

CANADIAN BOREAL FOREST AGREEMENT – ALBERTA

The Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) and nine leading environmental organizations have signed an unprecedented agreement — the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement.

When fully implemented, the Agreement will settle long-standing conflicts over forest practices and result in large-scale conservation of Canada's Boreal Forest, world-leading sustainable forest management, and a competitive market edge for participating companies. This historic agreement has significant implications for the Province of Alberta, which is home to close to 45,000 forestry-related jobs and contains nearly 50 million hectares of the country's Boreal Forest.

The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement in Alberta's Boreal Forest:

In total, Alberta is home to 49,508,708.92 hectares of boreal forest.

- 16,963,909.31 hectares of the FPAC member tenure lands in Alberta fall under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement applies to 4,421,334.69 hectares of caribou range within the FPAC member tenure lands in Alberta
- Alberta has 20,649,531.15 hectares of commercial forest within its Boreal zone
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement commits to no harvesting or road-building in 4,373,171.16 hectares of caribou range in Alberta

The following FPAC member companies have put aside tenure lands in Alberta under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement:

- Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.
- Canfor Corporation
- Tolko Industries Ltd.
- West Fraser Timber Co.
- Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.

Economic Landscape of Alberta's Forest Industry:

Employment:

- 17,700 direct jobs
- 27,000 indirect jobs
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Gross domestic product (GDP):

- \$1.8 Billion (1.1% of the provincial total)

Forest products establishments:

- Wood products facilities: 490
- Pulp and paper facilities: 41

Exports:

- Total forest products exports: \$1.8 billion (2.6% of provincial total)
- Forest products positive trade balance: \$1.5 billion (2.9% of provincial total)

Revenues from manufactured goods:

- Logging activities: \$708 million
- Wood products: \$ 2.383 billion
- Pulp and paper: \$ 1.715 billion
- Total: \$4.806 billion

**All data from 2009*