



**Independent
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Association**

ILMA Convention 2026

Spirit Ridge Resort – Osoyoos September 21 – 22, 2026

Agenda

Day 1 Session, Monday September 21

Golf, Members & Sponsors – Sonora Dunes Golf Course – 12:00 – 4:00pm

Rooftop Reception – Spirit Ridge Resort Rooftop – 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Trade Show - Spirit Ridge Resort Ballroom – 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Day 2 - Morning Session, Tuesday September 22

8:00 a.m. – Introduction & Acknowledgement by Host Dan Macmaster

Opening Remarks – Donegal Wilson, MLA Boundary–Similkameen

1. THE BIG PICTURE – WHY FIBRE ACCESS MATTERS

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Moderator: Dan Macmaster

- Mike Bushore – Macro perspective: where the forest industry sits within society, historical context and future.
- Jim Girvan – How we got here: policies and regulations that have driven volumes down and costs up.
- Don Wright – The economics of government, ministry staffing, declining harvest volumes and revenues.
- Q&A

COFFEE BREAK – 9:45 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. (20 minutes)



2. WHAT IS GOVERNMENT DOING ABOUT ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND THE DRIVE TO 45 MILLION m³?

Moderator: Dan Battistella | Lead Questions: Ken Kalesnikoff

- Mackenzie Leine – Deputy Minister of Forests (subject to confirmation).
- Albert Nussbaum – Deputy Chief Forester.
- Murray Wilson, RPF (Retired) – Active forest management discussion.
- Q&A

LUNCH & KEYNOTE – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Ravi Parmar, BC Minister of Forests

Afternoon Session

3. WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | Moderator: Pat McMechan

- Chris Norfolk – The New Brunswick experience.
- Russ Taylor – Other jurisdictions, including Finland.
- Dianne Nicholls – Experiences with Drax and as Deputy Minister.
- Q&A

4. FEDERAL FOREST INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Ken Kalesnikoff – Co-Chair, Federal Forest Industry Transformation Task Force.
- Glen Hargrove – Assistant Deputy Minister, NRCan.
- Lenny Joe – CEO, First Nations Forestry Council.
- Q&A

COFFEE BREAK – 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (30 minutes)



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5. BRINGING IT BACK TO "TODAY" – TOWN HALL: ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Moderator: Dan Macmaster

1. Jason Fisher – FES – Government perspective
2. Lorraine MacLauchlan – Forest health perspective
3. Trish Balcaen – Industry / operations perspective
4. Lenny Joe – First Nations perspective
5. Murray Wilson – Wildfire risk perspective
6. Maria McFaddin – Communities perspective
7. Q&A

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT (Stand Up Comedy)