

Department Updates

Heartland Economics



SAFE Companies Certification

The British Columbia Forest Safety Council (the Safety Council) was created in September 2004 as a not-for-profit society dedicated to promoting forest safety in the sector. The Safety Council's focus is to target the unacceptably high rates of deaths and serious injuries in British Columbia's forest industry.

The Safety Council's first initiative was to establish a certification standard called SAFE Companies. Heartland registered with the Safety Council in 2007 and as of August 8, 2008 Heartland Economics LP is now a SAFE Certified company. We will soon be displaying this logo on all of our correspondence and printed materials.

Heartland is committed to continual improvement of our practices and supports efforts to develop and implement new methods and procedures that have the potential to improve safety. We will be encouraging and assisting all of our contractors as they work towards their own certification.



Forests For Tomorrow

Forests for Tomorrow is a provincial program introduced in 2005 to respond to the catastrophic wildfires and the mountain pine beetle epidemic. The program emphasizes surveying, site preparation and planting and is anticipated to be a multi year program.

In the Okanagan, Okanagan Nation Alliance has secured the contract to co-ordinate delivery of the Forests for Tomorrow program.

Heartland Economics is now working with the ONA to implement the program on the ground starting with the surveying of some of the ground burned in the Okanagan Mountain Park fire. These surveys will determine the level of young trees returning to these sites and whether additional works are required to encourage reforestation.

We intend to work with ONA over the next few years and to expand our services to include mechanical site preparation, and tree planting.

If you have any questions about WFN's forestry program feel free to contact Grant Thompson at 769-5671, via email at Grant.Thompson@wfn.ca or drop in to our office in the basement of the firehall.