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## CFO Policy Framework

Canadian Forest Owners collectively equal the 8th largest forest-producing country in the world. In forestry value, the CFO is similar in size to Sweden and Finland. In recognition of this value, we introduced a new federal policy framework to help us work together to build support for the implementation of key issues with the goal of creating world leading private forest land management. This policy framework was well received by leaders in the federal civil service and parliamentarians from all parties, including Parliamentary Secretary Marc Serré and Member of Parliament Jake Stewart (above).

The proposed policy framework, led by the Canadian Forest Service at Natural Resources Canada, in cooperation with Environment and Climate Change Canada, would address the following priorities:

- **Market Access:** Protect and expand market access for sustainable and low-carbon Canadian forest roundwood and products, which is of the utmost importance to forest owners and the thousands of families and hundreds of communities who rely on us.
- **Forest Carbon:** Engage with Canadian Forest Owners during international trade negotiations and policy development to ensure we can continue to serve international customers without interference. An effective aggregate mechanism should be put in place to allow many small forest owners, or even to allow smaller owners to join into larger ownership models, to participate in forest carbon markets.
- **Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan:** Implement a Personal Silvicultural Savings and Investment Plan for Canadian Forest Owners to incentivize job creation in the forest sector and rural economic development.
- **Migratory Birds:** Develop a balanced approach to Migratory Birds Regulations and implement workable compliance mechanisms, such as incidental considerations, and amend the proposed regulation to protect migratory birds with an evidence-based approach.
- **Species at Risk Act:** Create a better process to allow for stakeholder input to find ways to incentivize monetary and active resource support for public values.
- **2 Billion Trees program:** Partner with private forest owners to enhance the 2 Billion Tree Program and help plant trees.
- **National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy:** Generate opportunities for Canadian Forest Owners to contribute to the strategy and be part of a whole-of-society approach. Forest management and forest products have a key role in carbon sequestration and resilient forested landscapes.