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David Zirnhelt is a rancher and a consultant in economic development and land use policy. He is from the Cariboo region of BC, and has worked extensively with First Nations in the Province. He and his family raise grass feed beef, woodlot products, lumber and build timber frame houses. David has been doing farm research and production of industrial hemp. David's formal education is in Political Science, but he has been a student of agriculture and forestry and has farmed for over 30 years. David serves as advisor to Board of First Nations Agriculture Association. David was an elected member of the Legislature in BC for 12 years from 1989 to 2001. While in the legislature he served as Minister of Economic Development; Agriculture, Food & Fisheries; Aboriginal Affairs; and Forestry.