



ERIN HALL

Awarded the 2018 Irving Fox Memorial Scholarship for Natural Resources Research and Management



Erin is a Smithers resident who has lived and worked in the Bulkley Valley for over 18 years. While in the Bulkley Valley she has worked across the natural resource sector including forestry consulting, ecology and silviculture research, crown land management, and most recently as a Stewardship Forester for the Province of BC.

Erin is beginning a Masters of Science program this fall at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Graduate Program. Her goal throughout this program is to model and evaluate the recovery of ecosystem components (especially those directly linked to wildlife habitat) after different disturbances including wildfire, mountain pine beetle, and different silviculture systems and silviculture treatments.

Her masters work will include a case study of northern caribou winter range. She will be studying northern caribou habitat and developing recommendations for the management of fire and mountain pine beetle damaged stands that will also support the recovery of caribou winter range. This will be an interdisciplinary project, as she will be bridging the fields of silviculture, forest ecology, and wildlife habitat management. Erin is currently collaborating with provincial wildlife biologists to develop the project. She also intends to connect with the Indigenous community within whose traditional territory the fieldwork will be conducted.

Erin is committed to the sustainable management of our natural resources and looking forward to taking some time away from work to focus on her research.