

## **BOREAL FOREST CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK BACKGROUND AND NEW PARTNERS**

### **Canada's Boreal Region**

At 1.4 billion acres, Canada's Boreal region spans 58% of Canada and is one of only three remaining large intact forests in the world. It is home to abundant populations of wildlife, including billions of migrating songbirds, some of the largest caribou herds in the world, and the predators who depend on them. Home to over 600 Aboriginal communities, it is a source of economic livelihood and spiritual renewal for Canadians. For more information on Canada's Boreal, visit "*Canada's Boreal at a Glance*" at [www.borealcanada.ca](http://www.borealcanada.ca).

### **Canadian Boreal Initiative**

The Canadian Boreal Initiative (CBI) is working with a wide range of organizations and individuals to link science, policy and conservation activities in Canada's Boreal region. In 2003, CBI convened the Boreal Leadership Council, an extraordinary group of conservation organizations, First Nations and resource companies. In concert with the members of the Council, CBI created and launched the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework – a national vision for the protection and sustainable development of Canada's Boreal. Visit <http://www.borealcanada.ca/>.

### **Boreal Forest Conservation Framework**

The Boreal Forest Conservation Framework calls for protection of at least 50% of Canada's Boreal in large interconnected protected areas and world-class sustainable development practices on the remaining landscape. Signatories to the Framework include Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc., Domtar Inc., Suncor Energy Inc., Tembec Inc., Dehcho First Nations, Innu Nation, Poplar River First Nation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), Ducks Unlimited Canada, Forest Ethics and World Wildlife Fund (Canada). Visit [http://www.borealcanada.ca/framework\\_e.cfm](http://www.borealcanada.ca/framework_e.cfm)

### **Ethical Funds Company**

Launched in 1992, The Ethical Funds Company is Canada's original and largest manager of socially responsible mutual funds. In addition to evaluating all investments according to their financial, social and environmental performance and outlook, The Ethical Funds Company promotes corporate accountability – making good companies better – and gives investors a voice in encouraging sustainable business practices. Visit <http://www.ethicalfunds.com/>.

### **Kaska Nation**

The Kaska Nation is developing eco-system-based land use plans based on traditional knowledge and conservation biology that include large-scale protected areas and provide for a sustainable economy for the Kaska people. The Kaska are partnering with CBI on key initiatives including: the compilation and organization of Kaska traditional knowledge (including the establishment of appropriate methodologies and policies to ensure protection of Kaska intellectual property rights); and the integration of this knowledge into land and resource management decision-making processes. Visit [/www.kaskadenacouncil.com](http://www.kaskadenacouncil.com).

### **The Nature Conservancy**

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) works in all 50 United States and 27 countries. Dedicated to preserving the diversity of life, TNC has protected more than 117 million acres of land and 5,000 miles of river around the world. TNC has significant conservation interests across North America and one of TNC's priority goals in Canada is to maintain the ecological integrity of the boreal forest region, and to accomplish this goal by working with partners, in particular the companies, non-governmental organizations and First Nations aligned with CBI. Visit <http://www.nature.org/>.