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ABSTRACT:

The forest sector and forest-dependent communities in many parts of the world are in transition. There is little doubt that the economic situation facing the industry today – from slumping housing markets to globalization – have contributed to and exacerbated this situation. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. This presentation will explore some of the fundamental, underlying reasons at the heart of the current economic crisis. It begins with a consideration of conservation principles and delves into what can best be characterized as a sector-wide myopia with respect to our reliance on commodity products, both in Canada and in other parts of the world. Bigger picture, global issues are discussed, as are paradigms for managing our forests, producing goods and services, operating our businesses, and ultimately, upholding the wellbeing of our rural communities.

“The Conservationist’s Axe and Other Thoughts About Forests and Communities in Transition”



We, as forest practitioners and researchers, are not only well positioned, but obliged, to work towards a conservation-based economy. One thing is certain – maintaining the status quo is no longer an option.

BIOGRAPHY:

Robert A. Kozak is a Professor at the UBC Faculty of Forestry and is the Director of FACT. His research and teaching interests revolve around sustainable business management practices and issues and providing business-based solutions to complex problems related to sustainable development, forestry, wood products and the emerging conservation economy. Currently, his work focuses on the wellbeing of forest-dependent communities, international development and poverty alleviation strategies, forest certification, corporate social responsibility, and forest sector sustainability and competitiveness.

The Doug Little Memorial Lecture



Doug Little

1928—1993

The Doug Little Memorial Lecture series was initiated by the faculty of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in the fall of 1996. This annual event commemorates the late J.D. Little, former Senior Vice-President Forest Operations, Northwood Pulp and Timber Limited.

Doug was a founding supporter of UNBC and a recipient in 1986 of the Distinguished Forester award from the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals. Doug Little's philosophy was that with appropriate forest management, the resources of the forest can be sustained for future generations.

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

