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Hadley Archer in Clayoquot Sound, B.C.  
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**I've been thinking a lot about 2030—a year by which the world must halt and reverse our devastating impacts on nature and climate. As the momentum for this decade of action continues to build, the Canada Program is committed to acting at scale, leveraging Canadian leadership and our global resources, and ensuring that we do things in a way that is equitable and just.**

We know that collaborative action and bold leadership can shift our trajectory toward a nature-positive world by 2030, for the benefit of nature and people. To achieve this goal, our team and partners are accelerating Natural Climate Solutions, advancing Indigenous-led conservation and scaling collaborative action to support the resilience of lands, waters and people for generations to come.

I hope you'll enjoy this look at our work and join me in our mission to transform our collective strength into solutions to address the planet's greatest challenges.

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*Hadley Archer, Executive Director*



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Our partnerships with Indigenous Nations have been incredibly formative in our journey toward right relations. © Pat Kane

## Our Journey Toward Accountability

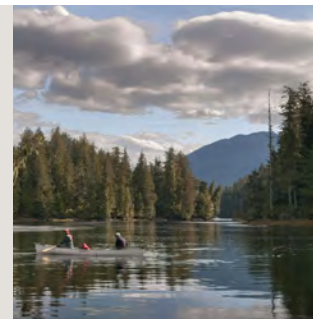
Advancing Indigenous right relations is a priority—  
one that will take hard work, deep reflection and action

Indigenous leadership is critical to the future of healthy ecosystems and communities across Canada. The Canada Program has a long-standing commitment to being a respectful partner and working in right relations with Indigenous Peoples. Working in right relations means conducting ourselves and our work in a good way, being receptive, collaborative, and responsive. We are committed to listening, learning and evolving at every level of our organization to meaningfully advance this priority over the long term.

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### Our Commitments

Action matters. The journey towards advancing Indigenous right relations requires a dedication to learning, reflecting and sharing new insights. We will report on our progress and embrace courageous conversations. Our key commitments are: (1) invest in, plan for and prioritize right relations work; (2) consistently learn, reflect and share; (3) listen to and elevate Indigenous voices and perspectives; (4) advance reconciliation and work with reciprocity; and (5) ensure operations align with right relations commitments.



Staff and partners in the Great Bear Rainforest, B.C. © Mark Godfrey/TNC



Extreme wildfires are directly connected to more dry weather, which has increased over the last decade. © iStock

## A Conversation with Our Forest Experts

### Extreme wildfires and the living value of forests

We are monitoring the impact of wildfires as well as how Indigenous-led efforts are conserving and managing vital ecosystems such as old-growth forests. Our experts Laura Smith and Ronnie Drever break it down:

**What is the connection between extreme wildfires and climate change?** Extreme wildfires are directly connected to more dry weather and higher temperatures, which have been increasing over the last decade because of climate change. Specifically, there are a certain number of days each year when the conditions are right for high spread of wildfires—and models indicate that the number of these days is increasing in many places as a result of climate change. This doesn't mean that every year will be a bad year, but the bad years will be more likely, and they could get worse.

**How could changes in fire management contribute to community resilience?** Adaptive responses to wildfires must account for the different circumstances and conditions of each place—including its unique ecology and social structures—alongside the realities of cost for engaging with specific strategies. That said, there are a number of Natural Climate Solutions that are economically accessible, and can often be applied in a number of settings for social and economic resilience. As the costs of dealing with wildfires increases, it makes sense to invest in actions that prevent or mitigate risk.

**How does our work help mitigate extreme wildfires?** For two decades, we have worked in partnership to advance Indigenous-led conservation and Improved Forest Management—both of which offer climate solutions. By leveraging key strategic partnerships and expertise in these fields, we are contributing to the evolution of sustainable forests and forestry practices across the country.

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### Your Legacy Has Power

Including the Canada Program in your will or estate plan can benefit you and your loved ones while making a difference for nature. No matter the size of your estate, you can be part of a powerful movement for change. And it's easier than you think. Your commitment will support a resilient Canada where people and nature thrive.

**“For me, a legacy gift was a natural extension of my commitment to the Canada Program’s approach, which I believe is profoundly important.”**

—Arlin Hackman, Legacy Club member since 2016

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### Our History in Canada

Over the past 40 years, the Canada Program has helped set the stage for remarkable conservation gains across Canada—including the landmark Great Bear Rainforest agreement which protected and sustainably managed 19 million acres and the establishment of the 6.5-million-acre Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area. Along with Nature United, our Canadian affiliate, we work in partnership with Indigenous and local communities, governments and businesses to create change. We are part of an ambitious global effort to change the trajectory of our future by 2030.

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