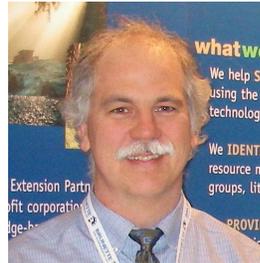


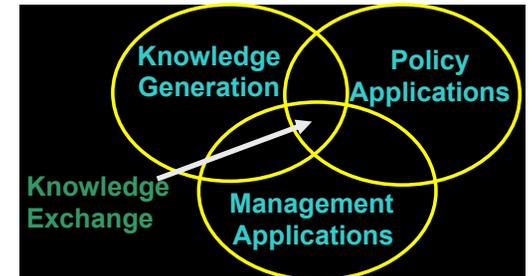
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Helping to chart the course from problem to solution

Today in British Columbia, the natural resource management community is facing challenges on a number of fronts including: climate change, alternative uses of forests (e.g., carbon sequestration, bioenergy), forest health (e.g., mountain pine beetle), mid-term timber supply falldown, biodiversity conservation, and community resilience and sustainability. These challenges have created a wide variety of information needs as natural resource managers and community leaders try to develop and implement solutions. Some of these needs may be met with existing knowledge while others will require new research. But how do you identify which needs require further study? How do you identify who has those needs? How do you share results of your research with those who need the information? How do you make sure that the answer gets to the right people so that any necessary changes in policies and/or practices can be made? And how do you evaluate whether your information has been adopted and applied? The answers to these questions are found in the realm of extension. Extension is the art and science of working with the research and operational communities to use existing knowledge and current research results to help inform solutions to problems and identify knowledge gaps so that they can be addressed by future research projects. In this presentation, I will provide some information on the basics of extension, definitions, needs and target audience identification, and information sharing and project evaluation methods. I will also provide information on FORREX Forum for Research and Extension in Natural Resources, the services we provide, and the products that we have produced.