

BIG TREE RETENTION STATEMENT

As part of its Forest Strategy, Western Forest Products Inc. (Western) is committed to achieving and maintaining sustainable forest management on the public and private forest lands in our care. As part of this commitment, Western proactively retains big trees across the landscape in our Operations.

To meet this commitment, Western has developed and implemented policies and procedures for the identification and maintenance of big trees and unique assemblages of big trees in our inventory (i.e. outside of parks and reserves).

Western has invested in LiDAR technology to take an inventory of every tree in our care. The size and species of each tree is catalogued, and trees that qualify for retention are identified and protected for future generations. Western has taken guidance from the British Columbia Big Tree registry and exceeded its standards for proactive identification and protection.

Worker safety, windthrow hazards, topography and objectives to maintain forest stand structure are all considered in Western's operational plans. Western has established retention guidelines and all trees over specified diameters or height by species will be identified for retention where it is safe to do so.



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