## **UBC M. Knapp Research Forest hike**

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Gerard Laman

On Sunday morning we drove in separate cars, no carpooling, to the UBC Knapp Research Forest near Heaney for a hike.

The weather was foggy with a change of rain but fortunately no smoke. At 9:30am we started our hike following the blue route that will bring you to the summit. At the beginning of the trail was a large information board that provided us with information about conifers, deciduous trees, shrubs and ferns. The hiking trail cut many time times the road that switch back and forth through the research forest. This research park is fortunately not well known and we saw only a few other hikers.

At about 11:30 we reached the summit where there was also a picnic table and had an early lunch. The fog had not lifted and we had no view. After lunch we continued our hike around the forest. This part of the forest is very different and has more old growth trees. At the end of the blue trail we continued our hike following the yellow trail. We also looked at the steam donkey when we were almost back to the parking lot.

We all enjoined the hike and were happy that we only had some fog and no rain.