

CCR Newsletter

FALL 2026



Indigenous Small Business Award Winner!

CCR has been recognized by the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business with the **Indigenous Small Business of the Year Award**, highlighting its leadership in Indigenous-led forestry, forest rehabilitation, fibre recovery, and community-based economic development.

As stewards of the land, Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd. (CCR) continues to focus on **rehabilitating forests**, **reducing wildfire risk**, and supporting the **long-term resilience** of the T̓silhqot'in territory for current and future generations. CCR is a proud joint venture of T̓sideldel First Nation, Tl'etinqox Government, and Yunesit'in Government.

Each season, we share highlights from our work on the land and across the sector. This edition reflects a busy season for CCR, including **recent award recognition**, continued collaboration with the **Wood Pellet Association of Canada**, Percy Guichon's appointment to the **Interior Logging Association Board of Directors**, a **B.C. forestry delegation visit to Finland**, and the launch of our new **Collaborators in Forestry** series.



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Highlights of CCR's Work

This newsletter shares stories that reflect CCR's continued growth as an Indigenous-led forestry organization, from **national recognition** and **leadership** to **field-based learning and project collaboration**.

Together, these stories show how CCR's work continues to connect forest rehabilitation, wildfire recovery, fibre utilization, and community benefit across the Cariboo Chilcotin.

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“It’s such a **good news story**. CCR is turning what might otherwise be seen as **waste** into **jobs, economic development, community pride**, and contributions to the biomass industry.”

— Gordon Murray, Executive Director of the Wood Pellet Association of Canada



Sharing the Palmer Project Story with the Wood Pellet Association of Canada

CCR welcomed the Wood Pellet Association of Canada (WPAC) to the Palmer Project site to share the wildfire rehabilitation work taking place in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

The visit gave WPAC a firsthand look at how CCR is treating fire-affected stands by removing dead and damaged material, reducing fuel loading, and spacing young lodgepole pine to support forest recovery. It also showed how recovered wood from the site can be chipped, ground, and used in pulp, paper, and wood pellet production, rather than being left on the landscape.

For CCR, the Palmer Project demonstrates how rehabilitation can improve forest conditions while creating value from material that may otherwise be left behind. The work supports **local employment**, contributes to the **biomass sector**, and helps create **long-term benefits for communities**.



Scan here to watch the video

The project also shows the importance of having markets and partners connected to this work. When recovered material can be used, rehabilitation efforts can support both forest recovery and the wider forest products sector. This helps reduce waste, make better use of available wood, and create practical outcomes from landscapes impacted by wildfire.

CCR thanks WPAC for visiting the Palmer Project and helping share this work through its story and video. Their support helped bring broader attention to **Indigenous-led forest rehabilitation** and the role of collaboration in restoring forests, supporting local economies, and finding practical uses for recovered wood.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Percy Guichon Joins Delegation on a Finland Forestry Tour

Percy Guichon joined a British Columbia delegation visiting Finland this past summer to learn more about **Nordic forestry practices** and how another forestry region is approaching shared challenges. The story highlighted discussions around generational stewardship, local decision-making, workforce development, community bioenergy, and the use of lower-value wood to **support local economic opportunities, wildfire risk reduction, and long-term community benefits**.





Percy Guichon Joins Interior Logging Association Board of Directors

Percy Guichon, CEO of CCR and elected Councillor of T̓sideldel First Nation, has joined the Interior Logging Association (ILA) Board of Directors. His appointment reflects the growing role of **Indigenous-led forestry** in B.C.'s Interior and brings CCR's experience in **forest rehabilitation, fibre utilization**, and **community-based economic development** into broader industry conversations.



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Canadian Council for Indigenous Business: Indigenous Small Business of the Year Award

CCR was named the inaugural recipient of the **Indigenous Small Business of the Year Award** by the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business, in recognition of its leadership in **Indigenous-led forestry, wildfire rehabilitation**, and **environmental stewardship** in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

This recognition reflects the work being led by **CCR's communities, crews, leadership, and partners** to rehabilitate fire-affected forests, reduce wildfire risk, create employment, and support long-term benefits on the land.





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Cariboo Chilcotin Forestry Forum Brings Regional Leaders Together

Daniel Persson, Forestry Superintendent, CCR, attended the **Cariboo Chilcotin Forestry Forum in Williams Lake** on July 23, 2026. The forum brought together forestry, Indigenous, government, and economic development leaders to discuss shared priorities, including **wildfire resiliency, fibre access, land stewardship, restoration,** and the **future of forestry** in the region.



CCR Presents Palmer Lake Project to Cariboo Regional District

Central Chilcotin Rehabilitation Ltd. (CCR) **presented as a delegation** to the Cariboo Regional District on the Palmer Lake Project, sharing an update on ongoing wildfire rehabilitation work and how the project continues to **support land recovery, forest resilience, and long-term benefits for local communities.**



The presentation also highlighted the importance of continued support for **Indigenous-led rehabilitation work in the Cariboo Chilcotin.**



**CCR'S
WORK ON
THE LAND**

May 26, 2026 to
Sept 1, 2026

40,000+
cubic metres of
WOOD FIBRE RECOVERED
targeted for use through biomass and
rehabilitation programs

200
PEOPLE
working across fuel mitigation,
rehabilitation, and tree planting programs

OVER 5 Million
TREES PLANTED
across rehabilitation and
reforestation projects



COLLABORATORS IN FORESTRY

CCR's Collaborators in Forestry series recognizes the organizations, associations, and partners whose work supports forest rehabilitation, restoration, fibre utilization, and long-term stewardship across the region.



Roserim Nursery is working with CCR to grow native shrubs and deciduous trees that support restoration before planting begins.

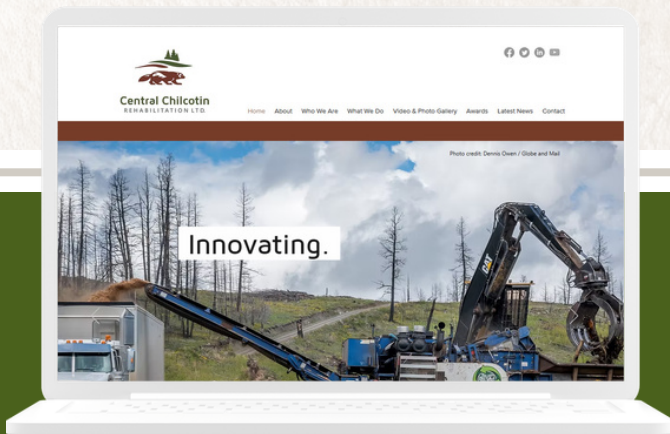
Species such as aspen, red-osier dogwood, saskatoon berry, Oregon grape, and soopolallie help bring cultural and ecological value back to rehabilitation areas.



The Wood Pellet Association of Canada helped share CCR's Palmer Project with a broader audience, highlighting how recovered material from wildfire-impacted landscapes can support renewable energy, reduce waste, and create value from wood that may otherwise be left behind.



Through Tsidel First Nation's participation, CCR is connected to the Forest Modernization Committee's broader work around practical forest management, fibre utilization, tenure modernization, and long-term investment in rehabilitation across B.C.'s Interior.



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