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RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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LECTURE THEATRE

7 - 150

CARBON, CARBON OFFSETS, SAVING SINKS OR SWITCHING FUELS: A Series of Questions to Guide Future Research on a Forest Carbon Economy

Where is the true wealth in carbon for BC and how is this best captured? **Is wood a carbon neutral fuel? Is the full cost accounting done on biofuel projects?** Are we pinning a lot of hopes for rural revitalization on a Kyoto loophole? **Could investment in pellet production and fuel switching technologies be better invested in improving forest management? Is it a question of scale?** What kinds of opportunities are there in the new Forest Carbon Offset Protocols? **Are offsets a useful tool or a diversion? Are offsets a way to finance the restoration of NSR lands or protect intact forest ecosystems?** What are the best atmospheric solutions? **What are the best social solutions? What are the lessons learned from New Zealand who account for carbon emissions from land use and land use change and forestry, under the Kyoto protocol?**

The colloquium will provide a series of questions and guided discussion on the emerging role of forest carbon in BC for climate change mitigation and the socio-economic implications and risks of various policy directions.