

CANADIAN BOREAL FOREST AGREEMENT – BC

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 BC, which is home to 52,000 direct forestry-related jobs and contains nearly 32 million hectares of the country’s Boreal Forest.

The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement in BC’s Boreal Forest:

In total, BC is home to 32,114,041.66 hectares of boreal forest.

- 9,801,070.02 hectares of the FPAC member tenure lands in BC fall under the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement applies to 1,419,814.10 hectares of caribou range within the FPAC member tenure lands in BC
- BC has 32,114,041.66 hectares of commercial forest within its Boreal zone
- The Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement commits to no harvesting or road-building in 1,419,350.84 hectares of caribou range in BC

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

- Canfor Corporation
- Louisiana Pacific Corp.

Economic Landscape of BC’s Forest Industry:

Employment:

- 52,000 direct jobs
- 79,900 indirect jobs

Gross domestic product (GDP):

- \$6.1 Billion (2.3% of the provincial total)

Forest products establishments:

- Wood products facilities: 1,528
- Pulp and paper facilities: 96

Exports:

- Total forest products exports: \$7.5 billion (29.1% of provincial total)
- Forest products positive trade balance: \$6.2 billion

Revenues from manufactured goods:

- Logging activities: \$4.5 billion
 - Wood products: \$ 7.5 billion
 - Pulp and paper: \$ 5.2 billion
- Total: \$17.4 billion

**All data from 2009*