

Biodiversity Collaborative Conference

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Initiative: Forest Sector Competitiveness

- *Loss of mills & existing infrastructure
- *Secure private investment
- *Additional wood requirement

Outcomes

- *20% increase in softwood supply
- *Maintains hardwood supply to 2022
- *Secures sector jobs
- *Creates new jobs

Forest Management Strategy

1. Harvest in marginal forest
2. Increased use of commercial thinning
3. Maintain current harvest/silviculture practices
4. Reduced “Conservation Forest”
5. Increased legally protected area

Changes to Conservation Land Bases

≈ 75,000 ha of inactive Deer Wintering Areas removed.

216,000 ha → 141,000 ha

≈ 130,000 ha of area described as old forest habitats removed.

408,000 ha → 278,000 ha

Increased area in legally protected PNA.

157,000 ha → 273,000 ha

Industrial forestry practices surrounding watercourses & wetlands will still meet or exceed Dept. Environment regulation

301,000 ha → 301,000 ha

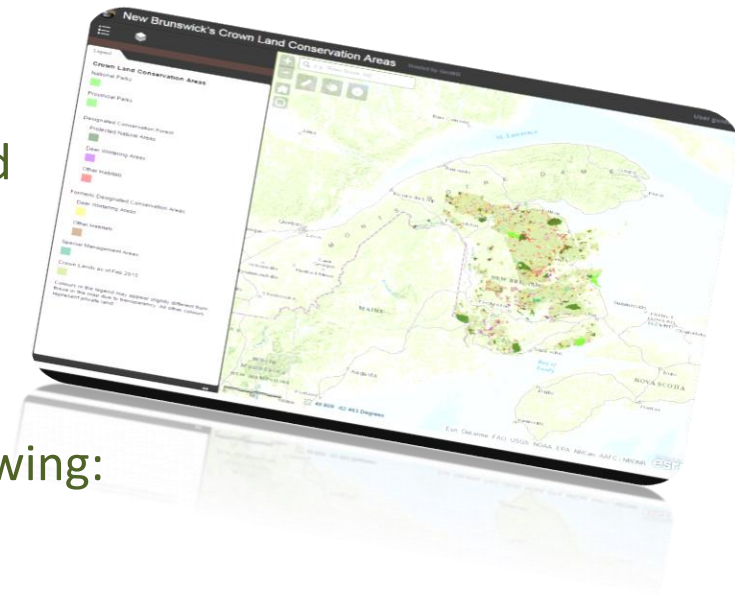


Gaps or Opportunities:

1. More detailed and accurate inventory. Pursuing acquisition of LiDAR forest metrics.
2. Better understanding of entire Provincial forest inventory .
3. Better understanding of how structures interact.
4. More effort on priority species: levels, trends, etc.

Transparency:

1. Government has released documents connected to forest strategy:
 - Investment agreements
 - Forest Management Agreement
2. DNR has made available an interactive map showing:
 - Conservation Forest
 - Formerly designated Conservation Forest
 - Other landscape features that preserve existing structure



Consultation:

- Minister Landry is meeting with stakeholders & experts before deciding on a path forward
- DNR is interested in enhancements and suggestions