

# WHAT'S WRONG WITH N.B.'S CROWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN?

## By the numbers

It decreases the area of conservation forest by one quarter, from 30% to 23%.

Conservation forests are important because they include deer wintering yards, old wood stands, wetlands and river and stream buffer zones, which are vital to deer, waterfowl and other birds and fish.

Biologists from NB universities warn it will be difficult to maintain healthy wildlife populations if the area of conservation forest drops below 28%.

It increases annual allowable cut by 660,000 cubic metres per year for the next 25 years.

47.7% of this cut will come from conservation forest (315,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year).

It increases clearcuts from 75 ha to 100 ha, and reduces wait-time to clearcut nearby forest from 10 to five years.



## *Setting things straight – the case for a better forest plan*

We all want the best for our Crown forest, including the people who work in it, and the animals who live there. The Conservation Council of New Brunswick says the province needs a new forest strategy that:

- Respects the woods and maintains healthy populations of wildlife and game like deer and moose by protecting their habitats and main sources of food;
- Respects all users of Crown forests, including hunters and fishermen;
- Creates well-paying jobs and supports woodlot owners and local businesses; and,
- Builds strong communities and local jobs across the province.



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It allows for cutting of younger trees (54,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year) and cutting on steep slopes and in wet areas (26,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year), which hurts wildlife and water-fowl habitat.

It eliminates buffers from wetlands and eliminates the standard that protects the native Acadian forest, now allowing cuts of up to 142,000 m<sup>3</sup>/year.

It continues the practice of publicly-funded herbicide spraying, killing hardwoods and plants that deer, moose, bear, and other animals eat.

It limits the products and services we can produce from our Crown forest, – like recreational fishing and hunting, stifling innovation and job creation.

## We know you care

A poll conducted last summer shows that 80% of New Brunswickers want our Crown forest to be managed by conservation values. The poll also showed that:

- 61% of New Brunswickers are against the 2104 plan, including hunters, fishermen, woodlot owners, conservationists, economists and others; and,
- 87% of New Brunswickers want the public and experts to be consulted before government makes long-term deals with industry.

## Act now

Write your local Member of the Legislative Assembly and tell them why you think the plan should change.



Find out who your MLA is at this

website: <http://www1.gnb.ca/legis/bios/58/index-e.asp>.

You can also write Denis Landry, Minister of Natural Resources ([Denis.Landry2@gnb.ca](mailto:Denis.Landry2@gnb.ca)) and Premier Brian Gallant ([brian.Gallant@gnb.ca](mailto:brian.Gallant@gnb.ca)) to share your concerns about the future of our forest and wildlife.

Join us, and people from across the province, in calling on government to change the 2014 forest strategy and come up with a plan that will keep people working, hunting and fishing in the woods for years to come.

Learn more at [www.conservationcouncil.ca](http://www.conservationcouncil.ca)

