



CANADIAN FOREST OWNERS | PROPRIÉTAIRES FORESTIERS du CANADA

LOCAL FORESTS FOR A HEALTHY CLIMATE

Canadian Forest Owners (CFO) represents 450,000 forest landowners, large and small, who are committed to long-term sustainable forest management for a healthy climate and thriving communities.

450,000 forest landowners | **10%** of managed forest land in Canada. | **20%** of forest production in Canada

25 million ha of Canada's managed forest land is **privately owned**.

19 million ha is **private woodlots**, averaging ~ 40 ha in size, owned by rural families.

6 million ha is **private industrial forest**, averaging ~ 10,000 ha in size, owned by a mix of forest products companies, individuals, municipalities, pension funds and other organizations.

CFO Corporate Members manage an **additional 15 million ha** of managed publicly-owned forest land.

ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES



Recreation, fitness and health benefits



Sport fishing and wildlife habitat



Biodiversity



Landscape aesthetics



Water quality and water conservation



Watershed regulation and flood control



Carbon reservoir



Protected areas

WORKING TOGETHER

Canadian Forest Owners are committed to vibrant, growing communities and a collaborative approach to Indigenous partnerships.

We account for 1/10th of managed forests in Canada and contribute to 1/5th of its forest production.

CFO and Canadian Federation of Agriculture members are proposing a partnership with government to help plant 2 Billion trees to fight climate change.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Our 450,000 members include small and medium-sized businesses, large companies, pension funds, communities, families, First Nations and female-led businesses from coast to coast.

We are committed to long-term, resilient forests and a healthy climate.

Our members are your neighbours, supplying fresh drinking water, important fish, wildlife and plant habitats, forest products and other social and environmental services that support local businesses and our communities.

HEALTHY CLIMATE

Managed, resilient forests capture carbon, and low-carbon forest products are key tools for Canada to meet its climate commitment under the Paris Agreement and a net-zero economy by 2050.

We are committed to sustainable forest management to enhance biodiversity and help fight climate change.

Our members use science-based practices, including third-party certification, to manage forests, wildlife habitats, biodiversity and water protection.

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Support our Request to Create a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan for Canadian Forest Owners

Invest in the Future of Private Forests in Canada

Canadian Forest Owners asks that the federal government recognize the importance of promoting investment in the management of Canadian private forests by creating a *Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan* for Canadian forest owners.

Creation of a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan

It has been widely recognized that the Federal Government needs to encourage forest owners to practice sustainable forest management through changes in Income tax policies.

The creation of a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan will ensure that small and medium Canadian forest owners can put aside part of their forest harvest income for future management investments in their forest.

Such changes in Income Tax Policies will boost economic activity in rural communities, create additional direct and indirect sustainable jobs in the forest sector. The outcome will reduce uncertainty and enhance investment, create innovative tools to contribute to a low-carbon economy and help fight climate change, improve the value of forest stands, and its products and assets. Additionally, it will help Canada remain a global forestry leader in sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation.

We believe that the creation of a *Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan* will enhance the contributions of forest owners to Canada.

Canadian Forest Owners submitted this recommendation to the Finance Standing Committee as part of their 2023 pre-budget consultation and tabled similar recommendations to the Natural Resources Standing Committee as part of their Study on Federal investments in various natural resources sectors.

The importance of the creation of a *Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan* for forest owners was recognized by the Standing Committee on Finance in their 2021 Pre-Budget Report to the Parliament of Canada.

How Can You Help?

Please write to the [Minister of Finance](#) and to the [Minister of Natural Resources](#) and voice your support for the creation of a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan for Canadian Forest Owners.

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