

Cedar Split Rail Fencing Manufacturing in the Robson TSA



SECTOR OVERVIEW

The Robson TSA supports a cluster of cedar split rail manufacturers producing high-value fencing, stakes and mulch products from local cedar fibre that does not meet a sawlog spec. Additional products include cedar shakes & shingles which can be sourced from under-length sections of sawlog grade.

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CURRENT INDUSTRY CAPACITY

Three manufacturers:

- BKB Cedar Manufacturing Ltd. (McBride)
 - Cedar 3 Products (McBride)
 - Cedar Valley Holdings (Valemount)
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- Combined capacity ~27,000m³ input fibre annually
 - Existing capacity currently not fully utilized

REQUIRED FIBRE PROFILE

- **Split post & rail:** Cedar logs with minimum 2" shell, preferred 4" to 6" shell, preferred lengths 16'-6" or 21'-8"
- **Shake & Shingle:** Cedar shell, usually greater than 6", any length

COMBINED ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- 42-44 direct jobs
- \$2.2 million annual wages
- \$9 million annual product sales

COMPARABLE METRICS FOR THE SAME LOG USED BY CSR SECTOR VS PULP

	CSR Sector	Pulp Mill	Factor
Employees/ 10000m ³ log	20.6	2	10X
Product value/m ³ log	\$432	\$211	2X

Securing access to suitable cedar fibre supports a rural manufacturing sector that delivers significantly more employment and higher value utilization from the same resource compared to pulp production, or abandoning this log as waste.

