

BVRC forum *Adding On* to previous discussion

Next month, the Bulkley Valley Research Centre builds on the success of its 2012 *Adding It All Up* conference with the follow-up forum *Adding On: Knowledge Management and Cumulative Effects*.

The forum will examine the need to manage for cumulative effects, focusing on data management and

the ways we collect, store and distribute knowledge so it can best contribute to informed decision-making.

"Our previous conference raised the issue of cumulative effects and managing the combined impacts of industrial development on the landscape during times of economic

growth," BVRC research program manager Rick Budhwa said.

"What we heard at that conference was that managing those impacts starts with effective data management that informs decision-making."

The event is April 16 and 17 at Hudson Bay Lodge

and will showcase new and ongoing initiatives, providing a basis for discussion around information management. Topics include ecosystem management, climate change adaptation and case studies about knowledge sharing.

Updates will also be provided from presenters at the previous *Adding It All*

Up conference.

The goal for this event is to provide an interactive forum that focuses on knowledge management and data sharing.

"This forum is about integrating assessments to support more informed land and water management," said Don Morgan, a systems ecologist

with the B.C. Ministry of Environment's Ecosystem Protection and Sustainability Branch.

"It merges topics like cumulative effects and climate change adaptation into the same assessment process because they rely on the same people, knowledge and information."

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