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RE: Renewing Canada's Forest Vision (2018 and Beyond)

Dear Forest Sector Stakeholder;

Canada's forests are world renowned for their vastness and majestic beauty. Canadians can be proud of our sustainably managed forests, and the community building benefits they provide here and abroad. But how do we ensure this legacy is carried forward into the future? It starts with having a common vision to point the way.

The Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) is seeking to renew Canada's Forest Vision. Last updated in 2008, the previous version focussed on identifying priorities for CCFM work and speaking primarily to each other as governments. However, it failed to set strategic objectives with concrete actions and targets for the provinces to follow. This explains why the process to create the Vision was valuable, yet the document itself was not widely used after development.

In Canada, provinces and territories have legislative responsibility for forest management. It has been recognized, that since they develop and implement forest strategies, the primary function of the Vision should be to tell the pan-Canadian story and demonstrate how sustainable forest management should be achieved using a common set of guiding principles.

Therefore, the renewed Vision (2018 and Beyond) aims to:

1. Define and describe the future state for Canada's forests from coast to coast, including a continuing commitment to principles and practices of sustainable forest management;
2. Promote engagement and inspire creative efforts from partners; and
3. Demonstrate how Canada's forests and forest management practices improve the lives of Canadians while contributing to global community using the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals as a framework.

Through ongoing pan-Canadian engagement activities, the Province, as a member of the Vision Renewal Task Team, is asking for your participation as we involve citizens in renewing a vision for Canada's Forest. We invite you to visit the **engageNL** website at www.engagenl.ca and share your thoughts by filling out the online questionnaire.

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact Eric Young, RPF via email at emyoung@gov.nl.ca or by calling (709) 637-2350.

Sincerely,



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For Further Information:

- Engage NL: <https://www.engagenl.ca>
- Canadian Council of Forest Ministers: <https://www.ccfm.org/english/coreproducts-forestvision.asp>
- Renewing Canada's Forest Vision Survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/forest_vision_Canada
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