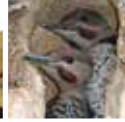




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## BC's Woodlots in the Time of COVID



Wildlife returns to neighbourhoods during the quieter times of COVID

By SARA MAH

Spring is here, but it may not feel like a time of renewal at the moment for many of you. COVID-19 has changed so many aspects of our daily lives. We hope you, and those in your circle, are staying safe and healthy.

We're fortunate to live in a province that puts community first...you see it in BC's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, just as we see it in the way our province's resources are managed. We're grateful for the leading role our government has taken in flattening the curve and looking out for everyone's best interests.

As you know, woodlot licences, BC's smallest forest tenure managed for timber, are places for more than just growing, harvesting and caring for the forest. They are the backyards

of countless communities...a place where we work, play and learn.

While most of you are staying home and staying safe some may still be enjoying our forests...and our work continues in BC's Crown forests. We're working hard managing our small woodlots to keep your forests safe and healthy. Being out in the forest offers many health benefits ... and is a perfect place to practise social distancing.

If you can't come to our woodlots, though, we have brought our woodlots to you through a few photos.

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Mountain biking, WL #1611, Quadra Island





Warren Lauder, Councillor and Forest Resource Manager, WL #1902, Port Alberni



Jessica Marak on Twister, WL#344, Kelowna



Jay Baker checking planting quality, WL #1507, Smithers



Dawson family helping with tree planting, WL #13, Parksville

*Jerry Benner and family on Quadra Island welcome the public to visit and learn about a managed forest*



A 'Walk in the Woods", Willow River Demonstration Forest WL #272 near Prince George



A sign portraying roads as trails for hiking and biking and areas where you'll find resident wildlife, old-growth trees and mushrooms for foraging.



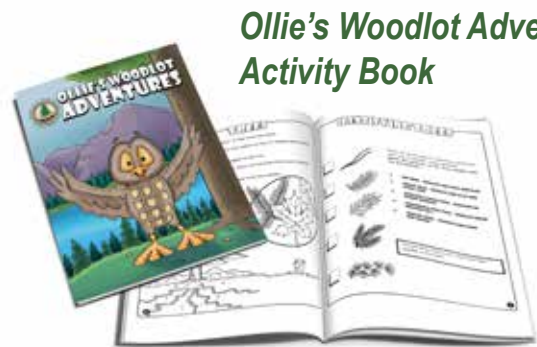
Ian Lanki, danger tree falling and assessment on WL #547, 153 Mile Ranch



An excavator falling and processing wood in a thinning corridor to reduce "wind throw" on WL #1641 near Campbell River



Ari Klingman out for a walk on WL #1694, Williams Lake



*Ollie's Woodlot Adventures Activity Book*

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