



Canadian Biomass Award Winner!
 CCR was recognized with the **Community Project of the Year** award from Canadian Biomass Magazine for its work on the Palmer Project, highlighting its work in fibre recovery and wildfire rehabilitation.

CCR Newsletter

SPRING 2026

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 T̓ilhqot̓'in territory for current and future generations. CCR is a proud joint venture of T̓ideldel First Nation, Tl'etinqox Government, and Yunesit'in Government.

Each season, we share highlights from our work on the land and across the sector. In this edition, we reflect on collaboration and shared learning through a recent feature in **Forest Professionals BC magazine**, participation in the **Council of Forest Industries Conference**, and a highlight of our ongoing efforts in native plant restoration and leadership stories that continue to shape our approach to forestry.



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Supporting Forest Recovery Through Partnerships

CCR continues to work with provincial and federal partners to rehabilitate fire-affected forests across the Cariboo Chilcotin. With support from the **Forest Enhancement Society of BC** and **Natural Resources Canada**, CCR has carried out large-scale work focused on reducing risk, improving forest conditions, and making use of available wood fibre. This includes fuel break construction, rehabilitation of damaged stands, and fibre recovery that supports pulp, bioenergy, and biomass.

This work has supported thousands of hectares of rehabilitation and created steady employment in rural and our First Nations communities. We remain focused on what matters most: our land, our people, and the communities we serve.

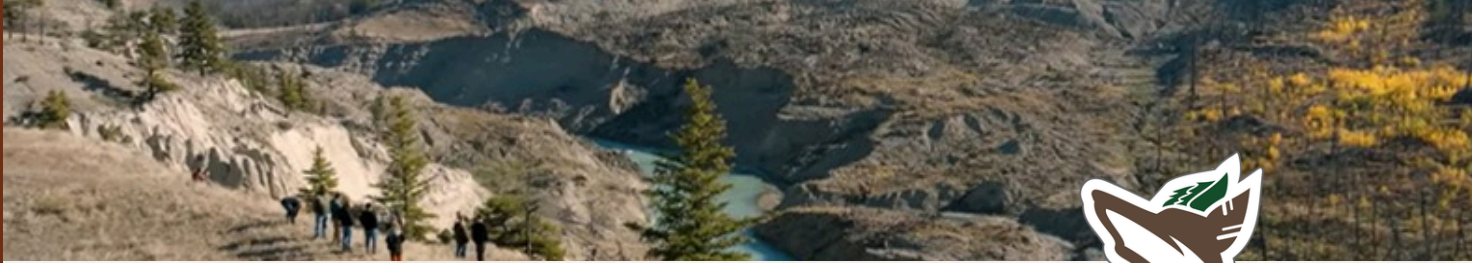
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FEATURE STORY



We believe that when we take the time to **learn from each other on the land**, we build **stronger relationships** and find **better ways** to do the work. That's what helps us move forward in a way that supports both the land and our communities."

— Percy Guichon, CEO of CCR and Elected Councillor of T̓s̓id̓el̓del First Nation



Walking the Land Together

CCR and **Nk'Mip Forestry** came together through a series of field tours in their respective territories to share knowledge, build relationships, and learn from each other on the land.

These visits focused on practical work being done across both regions, including wildfire recovery, forest rehabilitation, and approaches to managing forests over the long term. By spending time on the land together, both teams were able to see firsthand how different challenges are being addressed and where there are shared opportunities to improve outcomes.

CCR hosted the Nk'Mip team to view **large-scale rehabilitation work in fire-affected areas**. The tour highlighted the realities of working in these landscapes, including heavy fuel buildup and the need to make use of wood fibre that would otherwise be left behind. The work being carried out is focused on improving forest conditions while reducing risk to nearby communities.

The CCR team travelled to Osoyoos Indian Band territory, where they learned about **nursery development, seed collection**, and the importance of **growing a diverse range of tree species** suited to local conditions. These visits provided practical insight that supports future planning and helps guide work on the ground.

At the centre of these exchanges is a shared understanding that strong forestry practices are built through relationships, experience, and time spent on the land. Learning directly from each other allows both teams to build on what is working and adapt approaches where needed.

This collaboration reflects a broader shift toward Indigenous-led forestry, where knowledge, stewardship, and long-term thinking guide decision-making. It also highlights the value of **working together across Nations** to support healthier forests and stronger communities.

CCR would like to thank **Forest Professionals BC** for featuring this story and recognizing the importance of shared learning and collaboration across the sector.



Scan here to watch the video

SPECIAL FEATURE

Indigenous Leadership Driving Large-Scale Forest Rehabilitation in the Cariboo Chilcotin

CCR was featured in a press release shared by the **Forest Enhancement Society of BC**, highlighting Indigenous-led forest rehabilitation work in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

The story focused on the Palmer Project and its role in reducing wildfire risk, recovering usable wood fibre, and supporting long-term forest resilience and community employment.





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Council of Forest Industries (COFI) 2026 Convention

Percy Guichon, CEO of CCR spoke about the challenges of wood fibre access in British Columbia and shared CCR’s experience working in fire-affected areas. He highlighted the importance of practical, on-the-ground work in improving forest conditions, making use of available fibre, and supporting long-term outcomes for communities.



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Canadian Biomass Award: Community Project of the Year

CCR was recognized with the **2026 Community Project of the Year** award by **Canadian Biomass Magazine** for its work on the Palmer Project in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

The project demonstrates a practical approach to recovering wood fibre from fire-affected areas while reducing wildfire risk and improving forest conditions. This recognition reflects the efforts of CCR crews, partners, and communities working together to create value from landscapes that were previously considered difficult to treat.





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SPRING 2026
WORK ON
THE LAND

Jan 1, 2026 to
May 25, 2026

30,000+
cubic meters
WOOD FIBRE RECOVERED

targeted for use through biomass and
rehabilitation programs

160
PEOPLE

working across fuel mitigation,
rehabilitation and tree planting programs

OVER
5 Million
TREES PLANTED

across rehabilitation and
reforestation projects this spring



LEADERS IN FORESTRY



CHIEF OTIS GUICHON
Director of CCR
Chief of Tsıideldeł First Nation | TNG Tribal Chief



CHIEF LENNON SOLOMON
Director of CCR
Chief of Yunesit'in First Nation



CHIEF DALE HANCE
Nits'il'in of T'letinqox Government



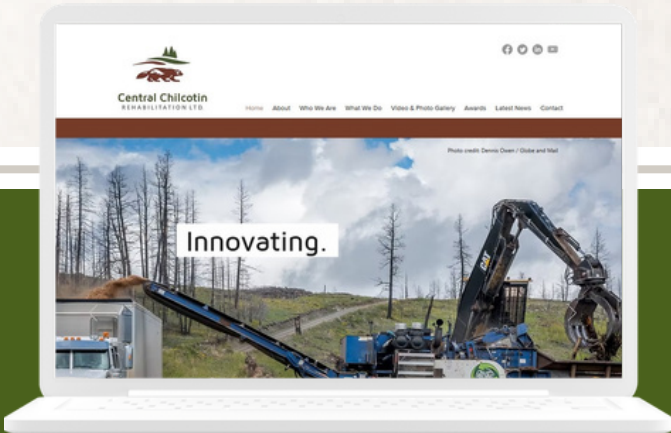
PERCY GUICHON
CEO of CCR and Elected Councilor
of Tsıideldeł First Nation

“ Our youth are gaining skills, confidence, and a sense of ownership over their territory. That’s how we build a stronger future and this resonates with me as I have five kids of my own, 16 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.”

“ I hope people remember that when we work with the land, not against it, we all come out stronger. The forest gives us life, and it’s our duty to return that care. That’s the legacy I want to be part of.”

“ We are of this land, and we belong here. We are always looking for opportunities and funding that help our people stay connected to the land and feel supported if they choose to remain in the community. Our youth should go out into the world and explore it. At the same time, we want to make sure real opportunities exist here at home, so they can return with new knowledge and experiences and help build an even stronger future for next generations.”

“ The forests have supported our communities for generations. Our responsibility now is to manage them in a way that creates opportunity today while protecting them for those who come after us.”



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