

## 2007 Skeena – BVLD Woodstove Exchange Program

# The Exchange Continues...



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Looking back at the first year of the Pilot Skeena – BVLD Woodstove Exchange Program clearly shows that momentum is building! Here's a quick look at what we've done so far:

- **182 Rebates of \$250 each** distributed by the BVLD Airshed Management Society to residents between Burns Lake and Terrace. That's a total of **\$45,500**, with another **218\* rebates still to go!** (plus additional 75-100/yr?)
- **That means 182 Old Belchers destroyed!** This represents approximately 4.5% of target 4200 est. conventional stoves in the BVLD Airshed.
- **Reduced emissions:** 182 x 94.3 kg/stove/season = **17,163 Kg PM 2.5/season**. Based on calculations using 2004 Report "Residential Wood Burning Emissions in British Columbia."
- **Wood Conserved:** 182 x 1.63 cords/season = **297 cords/season**. Assuming new appliance owners use 1/3 less wood of estimated average 4.79 cord/winter in BVLD region. Even though wood is a carbon-neutral, renewable resource for home heating, we believe that it's good to conserve. That's **297 cords** that didn't have to be bucked, hauled, split and stacked!
- **Wood Stove By-Laws Adopted** in partner municipalities of Smithers, Houston and Burns Lake, with all three municipalities committing additional rebate incentives for residents to upgrade and improve local air quality.
- **Supporting Local Businesses:** The Exchange Program has partnered with 14 retailers between Burns Lake and Terrace, supporting local retailers and encouraging sales within the region. Most retailers have noticed significant increases in sales and installations.