



Conseil Cris-Québec sur la foresterie  
Cree-Québec Forestry Board

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Mr Luc Blanchette  
Minister  
Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs  
5700, 4e Avenue Ouest, Bureau A-413  
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**Subject: Comments of the Cree-Québec Forestry Board on the proposed National Wood Production Strategy**

Dear Minister,

The goal of the proposed national wood production strategy—to bring increased value and wealth creation from Québec's timber supply—is of great interest to the Cree-Québec Forestry Board and we welcome the invitation for comment. The Board has analyzed the proposed strategy with a focus on how it relates to the main objectives of the Paix des braves Agreement's adapted forestry regime.

In general, the national strategy presents interesting objectives and approaches to maximize benefits for regional communities. The Board understands that a number of steps need to be taken in order to clarify how, in keeping with the strategy's main objectives, these benefits can be generated at the regional level.

For the adapted forestry regime territory of application, the main challenge will be to implement and enable the deployment of the strategy objectives in accordance with the provisions of the Paix des braves Agreement and its adapted forestry regime.

The Board will follow the evolution of the file in order to encourage the contribution of Cree representatives in the process of developing the regional dimension of the strategy and its implementation.

Finally, in connection with recent commitments made under the Harmonized Agreement, the Board encourages the parties to continue their efforts to establish the Cree-Québec Forestry Economic Council (CQFEC) in order that it can contribute to this development.



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Please be assured that, if necessary, the Board is willing to contribute to the further development of this strategy.

Yours sincerely,

**Hervé Deschênes**  
**Board Chairman**