

Bulkley-Morice FLP

2025 Public Engagement What We Heard Report

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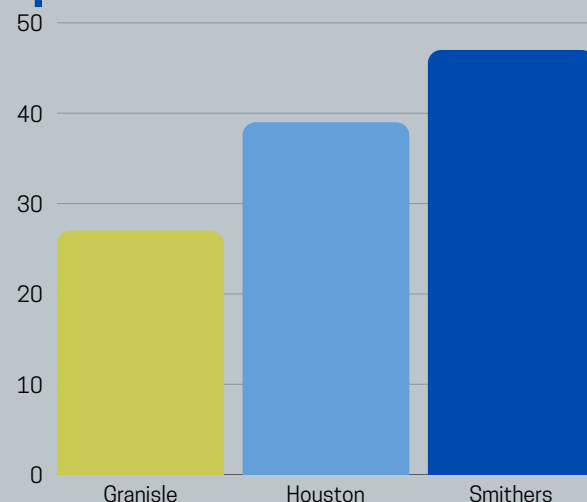


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The Bulkley-Morice Forest Landscape Planning process included a public engagement period from January 15 to March 31, 2025. This was comprised of three open houses held in the communities of Granisle, Houston, and Smithers, to inform the public and gather input on key values to be considered in the plan.

Open House Attendance



As part of this process, the public was invited to complete a survey intended to assess whether all relevant values were being considered and to gain insight into how the public prioritized those values.

287 Survey Responses

Public feedback plays a critical role in shaping Forest Landscape Plan by ensuring that planning decisions reflect a broad range of perspectives, experiences, and values. Community members often possess intimate knowledge of the local environment, including cultural, historical, and ecological insights that may not be captured by technical data alone. Public input ensures these local values—such as recreation, biodiversity, and cultural significance—are properly recognized and integrated into the plan.

The survey included a section inviting respondents to comment on the values they wished to see reflected in the Forest Landscape Plan. Reoccurring themes were identified.

- watershed and ecosystem health
- local economy and job creation
- biodiversity protection
- sustainable forest management
- cultural and mental health benefits
- collaborative governance
- support for local communities
- cultural and spiritual significance
- ecotourism and economic alternatives
- opposition to logging
- scientific and ecological importance
- cumulative effects and landscape connectivity
- long term planning and community involvement

The insights and perspectives shared by community members through this engagement process will play a vital role in shaping the development of the project. This feedback will inform decision-making, guide planning efforts, and help ensure that the project supports sustainable outcomes that reflect the values and priorities identified by the community.

In the interest of transparency and to promote awareness of future engagement opportunities, a communications plan will be made available on the public FLP website.