

Propriétaires de lots boisés



Woodlot Owners

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NEW BRUNSWICK FEDERATION OF WOODLOT OWNERS

We are a Provincial Federation of non-profit regional woodlot owner organizations who promote the economic and social interests of NB private woodlot owners.

We are committed to the sustainable management of private forest resources to ensure they continue to contribute to the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of rural communities.

Did you know... There are 42,000 private woodlot owners, and their families, in New Brunswick; and that private woodlots make up 30% of New Brunswick's forests?

CHALLENGES FACING WOODLOT OWNERS:

MARKET ACCESS AND LOW PRICES: Private woodlot owners NEED proportional supply! This is outlined in the Crown Land & Forests Act, but is not being enforced. Private wood should not be treated as a last source of supply. We have traditionally supplied 25-30% of industry's needs, however this has dropped significantly with the closure of major mills in New Brunswick. That, along with the 2014 Forest Strategy releasing 660,000m³ (17,000 truck loads) of Crown wood to industry, has resulted in extremely high inventories on a scale not seen since 2008.

This has reduced private woodlot's share of the market to as low as 7%. And as predicted, prices for wood have been reduced, deliveries restricted and at times completely shut off.

For example: The price that woodlot owners are receiving for their softwood pulp is so low that they are making nothing, or it is actually costing them money to move pulp to the mill. However, the price of Northern bleached softwood kraft pulp has stayed strong, around the \$900/metric tonne US dollars, for the past 4 years. So why has the price for roundwood softwood pulp delivered to NB mills decreased to a low of \$38/metric tonne Canadian Funds?

Private woodlots have once again absorbed the economic impact, while international lumber and pulp markets remain relatively stable, according to Natural Resources websites. Mill inventories are the highest we have seen in years. However no one, not even Government, seems to be able to identify the reason for this inventory issue.

SILVICULTURE CUTS: The New Brunswick Private lands Silviculture Program is critical to ensuring that forests are well managed and sustainable. This program is funded by the Government of New Brunswick, and has many benefits to society. Over the last decade, the funding has been reduced by 38%, and by 17% in the last 2 years. In the 2015 Auditor General's report, it was reported that each 10,000 m³ of wood volume processed created 12 direct and 13 indirect jobs, therefore any loss in this program results in job losses; both immediately and long term.

Private woodlots are uniquely situated to assist the Province in meeting its greenhouse gas mitigation targets! Trees take carbon dioxide from the air as they grow, and store carbon long term as lumber and furniture. NBFWO, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners, has submitted a proposal to the Federal Government to calculate and monitor the carbon sequestered on private woodlots, and to assist producers to manage their woodlots so they capture and store the maximum amount of carbon. We need to manage and sustain our woodlots in order to sequester more carbon and fight climate change; the environment depends on it!



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