Momentum: Canada’s Forestry Opportunity

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Canada Needs Us
Overcoming by Working Together

- Advancing Forest Health
- Getting ‘Conservation’ Right
- Telling our Story & Countering Bias
- Federal Election 2019
Advancing Forest Health
Forest Health: Need for a Landscape-Based Approach

Cumulative disturbances of fire, pests, and drought are projected to place vast areas of Canada's forests at high to very high risk.

Even when viewed separately, disturbance increases are significant; in combination they overlap and cover nearly all of the managed forest.
Forest Health and Timber Supply

Biophysical changes could have a strong impact on timber supply

**Short-term | 2011-2040**

The costs of timber supply for both softwood and hardwood mills in BC and a portion in Quebec are projected to increase in the short-term.

**Medium-term | 2041-2070**

Significant projected cost increases in BC, and wood supply shortages in Quebec for softwoods mills.

**Long-term | 2071-2100**

Mills in all provinces and regions are projected to experience significant increase in timber supply costs, with BC and Quebec projected to be the most severely affected.
Getting ‘Conservation’ Right
Move to 17% protected lands by 2020
Conservation Agenda
Moving to 30% by 2030
Principles of Effective Conservation

• Inclusivity & Transparency
• Clear Definitions & Proper Accounting
• Measuring for Effectiveness
• Recognize Dynamic Landscapes
Telling our Story & Countering Bias
Intact Forests - Greenpeace 2006

Intact Forests and ENGOs

Wildlife Conservation Society:

- Our vision: End all intact forest loss by 2030. Preserving our planet’s last unbroken swaths of intact forest is one of the most powerful and cost-effective solutions we have to combat the global challenge of climate change.

Boreal Conservation:

- “In a world that has lost 80 percent of its original forests, Canada’s Boreal Forest is one of the last strongholds of wild nature left on the planet. It holds more intact forest landscape [...] than any place on Earth.”

https://www.wcs.org/our-work/solutions/climate-change/intact-forests
https://www.borealconservation.org/intact-forest
https://cpaws.org/our-work/forests/
Intact Forests and ENGOs

• NRDC (August 20, 2019)
  • “With the announcement of a CAD $175 million commitment to fund 67 conservation initiatives, the Canadian government has invested in a more sustainable, healthier future by protecting some of its treasured landscapes, including in the boreal forest. As logging and other industrial development continue to chisel away at globally important intact boreal forests, this announcement takes a critical step toward protecting these forests for the benefit of all.”

Feeding into Government Positioning

• Environment and Climate Change Canada (Sep. 3/19)

  • “*Intact wilderness absorbs twice as much carbon as other landscapes. By protecting these spaces, we ensure nature’s stored carbon isn’t released.*”

  • Only one scientific article found to back this statement (Dinerstein et al. 2019) is based on comparing tropical forest and planted monocultures. Lead author was Chief Scientist at the WWF for 25 years and now works for an NGO based in Washington.
Competing Materials Are Panicking
Groups Targeting US Customers
Coming Together to Tell our Story
Election 2019
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