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Underplanting: planting young trees under the canopy of an existing stand.

Understorey: any plants growing under the canopy formed by other plants, particularly herbaceous and shrub vegetation under a tree canopy.

Uneven-aged silvicultural system: a silvicultural system designed to create or maintain and regenerate an uneven-aged stand structure. Single-tree and group selection are uneven-aged silvicultural systems.

Uneven-aged stand: a stand of trees containing three or more age classes. In a balanced uneven-aged stand, each age class is represented by approximately equal areas, providing a balanced distribution of diameter classes.

Unmanaged forest land: forest land that is not subject to management under a forest management plan.

Unmerchantable: of a tree or stand that has not attained sufficient size, quality and/or volume to make it suitable for harvesting.

Unrecovered timber: timber as described in the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Management Procedures Manual.

Unrecovered volume: timber that is within the cutting specifications of the minimum utilization standards of the cutting authority and not removed from the area.

Unsalvaged losses: the volume of timber destroyed by natural causes such as fire, insect, disease or blowdown and not harvested, including the timber actually killed plus any residual volume rendered non-merchantable.

Unstable or potentially unstable terrain: an area where there is a moderate to high likelihood of landslides.

Uplands: terrain not affected by water table or surface water or else affected only for short periods so that riparian (hydrophilic) vegetation or aquatic processes do not persist.

Urban forestry: the cultivation and management of trees and forests for their present and potential contributions to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of urban society.

Utilization (of forage and browse): the level of forage and browse use on a site. For herbaceous species, it is measured as a percentage of the current year's growth removed; for browse species, it is measured as a percentage of stem ends removed.

Utilization standards: the dimensions (stump height, top diameter, base diameter, and length) and quality of trees that must be cut and removed from Crown land during harvesting operations.