

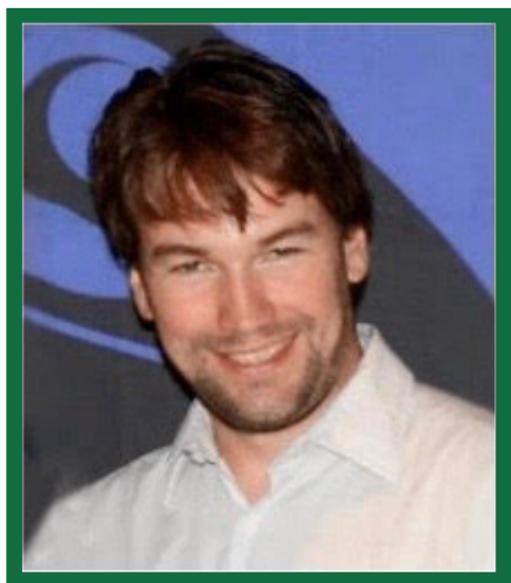


Bulkley Valley Research Centre

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NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Join us in welcoming the Bulkley Valley Research Centre's newest Board Member, Dr. Dave Loewen! David was raised on Haida Gwaii before moving to the Bulkley Valley and later Prince George. David is an Open Learning Faculty Member at Thompson Rivers University. David's academic background is in Education and Business Administration. He has a Doctorate of Education, specializing in online and distance education. As Principal of a small consulting firm, David's work spans northwest BC and the Yukon. David has been the Director of Policy, Planning and Strategy at the College of New Caledonia and the Regional Director, Indigenous Health with Northern Health. With over a decade of experience in silviculture and sustainable forestry management as well as extensive volunteer board experience, David is an excellent fit for the BVRC. David is active outside and tries to keep up with his three kids, alpine skiing in the winter and mountain biking in the summer.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The BVRC's Annual Report is out! Check out [this link](#) for a full account of what the Centre was up to in 2021.

MISS WINI KESSLER'S SEMINAR?

Dr. Wini Kessler shared her fascinating history as a pioneering force in natural resource management during a BVRC Seminar. If you missed it, don't despair, we've recorded it for you. To view it and any other seminars that you may have missed, visit our [YouTube Channel](#) and help us promote this great research!

2022 BVRC IRVING FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are actively seeking nominations for the 2022 BVRC Irving Fox Scholarship. Please send your nominations to info@bvcentre.ca by **June 30th, 2022**. For more information about the BVRC Irving Fox Scholarship, visit our [website](#).

BULKLEY VALLEY LAKES DISTRICT AIRSHED MANAGEMENT SOCIETY CLEAN AIR PLAN

The Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society Clean Air Plan is a coalition of citizens, industry, local business, health professionals, environmental scientists and community planners. Since November 2002, their mandate has been to educate, and increase the understanding of the public, environmental organizations, government and the press about environmental preservation and restoration. They do this by offering workshops, seminars, training and lectures on air quality and its importance. Learn more about this group [here](#). Their most recent report, an updated Micro Emissions Inventory of the BVLD, can be found [here](#).

BVRC IN THE NEWS

The *Tyee* recently published an article called "[Ancient Fire Prevention Practices, Reignited](#)" that considers indigenous peoples' ability to manage the risk of wildfire. The article focuses on the effects of colonization and what it calls "the criminalization of cultural practices". It references the five calls to action outlined in the article "The Right to Burn: Barriers and Opportunities for Indigenous-Led Fire Stewardship in Canada." This article was written in part by Bulkley Valley Research Centre Board Member, Dr. Kira Hoffman. Way to go, Kira!

WESTERN CANADA'S NEW WILDFIRE REALITY NEEDS A NEW APPROACH TO FIRE MANAGEMENT

Wildfire seasons are coming earlier, burning more ground and causing more damage to human communities, wildlife habits, and natural resources. [This article](#), published in *Environmental Research*, explores this phenomenon and argues that prescribed fire and cultural burning are crucial and massively underutilized mitigation techniques in Western Canada.

HOW DOES CULTURAL BURNING IMPACT BIODIVERSITY? A QUESTION FOR ALL AGES

Do you know kids living in wildfire-prone environments? Or kids who are interested in the role of cultural burning? Here is a scientific article for kids explaining the role of cultural burning in wildfire-prone environments! [This](#) article, published on the *Frontiers for Young Minds* website, also considers the sociopolitical history and significance of this indigenous practice in a way that resonates with young people. Science is for everyone!

THE RIGHT TO BURN

If you've been with the BVRC for any time, you will likely have noticed that we see significant value and opportunity in historical indigenous fire stewardship practices. Ever wonder, then, why cultural burning isn't more common? Here is an article published in *Facets Journal* written in part by Dr. Kira Hoffman that presents five critical barriers to advancing indigenous fire stewardship in Canada. [This](#) is an insightful read.