

Welcome to *JEM*'s first print issue

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Ten years ago, nobody envisioned a world where a journal article could arrive on your desktop the day it was published, or a world where that article could be read, discussed, and shared with colleagues just by clicking a button. Welcome to *our* world—the world of the *British Columbia Journal of Ecosystems and Management (JEM)*.

JEM is a peer-reviewed, electronic journal that provides an innovative on-line forum for publishing information that supports and improves the sustainable management of British Columbia's ecosystems. FORREX—Forest Research Extension Partnership created this journal in response to requests from the natural resource community. In 1999, a client needs survey among natural resource managers identified a clear pattern of preference regarding their most common sources of information. Co-workers, colleagues, and previously known government researchers were the most preferred, closely followed by Web pages, known consultants, agency reports, and professional publications.

By introducing *JEM*, the Partnership has linked all of those sources to you—the reader and user of the information. Primarily an on-line journal, *JEM* adheres to the time-tested values of peer review and quality control, but is combining those values with the accessibility of a Web-based publication and the convenience of periodic print issues.

Now in its second year of on-line publishing, *JEM* owes much to its creators: Editor-in-Chief Chris Hollstedt, and Founding Editor Trina Innes. Chris's vision of a journal that would be useful to both researcher and practitioner, and Trina's passionate commitment to the use of technology as a way to share knowledge, carried *JEM* from its first Web-published article to this, the first print issue. We look forward to many more.

