

Some questions could be addressed by the summary:

☒ Who is doing the research/exchange? Sarah Breen (post-doc), Terri MacDonald (faculty)

☒ Where is the exchange period taking place? Scotland and British Columbia

☒ What is the research about? the future of the forestry workforce

☒ Why is the exchange important? comparative research, addition of technology and innovation focus at both sites

☒ Which lessons have you learned by this experience (scientific and/or personal ones)? Findings – see documents noted above.

☒ After conducting your research, what recommendations can you provide to help guide rural policy in your topic area? Flexibilities in policy are required – differences in context require differences in approach. In order to take advantage of new opportunities, supportive policy and incentives are needed. For example, at the moment the opportunities presented by residual fibre in BC are hampered by current policy and a lack of incentives. Additionally, differences between the two contexts (Scotland and BC) mean there are transferable lessons from one place to the other, from areas of expertise in one place, to another.