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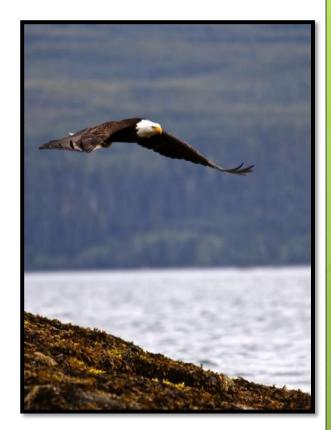
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Haida Gwaii Forestry Strategy Project:

Islands Tourism Development

# Factors that limit delivery of economic benefits.

- Narrow vision of tourism potential.
- Lack of cooperation between economic sectors and communities.
- Need for comprehensive tourism planning.

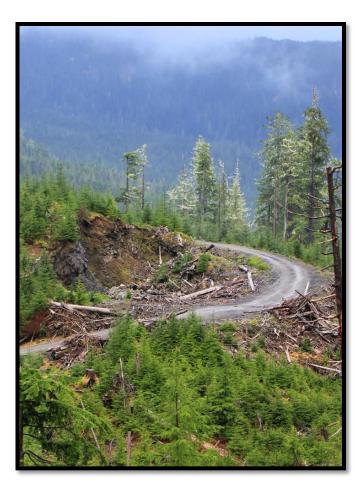


# Best ways to improve situation?

- 1. Build awareness of forestry related tourism
- 2. Industry lead approach to support development
- 3. Target key development initiatives.

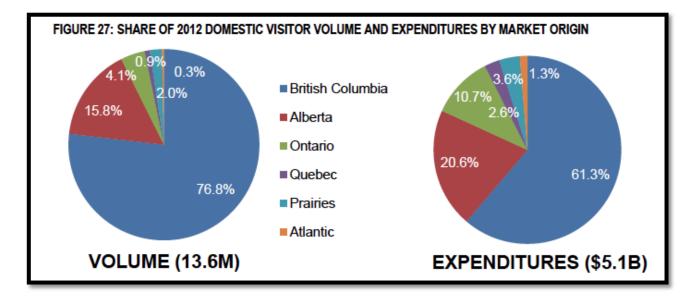


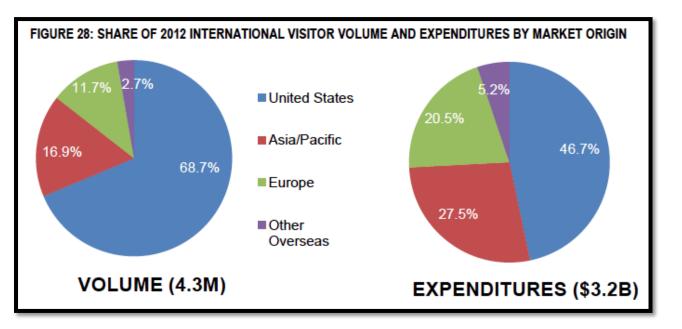
### Three opportunities for immediate action.



- 1. Improve visual quality
- 2. Improve access / Road quality
- 3. Infrastructure (maintenance & new development e.g. trails, docks, campgrounds etc.)

#### Value of Tourism in British Columbia





**\$4.6 BILLION ANNUALLY** 

Source: The Value of Tourism in BC: Destination BC (2014).

#### Value of Aboriginal Tourism in British Columbia

#### **Record growth sector**

- \$20m to \$42m (2006 2011)
- Visitor interest up 69% over same period

#### Key interest areas:

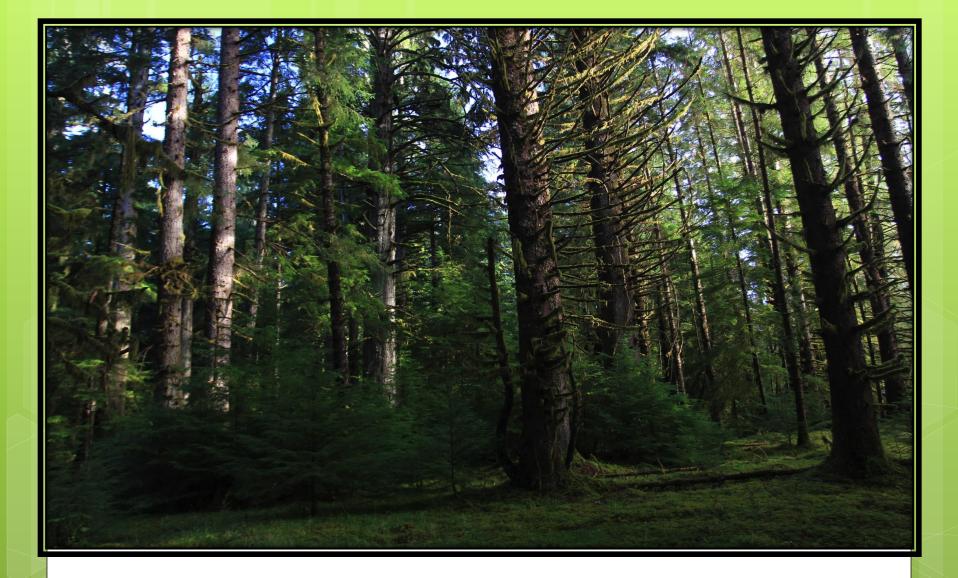
- Connect w/ culture
- Connect w/ nature

#### **Examples**:

Nature observation
Nature interpretation
Interactive/experiential

#### Phase II Aboriginal Tourism BC:

- Five-year strategic growth (10% year)
- Projected annual revenues of \$68 million
- One in four visitors interested in cultural tourism experience.



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