



**Statement from the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) on Alberta Wildfires**

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**Mattawa, ON – May 8, 2023** – The CIF-IFC would like to send our thoughts and best wishes to the communities, families, and people impacted by the devastation of the ongoing wildfires in Alberta.

We are saddened by the wildfire's effects as residents experience displacement, loss of homes and businesses, and forests experience major destruction.

As the national voice of forest practitioners, the Institute is proud of our 18 regional Sections, and our hearts go out to our members in the Rocky Mountain Section and all Albertans facing hardship as a result of this catastrophic event.

"The CIF-IFC stands alongside all Albertans impacted by the recent wildfires and we thank all emergency responders for their bravery and tireless work in keeping residents safe," expresses Mark Pearson, CIF-IFC Executive Director. "We encourage our affected members to please reach out if support is needed."

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues.

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