

I do not support the goals of the Forest Products Association of Canada's (FPAC) and its members' marketing plan that is the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement. I am greatly saddened by your organization and the other environmental groups (Canadian Boreal Initiative, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Canopy, David Suzuki Foundation, ForestEthics, Greenpeace, The Nature Conservancy, Pew Environment Group International Boreal Conservation Campaign, and Ivey Foundation) involved in the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement (CBFA). You have betrayed your commitment to protect the remaining Boreal Forest in Canada and to protect large areas of the habitat of the threatened woodland caribou. I encourage your organization to implement, as quickly as possible, world-leading practices (pre-contact) of the Indigenous people around the world and recognize them as the only true sustainable lifestyle. It is imperative that your organization declares that no forest has ever needed, or will ever need, human management.

It is important to the credibility of your organization that the practice of Green Washing the forestry industry for the sake of the market is immediately stopped. The speed in which your organization divorces itself from this so-called agreement will greatly influence your ability to work with other environmental organizations engaged in other projects, such the Tar Sands, water protection, other forest protection, and wildlife. Your organization's betrayal of the Boreal Forest nullifies your ability to speak with any validity about these, or any other, environmental issues.

I believe it is critical that your organization recognizes the right of First Nation sovereignty over their traditional territories; that your organization will not and cannot support any agreement that does not or has not included First Nations from the beginning and throughout negotiations; that your organization cannot enter into any agreement with a corporation or government that does not recognize Indigenous sovereign rights over their traditional territories, respect Treaty Rights, bargain in good faith with First Nations peoples, or that they recognize that they are benefitting from stolen land.