



What's new...

If you are out at the Research Forest this summer, you may see a few new faces in the woods. Ralph Hausot (RPF) is the Society's new Operations Forester and, in the short 4 months that he has been here, has already made an impression by supervising our biggest planting operation to date (136,370 trees) in a very tight planting window due to the late spring we had this year.

ALRFS has also hired summer field assistant Krystin St. Jean, an Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management major at UNBC. Krystin will be helping out with trail layout and maintenance, research plot re-measurements and silviculture.

ALRFS was awarded funding for several projects this year. Continued funding from the BC Forest Science Program for long-term research installations was awarded for the next three years. Two short-term projects were approved for a second year to complete LiDAR and Douglas-fir leave tree assessments. Funding from the provincial Forests For Tomorrow program was also approved to manually brush a regenerating



UNBC graduate students participate in the ALRF Field Skills course (June, 2008).

stand harvested in 1982.

Several field courses were delivered this spring at ALRF. Two courses on Introductory Field Skills were provided in May and June. A course on the BC Biogeographical Ecosystem Classification System was also delivered by Bruce Rogers of the BC Ministry of Forests and Range.

New North Ridge Trail

A new trail is being developed at the ALRF to improve public access to the ALRF site. Thanks to funding from the Regional District of Fraser Fort George and the BC Ministry of Forests and Range, the ALRF will have a new trailhead and parking area at the entrance to the forest. The trail is being developed in collaboration with educators to make it as relevant to outdoor education as possible. Trail clearing will be carried out with the generous help of volunteers including the Caledonia Ramblers Hiking Club.

Forestry Awareness in Canada Trust (Canadian Institute of Forestry) approved ALRF funding to produce interpretive signs and brochures for the new trail. Dr. Pam Wright's Environmental Interpretation class will be using the ALRFS trails as case studies to contribute to the demonstration infrastructure.

Other News...

Spring tours: Visitors from the Koerner Foundation toured the Forest and the UNBC campus in June. Canfor's PG Woodlands Silviculture Team visited the ALRF as part of their monthly 'Team Day' professional development activities. A research group paid ALRF a visit in July and included researchers from UBC, FP innovations and Canadian Forest.

ALRFS Publication: John Revel's publication, "Devil's Club, Blackflies, and Snowshoes: A History of Aleza Lake Forest Experiment Station 1940's to 1964 (and beyond)" is available at the UNBC bookstore, Books and Company in Prince George, or by contacting Kathleen Olson (250)960-6339. All sale proceeds are put towards supporting research and education initiatives at the Research Forest.

Giscome School Tree Planting: ALRFS staff volunteered to beautify the Giscome School grounds by participating in a tree planting day in June.

New Projects: ALRF start-up funds were awarded to two projects. Lisa Poirier and Jane Young are piloting a joint study on cattails and cattail mosquitoes. This summer they will inventory and classify ALRF wetlands; and Roy Rea's pilot study examines the impact of moose browse on the growth of birch at ALRF.



ALRF's Kathleen Olson helps students from Giscome School plant a birch tree (June, 2008)

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