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Roy Nagel is on holidays this week, so FactsFax comes to you from MaryAnne Arcand, the CILA's new Executive Director, Member Services

Resources Expo on in 2010

Forest and Resources Expo has announced that it is changing its name to Resources Expo and broadening its focus from mainly forestry to all of BC's natural resource industries. Even that definition has changed, expanding from the traditional "extraction" industries (oil & gas, mining, forestry) to bio energy, alternate energies such as run-of-the river hydro and wind power, and including Human Resources, the people needed to keep these industries running.

The 2010 event is on, and set to go June 3-5 in Prince George.

CILA Executive Directors Roy Nagel and MaryAnne Arcand are co-chairing the event and are enthusiastic about the possibilities. "Our goal is to bring all the industries and stakeholders together, to showcase our goods, skills, technology, and people to the companies who need them in order to be successful in their BC operations". The traditional trade show focus of Expo becomes only one part of a much larger event. "We want to capitalize on the energy and opportunities created at last January's Northern Economic Summit, and bring that same vibrant mix of people, suppliers, purchasers, project representatives, government, decision makers, and movers-and-shakers together to provide hands-on networking, potential sales, and making connections opportunities".

The themes of Resources Expo revolve around issues shared by all the land-based industries: land use, permitting, multiple sets of legislation, safety, road use, technology, environmental concerns, and recruitment and retention of workers.

For more information, visit the new website, www.bcresourceexpo.ca or call (250)961-3258.



CILA provides a new tool to its members

The CILA has introduced a new series of Confidential Guides to its members on issues, policies and opportunities, with the goal of giving CILA members an edge in knowing what's coming in terms of legislation or policy changes, money saving or making opportunities, and useful business management tools. The series began with a Guide to the Wildfire Act, "What Contractors Need to Know". Other Guides include Cycle Times, Bill 13, Overtime Standards, Poacher Proofing, and so on.

Our association is supported by dues from our members, and the services we develop and provide is designed to meet our members' needs and give them strategic advantages in their business operations. Other services we

offer include CILA weekly newsletter, confidential guides, weekly internal updates on issues and activities, our excellent benefit plan, Fountain Tire rebate plan, Summit Insurance/CILA partnership, professional referrals, details of our representations to government and industry on behalf of members, and much more.

MaryAnne Arcand, our new Executive Director of Member Services, is busy developing some other exciting new services and opportunities that will be available to members over the coming months.

CILA Membership pays! For more info, call Roy or MaryAnne at (250)562-3368 or email info@cila.ca

Notice of CILA Board Meeting, Aug 21

The next CILA Board meeting is set for Friday August 21, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the CILA offices in Prince George. Both Roy and MaryAnne will be giving updates on their activities, and several new ventures and opportunities, so please mark the date in your calendar and plan to attend. RSVP to 250 562 3368 or info@cila.ca



The Central Interior Logging Association's Weekly Log-Harvesting Industry Update

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Forest Fire Updates and Info

Roughly 35,000 hectares of forest in the CILA region are burning as of this morning, part of the 800 active forest fires being fought in the province. The Ministry announced this week that costs have exceeded \$130 million, roughly \$6million per day being spent on fire fighting.

Fires of note: Kluskus Lakes (4000Rd)- 2400 ha burning, evacuation still in effect; Alexis Creek- 200 ha, evacuation order lifted yesterday; Heckman Pass (Tweedsmuir) 1400 ha, Hwy 20 still closed intermittently; Mackenzie (Phillips Cr) 70 ha, 80% contained; Manson Cr-210ha, 80% contained; Liard- 23,182ha, 35% contained; Morice River- 600 ha, 100% contained; Kispiox Valley- 300ha; 80% contained; Owen Lake- 100ha, 10% contained; Anahim Lake 1500ha, active.

Minister Pat Bell has issued severe warnings about campfires and smoking in the bush, saying there will be patrols throughout the province, and serious fines for offenders. Meanwhile, the public is starting to complain about active logging activities under the circumstances. We were on CBC radio yesterday explaining the precautions loggers take in dry conditions, and letting the public know that it's campfires and cigarettes, not logging, that have been the culprits in "human caused" fires.
