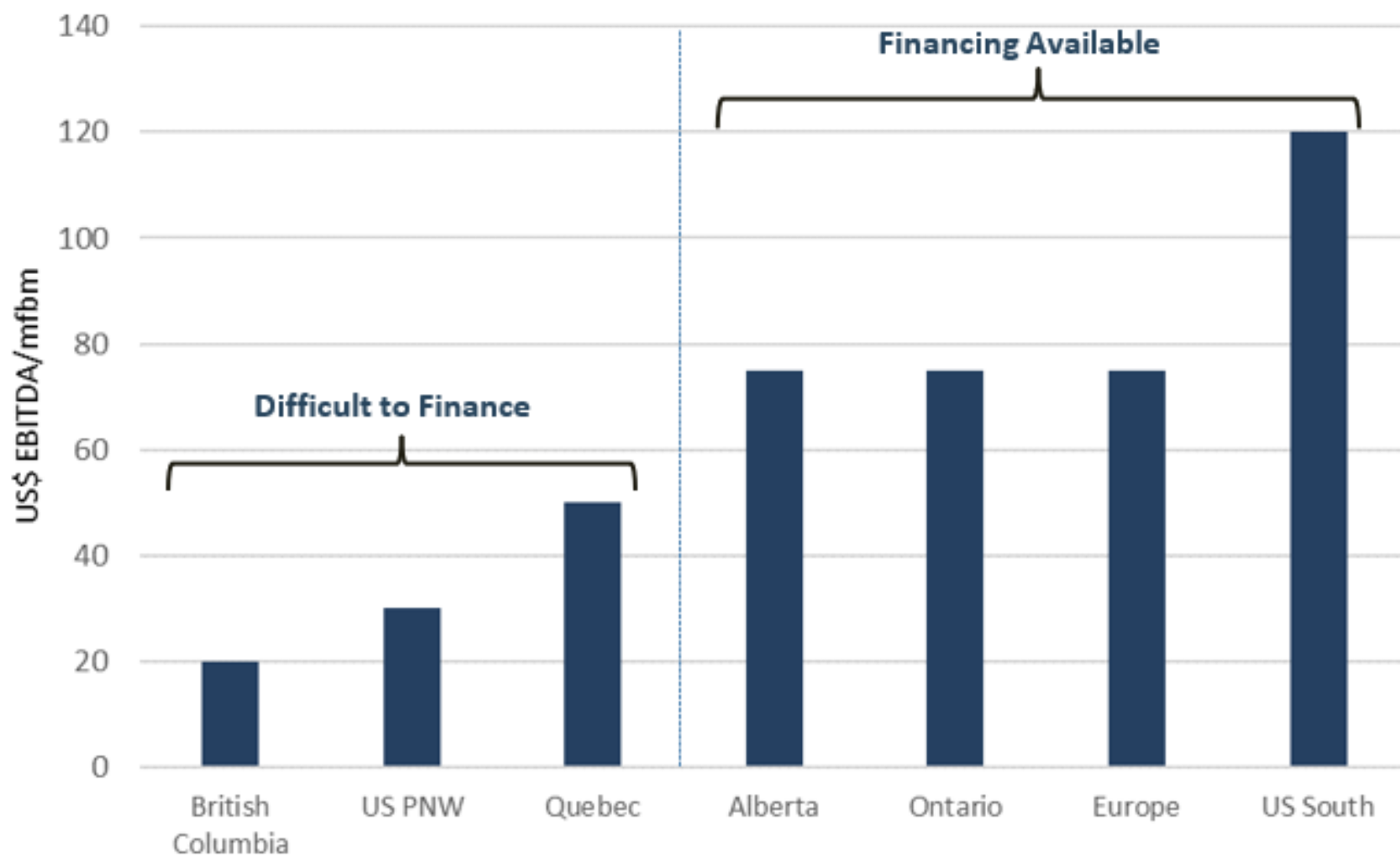
- AAC and Harvest continues to decline, with harvest projected to decline to 32M.
- Millions of Cubic Meters (M3)



Source: MoF Forest Inventory and analysis branch, Harvest Billing System

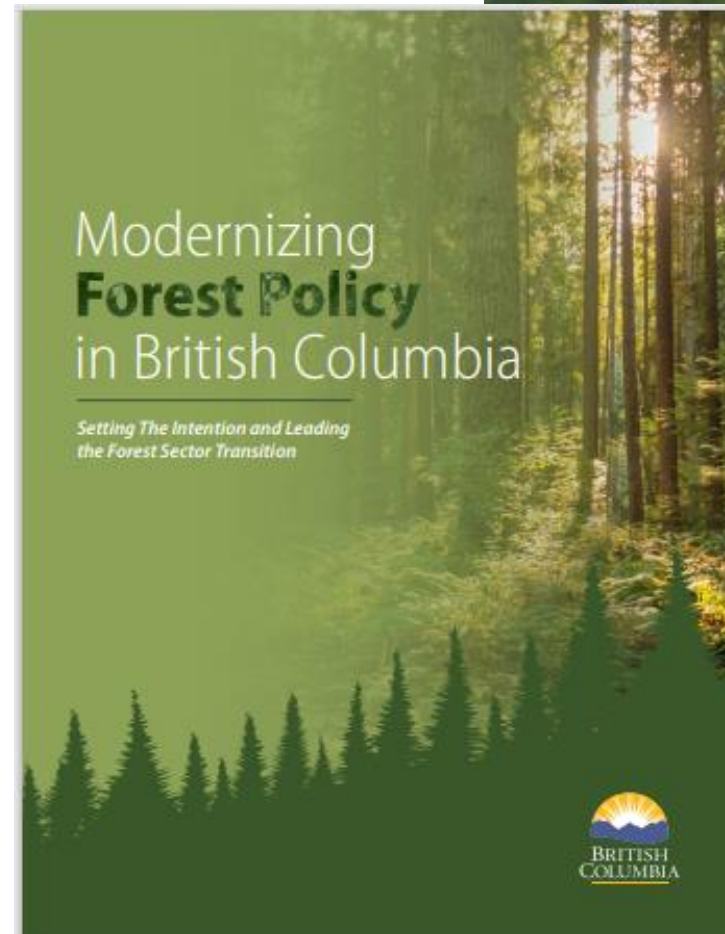
FOREST PRODUCTS | Mid-Cycle Average Lumber Profitability by Region

Minimum profitability is necessary to attract capital



BC FORESTRY POLICY INITIATIVES UNDERWAY:

- Revenue sharing and economic reconciliation with First Nations
- Modernization Forest Policy & Forest Landscape Planning
- Old Growth Strategic Review / Old Growth Deferrals
- Value-Added Manufacturing & Innovation
- Wildfire Mitigation / Emergency Preparedness
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework
- Watershed Security Strategy
- Conservation / Restoration Funding
- Thinning / Active Forest Management



3 PRIORITY AREAS FOR TRANSITION MEASURES

While new and longer-term policy processes are being implemented:

- **Stabilize and increase fibre supply** by improving permit development processes to ensure that an environmentally sustainable and economically viable harvest can be consistently achieved.
- **Practice more active forest management** – such as thinning, brushing, and salvage – to achieve wildfire resiliency, biodiversity conservation, and improved utilization.
- **Improve non-stumpage cost competitiveness** and industry **supply chain sustainability**.