



CANADIAN  
FOREST  
OWNERS

PROPRIÉTAIRES  
FORESTIERS *du*  
CANADA

# Realizing the Value of Private Forest Lands

# Our Members – Nos Membres

**MOSAIC**  
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J.D. IRVING, LIMITED

**PRIVATE FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**ONTARIO WOODLOT ASSOCIATION**

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FOREST MANAGEMENT, LTD.

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**Fédération des producteurs forestiers du Québec**

Propriétaires de lots boisés

**PEIWOA**  
PEI Woodlot Owners Association

**CRABBE**

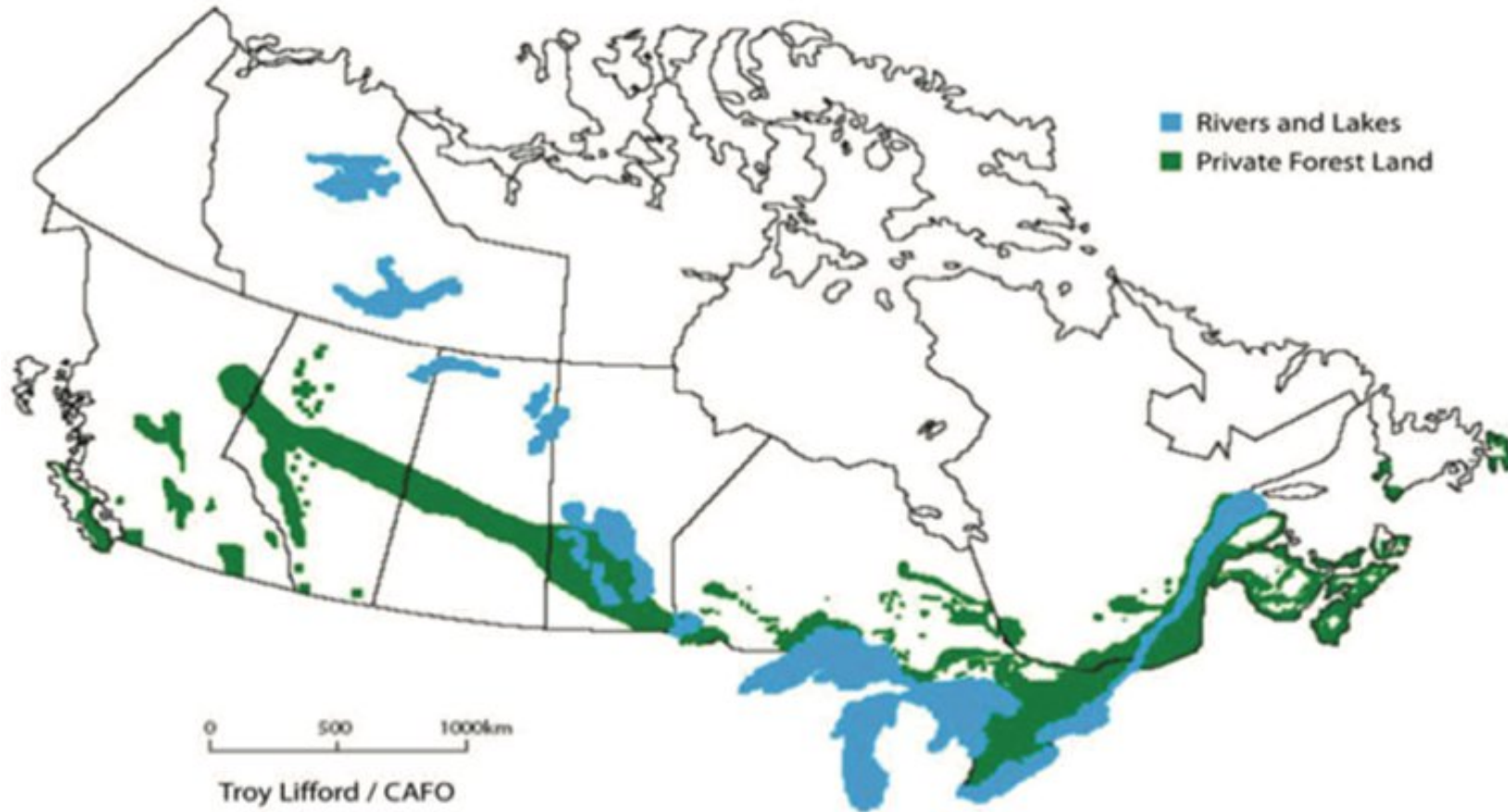
**Monticola Forest Ltd.**

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Woodlot Owners

**WOODLOT**  
Association of Alberta

**WOODLOT ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.**

## Regional Distribution of Private Forest Land in Canada



**480,000** forest landowners

**10%** of managed forest land in Canada

**20%** of forest production in Canada

**25 million ha** of Canada's managed forest land is **privately owned**.

**38,500 direct jobs**  
**\$14.5 billion in revenue**

CFO Corporate Members manage an **additional 15 million ha** of managed publicly-owned forest land.

## ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES



Recreation, fitness and health benefits



Sport fishing and wildlife habitat



Biodiversity



Landscape aesthetics



Water quality and water conservation



Watershed regulation and flood control



Carbon reservoir



Protected areas

# An Underestimated Asset



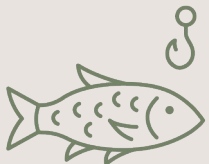
# We're Bigger Than You Think



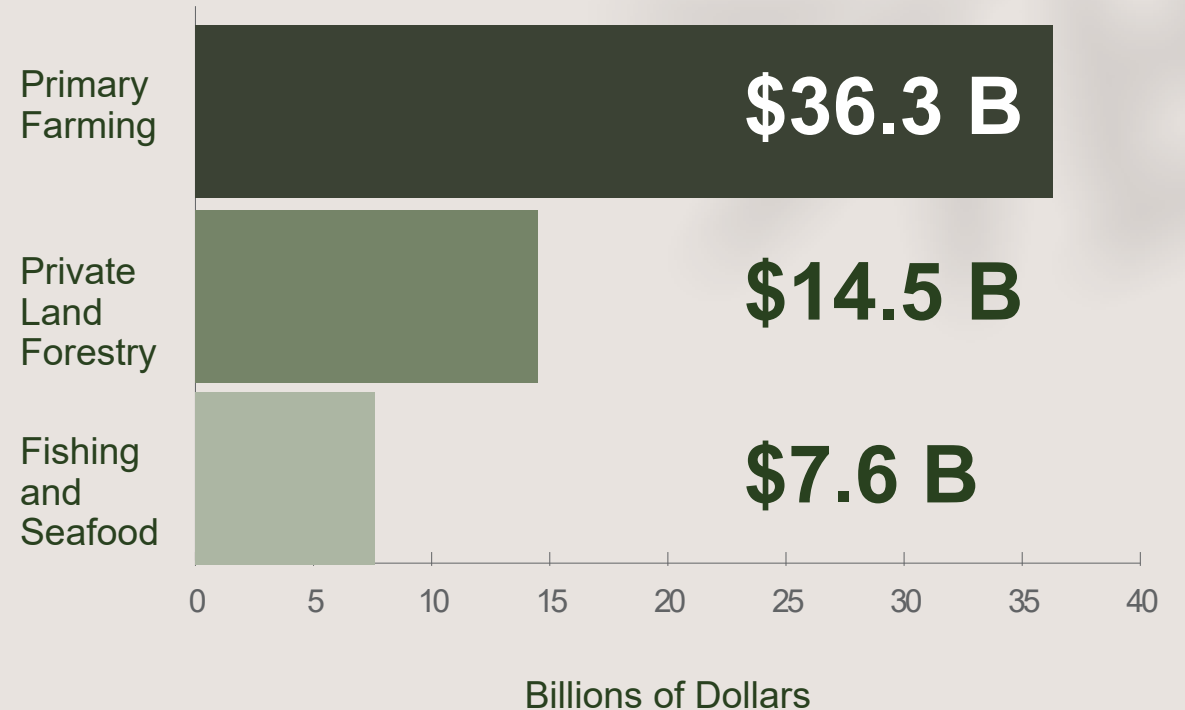
**480,000**  
Forest landowners



**262,455**  
Farmers



**64,996**  
Fishers



"The lack of understanding of private forests is a blind spot in Canada's forest and trade policy, and as a result, support programs for the sector often overlook their essential contribution."

Andrew de Vries  
Canadian Forest  
Owners





# Filling the Knowledge Gap

- The Europeans and Americans have national surveys of private forest owners; Canada does not.
- Canada's last profile of private forest owners was published in 2003.
- Working with McGill University and the CFS we are updating this work and proposing a systematic approach for surveying private forest owners across Canada.



# Private Land Competitiveness

- Private forest lands are key contributors to Canada's competitiveness and Canada's future.
- Private forest lands tend to produce more wood than Crown lands.
- We're often closer to and have better access to the mills.
- CFO would like to quantify the data, so policy makers have the evidence; e.g., number of jobs and taxes associated with private lands.



# Ensuring Private Forest Lands are recognized in Trade Agreements

- US Softwood Negotiations, US Tariffs
- European Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)



# Ensuring Private Forest Lands are recognized in Federal Policy

- Fiscal and Tax Policies
- Buy Canadian Wood Procurement Policies
- Species at Risk Act, Migratory Birds Convention Act, Fisheries Act



# Understanding Aboriginal Title and Private Property Rights

- Reconciliation is a necessary goal for all Canadians, and CFO strongly supports this goal.
- Aboriginal title is recognized under section 35 of the Constitution.
- There are no constitutionally protected private land rights in Canada.



# Understanding Aboriginal Title and Private Property Rights

- But the Courts have provided guidance on Aboriginal title and the role of provincial and federal governments (e.g., Tsilqhot'in)
- Policy Developments: Haida (BC)
- Legal developments: Wolasteqey (NB), Cowichan (BC), Saugeen (ON)




# Creating Membership Benefits - Insurance

- Private forest land insurance is common in Europe, USA, Australia and other countries.
- Policies exist in Canada but are expensive.
- We are taking a group approach to this challenge to bring down costs and increase availability.
- On March 18 we launched a Canada wide insurance package for Canadian private forest landowners.

# Supporting Family Forestry

- 20% of the world's forests are privately owned.
- CFO is a member of the International Family Forestry Alliance.
- This helps us maintain contacts with our international partners.





# Advancing Forestry Professionals & Research



Each year through the Peter deMarsh Memorial Bursary we fund the final phases of a graduate student's research program.



Travel bursary helps young participants attend international conferences.

The Chris Lee Memorial Scholarship provides funds to forestry technicians, undergraduates, or master's students to pursue their academic career.



# A National Voice for Canadian Private Forest Landowners

Canadian private forest lands are overlooked and under-represented.

CFO's goal is to help change that narrative and ensure a consistent national voice for private forest landowners.



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