



# NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

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A newsletter for faculty, staff and students  
who participate in the  
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute  
and NRES Graduate Programs

### NRESi NOTES

### FROM THE DIRECTOR & RESEARCH MANAGER

Hello everyone,

I hope this message finds you well!

Today I'm excited to announce NRESi's new publication series, Technical Reports. This series provides the opportunity for researchers to share final reports of their research projects, that may not be broadly available otherwise. As with the Occasional Paper and Research Extension Notes, Technical Reports will be catalogued and searchable through the UNBC library. Our first report is now available and thanks to Ken Otter for helping us set up this new series. Further information about the publications and how to find the report can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

UNBC, in partnership with the College of New Caledonia, the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, is co-hosting the gathering, *Knowledge Exchange and Exploration: A Gathering for Aboriginal and Academic Communities*. It will be held at UNBC Prince George campus October 16-18, 2014. The event's website describes the conference as bringing together representatives of Aboriginal Nations and organizations together with academics from BC and elsewhere to discuss and develop best practices for education and research involving Aboriginal communities and organizations. This will also provide opportunities to understand appropriate research conduct and identify research needs. Additional information can be found on the event's website: <http://www.unbc.ca/knowledge-exchange-and-exploration-gathering>

Have a great weekend!

Leanne Elliott  
NRESi Research Manager

It's a double rainbow! :)  
The view in Prince George on Monday evening.



Photo: L. Elliott

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**We're on the web at : [www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter](http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter)**

## NEW NRESi PUBLICATION SERIES & REPORT

NRESi has been developing a third publication series, Technical Reports, to add to our existing Occasional Papers and Research Extension Notes. The following is a description of this new publication series:

*The Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute Technical Reports are comprehensive final reports of research projects. They contain results relevant to the region and the broader research community. This publication series creates an opportunity for NRES Institute members to make their research results available in a unified form. Technical Reports are published in electronic format and are catalogued by the UNBC Library. More information on formatting and the submission of Technical Reports can be found here on NRESi's website under Publications.*

We are excited to announce we have our first report that will be added to this group. Big thanks to Ken Otter for helping us get this initiative rolling in a real way! I am in the process of building a home on NRESi's website for these reports. Until then, you can access it directly from the library's website:

Otter, K.A., Harley, M.I., d'Entremont, M., Johnston, N.N., Walsh, D., Bradley, J., Willie, M., & Pomeroy, A.C. 2014. Avian Movement at the Dokie 1 Wind Energy Project 2008-2012: analysis of potential conflict between wind development and avian migration in the northern Rocky Mountains. Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute (NRESi) Technical Report #1. University of Northern British Columbia. Prince George, B.C., Canada.

<http://wizard.unbc.ca/record=b1921194~S3>

## TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES

Amy Blanding (NRES MA candidate) recently presented her research at the Canadian Association for Food Studies conference at Brock University. The title of Amy's presentation was Taste of Place: Using the Story of Food as a Tool to Inform Community Planning, which she presented in the panel discussion on Food Planning and Policy in Canadian Municipalities.

## PEACE FISH & WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

NRESi is working with the Program Manager and other representatives involved with the Peace Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, to explore opportunities that we can submit as an Institute in their next call this fall. We hope to have an information session for members and partners in June to learn more about what could be possible and begin discussions on project ideas. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. To learn more about the program, visit:

[http://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/environmental\\_responsibility/compensation\\_programs.html](http://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/environmental_responsibility/compensation_programs.html) Have ideas coming to mind already? Please contact Leanne!

## COLLOQUIUM ARCHIVE

Did you miss a colloquium or special lecture? Visit NRESi's webcast archive to catch up! This can be found through the following link: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>

## ARCHIVE OF PAST EVENTS

Information, links, proceedings, and other information from past NRESi hosted and co-led events can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. This site currently includes information about the Forest Tenure events (Annual Lecture and workshop) and a link to the Cumulative Effects Workshop site.

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## **NRESi's PROJECT COMMEMORATING UNBC's 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **A Living Memorial and Future Legacy**

#### **Project 1: Ceremonial Tree Planting**

With the planting of five, 5-year old trees on the UNBC Prince George campus, NRESi will be helping to kick-off UNBC's 25th anniversary year. This will take place on Orientation Day, which will be on September 2nd, 2014, starting at 12:45pm. NRESi's Planning Committee has been working with UNBC Facilities, the David Douglas Botanical Society, and other partners to assist in identifying appropriate location options for the trees. We are also exploring ideas to incorporate different recognitions as part of the initiative, such as involving representatives to be honorary planters (e.g. a first year student, an alumni, founding faculty, a petition signer, founders). A plaque is under development that will recognize the milestone and describe how these trees also represent the larger tree planting initiative (see project 2). This will be an open event and we welcome the full NRESi and NRES community and our networks to join us in this event and the anniversary kickoff.

#### **Project 2: Tree Planting Legacy Project**

To recognize the 16,000 petition signers who showed the initial support from the community of a university in northern British Columbia, NRESi will be planting 16,000 trees in honour of each of their important contributions. The intent is to plant trees at all of the UNBC campuses/communities, Research Forests, and the Research Centre. NRESi's Planning Committee is working with representatives across all of the properties to identify how many trees they would like to plant, what species, and what age will be preferred. In some cases, our contacts have engaged partners or are exploring opportunities in community parks, in situations where UNBC does not own property. We have had great interest from the Research Forests, who are willing and able to plant the majority of the trees on their lands. Each location will have a plaque describing the initiative and we are also looking into registering this project for carbon sequestration purposes.

#### **Project 3: Anniversary Panel Discussion**

As part of NRESi weekly colloquium series, we will be hosting a special anniversary panel discussion and celebration. This has been scheduled for Friday, September 19th, 2014. We will be inviting a range of individuals with the history, experience, and foresight to reflect on the accomplishments of NRESi and NRES, while also looking to the future and the opportunities possible for the Institute and its members. There will also be time for discussion, where we can engage in a dialogue on these themes together. We welcome any thoughts you may have on topics and/or representatives we should consider as part of this panel.



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