

2026 Provincial Election Forestry Platform Comparison

Efforts were made to collate commitments relevant to forestry made across party platforms during the 2026 provincial campaign. Some information may be missing.

COFI's Platform	BC NDP platform	Conservative Party of BC platform
Stabilize BC Forestry		
Actions within the first 90 days of forming government to stop the deepening crisis in the Forest Sector	No 90-day timeline	No 90-day timeline
Empower the Premier's Forest Crisis Action Group to cut across ministries and work with industry to meet clear, time-bound targets for getting economic timber to BC manufacturers.	"A new task force including industry, labour and ministries to take action to keep mills impacted by Trump's tariffs open"	<i>No commitment</i>
Make BC resilient in the face of market and trade conditions by restoring our position as the most competitive forestry jurisdiction in Canada.		
Freeze new government-imposed costs and requirements that could put more forestry jobs, wood supply or investment at risk.	<i>No commitment</i>	"Cut costs. BC used to be one of the most efficient lumber producers in North America, but today it is among the highest-cost jurisdictions. In 2025, BC's softwood lumber exports were 57% below 2016 by volume and more than 15,000 forestry jobs have been lost since 2022. We will review and eliminate unnecessary permitting costs so BC mills can get back to work."
Immediately review and reduce existing government-imposed costs and regulations that are making BC forestry less competitive.	<i>No commitment</i>	• "We will review and eliminate unnecessary permitting costs so BC mills can get back to work" • "Permanently cancel the NDP's PST expansion to professional services" • "Exempt productive capital from PST for three years, including taxable machinery, equipment and business software purchased or leased" • "No PST on the construction of designated major projects until they are in service" • "Repeal CleanBC to remove barriers to investment and growth" • "Cut red tape back to 2017 levels by the end of the first term, introduce a 'one-in, two-out' law and legislate firm project approval timelines"
Reduce regulatory burden by replacing duplicative and prescriptive rules with coordinated, outcomes-based regulation.	<i>No commitment</i>	• "One set of outcome-based rules, scaled to a project's footprint and decided on published timelines" • "Where affected First Nations hold an ownership stake, their agreement will be on the record and the assessment will proceed on that basis"

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Develop rapid-response plans for facilities at risk of closure, focused on maintaining operations, preserving critical infrastructure, and retaining skilled workers.	"A new \$120 million Forestry Jobs Protection Fund over two years, to support workers, communities and mills at risk of closing with targeted support"	<i>No commitment</i>
Secure an affordable and predictable wood supply		
Deliver on Forestry's Major Project and achieve a minimum annual harvest of 45 million cubic meters.	<i>No commitment</i>	Minimum harvest of 45m3 • "Provide predictable access to fibre" • "Permits will increase sustainable access to fibre with a floor of 45 million cubic metres"
Ensure no net loss of the timber harvesting land base, protecting forestry jobs and the government revenues that support public services.	• "Establish a new \$50 million fund to convert deferrals into permanent protections for the rarest and most irreplaceable old growth" • "Protect 30% of B.C.'s land by 2030" • Northwest Critical Conservation Corridor, "poised to protect an area equivalent to 12,000 Stanley Parks while enabling responsible natural resource development"	• "Resolve the old growth deferrals" • "We will protect original old growth and the most endangered and rarest ecosystems and return remaining land to the working forest"
Get permits moving		
Create a single-window permitting process with clear timelines and accountability—including greater clarity and consistency during the application preparation stage.	"Faster permitting"	• "We will establish a provincial major-project-style process for forestry permits, approvals and investment" • "Decisions will take months, not years, with a single-window consultation hub giving First Nations one door for referrals and proponents one clock"
Support First Nations with the capacity and tools to expedite permit referrals.	"First Nations Guardian programs are helping B.C. steward and care for the land and water through environmental monitoring, public safety, education and knowledge sharing. We're expanding guardian programs with First Nations, increasing boots on the ground to protect and look after B.C.'s lands, waters and forests."	Single-window consultation hub giving "First Nations one door for referrals"
Simplify multiple layers of land-use planning to one plan for a predictable land base.	<i>No commitment</i>	<i>No commitment</i>
Implement an updated First Nations Forest Revenue Sharing model so that industry only pays stumpage once while advancing meaningful economic reconciliation.	<i>No commitment</i>	<i>No commitment</i>
Trust qualified professionals to do the work they are trained and certified to do.	<i>No commitment</i>	"We will trust qualified professionals to do the work they are certified to do, as happened before 2018"

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Protect and Invest in BC Jobs and Mills		
Extend and expand funding through the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund to support projects that maintain existing jobs.	• “Make the BC Manufacturing Jobs program permanent, with annual funding of \$60 million” • “Create a dedicated Forestry Competitiveness stream for tariff-impacted mills that need to retrofit to manufacture value-added products, lower their production costs, or expand to new, non-US markets” • “Support local mills through the B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund to retrofit operations, process more second-growth timber and manufacture value-added products”	“We will extend the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund”
Fund technical innovation in silviculture, forest management, wood products manufacturing, and biomass utilization.	<i>No commitment</i>	• “We will develop a provincial biomass and bioenergy strategy focused on converting forestry residuals, mill waste, harvest slash and other underutilized biomass into renewable fuels and low-carbon energy products” • “starting with Clean Fuels Hubs in Prince George and Kamloops”
Build Homes with BC Wood		
Use BC wood in provincially funded housing and infrastructure projects.	“Set minimum requirements for B.C. and Canadian-made materials—including wood, steel, aluminum, and cement—on public infrastructure projects, requiring domestic sourcing when suppliers are competitive and on time”	“We will showcase and prioritize the use of BC wood in government-funded housing and infrastructure projects wherever possible”
Advance building code changes to encourage greater use of wood in housing • Permit six storeys of wood-frame construction over two storeys of non-combustible or mass timber construction. • Support adoption of single-exit apartment buildings. • Modernize construction product approvals by allowing building officials to rely on accredited third-party certifications.	“Streamline the permitting process by implementing standardized, province-wide technical code” for small residential builds	“Fix the Building Code. Overhaul the step code that has nothing to do with safety and quality construction and simplify and harmonize the building code”
Stand Up for BC Forestry in Ottawa and Washington, DC		
Secure a fair and durable softwood lumber agreement and pursue the elimination of U.S. section 232 and section 338 tariffs on Canadian forest products.	<i>No commitment</i>	• “We will make softwood lumber a first-rank Canadian priority in every negotiation with the US, alongside autos, steel and aluminum, with BC at the table fighting for our jobs”

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		• “We will appoint a BC rep in Washington, D.C.” to defend BC interests “against attempts to punish BC products, including softwood lumber”
Reduce federal-provincial regulatory duplication where equivalent provincial protections are already in place.	<i>No commitment</i>	Enact “a made-in-BC species-at-risk law so BC habitat decisions are made here rather than imposed by Ottawa”
Implement the Forest Sector Transformation Task Force recommendations	<i>No commitment</i>	<i>No commitment</i>
Invest in multi-year trade diversification and overseas market development to reduce reliance on the U.S. market.	• “Continuing to find and develop non-US markets for BC Wood”	<i>No commitment</i>

Other Forestry-related Commitments		
Tenure reallocation	<i>No commitment</i>	“Where the Crown reallocates tenure, licensees and Bill 13 contractors will be compensated fairly and on time”
Forest management practices	“Strengthening forest management practices”	“Bring back common-sense forest management, reflecting the unique ecology of each region, restore forest health, and reduce wildfire risk”
Wildfire	• “Support rebuilding public infrastructure, including road repairs, debris removal, and soil remediation” on municipal properties after wildfires	• “We will budget for wildfire at what it costs and move money upstream towards prevention” • “This includes active forest management, prescribed and cultural burning, more fuel breaks around communities, predictable FireSmart funding for municipalities and rapid initial attack, with hectares treated reported every year”
Tariff and wildfire relief for businesses	“Introduce a \$500 million Small Business Tariff & Wildfire Relief Fund offering interest-free loans of up to \$1 million for up to 72 months”	<i>No commitment</i>
First Nations participation	“Expand economic partnerships with First Nations to advance sustainable resource development, ensuring local communities share directly in project benefits and long-term prosperity”	• “We will encourage Indigenous participation in the forestry industry by investing in skills training” • “We will ensure First Nations benefit fully from any federal funding to support the industry and to compensate for trade-related and other threats to forestry communities”
DRIPA /First Nations Rights and Title	<i>No commitment</i>	Aboriginal Title Transparency Act: “publish maps and information about active claims, negotiations, legal actions and agreements affecting public or private land before they become binding” “Repeal DRIPA”

		• “Repeal section 8.1 of the Interpretation Act and NDP litigation directives” • “Restore the section 35 constitutional framework” • Property Rights Defence Act: “upholding the validity of the Land Title Act on all fee-simple properties in BC”
Wildlife management	"Advancing “30 by 30” nature protection: Partnering with Prime Minister Carney to protect 30% of B.C.’s land by 2030 to conserve the environment, protect wildlife habitat, and preserve public access.	• “Wildlife management will be science-based, with hunters, anglers and First Nations at the table”
Fuel Tax	“Suspend the provincial motor fuel tax by 10 cents a litre as part of a two-part effort to help protect drivers from rising prices at the pumps.”	<i>No commitment</i>