Forest Recovery Summit

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Forests Canada | Reforest Canada Collective

November 5, 2026

Pre-webinar	**11:00am–12:15pm**	To inform Summit discussions on strengthening coordination in Canada, we'll hear from speakers in the US, South America, and Europe about how forest recovery coordination efforts are structured in their regions, what's working, and what impacts these initiatives are having. A facilitated, live Q&A will follow. Summit registrants will be invited to attend the webinar. Attendance is optional, and a recording will be shared after the event for those who cannot attend the live session.

November 25, 2026

Day 1	**12:00pm**	**Registration**
	1:00pm	**Welcome, context-setting, and kick-off**
	1:30pm	**Interactive | Building Connections** A chance to move, meet new people, and form connections across the forest recovery community.
	2:00pm	**Workshop | Stories from Across Canada** Through storytelling, we'll identify what is working in the current system and draw out the conditions and principles that made progress possible.
	3:30pm	**Workshop | Naming the Obstacles** We'll work through a facilitated process to reflect on and surface obstacles that slow our collective work, momentum, and impact.
Optional	**6:00pm**	**Evening Social & Networking Dinner** Grab a drink and a plate and continue making connections across the country and sector.

November 26, 2026

Day 2	**8:00am**	**Breakfast & Networking**
	8:30am	**Kick-off**
	8:45am	**Concurrent Panel Sessions** Choose between two simultaneous break-out sessions designed to both expand your thinking and inspire your input; in each session, three speakers will present on different facets of the session theme as it relates to their area of expertise. Following the short talks, ask your questions and share your thoughts in a two-way, moderated Q&A. **Session A | Moving forest recovery from reactive to ready** Forest recovery is inherently responsive, addressing both acute disturbances and chronic forest degradation. However, many of the aspects that enable this work are still largely reactive. This limits our ability to plan for long-term needs, ensure efforts are directed where they are most needed, and build capacity for the future to respond at the scale and pace required. This panel will explore how we can move beyond reactive approaches to build a forest recovery system that is ready to support the work we already know is needed and resilient enough to adapt to change, urgency, and opportunities as they arise. **Session B | Long-term investment for long-term impact** Forest recovery takes decades, yet funding often operates on the scale of years. This mismatch limits long-term planning, monitoring, capacity building, and the sustained stewardship needed to restore forests at both spatial and time scales needed.This panel will explore emerging approaches to long-term finance and investment, opportunities and challenges of applying them in forest recovery contexts, and what it would take to shift from funding individual projects to building a forest recovery system that attracts sustained investment.
	10:30am	**Workshop | Envisioning the Community We're Building** Drawing on what was identified during all previous sessions, we will work together to answer the question, "What does a coordinated national forest recovery community need to look like?" to create a shared picture of what we are setting out to build.
	12:00pm	**Lunch & Networking**
	1:00pm	**Workshop | From a Vision to First Steps: Building our Path Forward** Having identified where we are trying to get to, we'll shift our attention to how we get there. Attendees will identify the concrete actions this community needs to take to get started and how we will maintain momentum beyond this Summit.
	3:00pm	**Interactive | Closing Circle** A chance to share and hear reflections on the discussions and progress made over the last two days.
	3:45pm	**Final Wrap Up**