

CANADIAN BOREAL FOREST AGREEMENT – ONTARIO

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 Ontario, which is home to close to 150,000 forestry-related jobs and contains nearly 76 million hectares of the country's Boreal Forest.

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

In total, Ontario is home to 75,962,315.83 hectares* of Boreal Forest.

- 11,765,936.41 hectares of the FPAC member tenure lands in Ontario fall under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement applies to 3,665,769.70 hectares of caribou range within the FPAC member tenure lands in Ontario
- Ontario has 27,455,859.31 hectares of commercial forest within its Boreal zone
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement commits to no harvesting or road-building in 3,564,428.73 hectares of caribou range in Ontario

* Does not include Wabakimi Park deferral (489,603.9 hectares)

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

- AbitibiBowater Inc.
- Tembec

Economic Landscape of Ontario's Forest Industry:

Employment:

- 58,700 direct jobs
- 90,200 indirect jobs

Forest products establishments:

- Wood products facilities: 1,673
- Pulp and paper facilities: 464

Gross domestic product (GDP):

- \$4.2 billion (0.9% of the provincial total)

Exports:

- Total forest products exports: \$4.1 billion (2.8% of provincial total)
- Forest products positive trade balance: \$853 million (1.4% of provincial total)

Revenues from manufactured goods:

- Logging activities: \$1.551 billion
 - Wood products: \$3.857 billion
 - Pulp and paper: \$7.993 billion
- Total: \$13.400 billion

*All data for 2009