



New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners
Fédération des propriétaires de lots boisés du Nouveau-Brunswick

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Wildfire Season Watch

The official start of wildfire season is Monday, April 21st.

Before burning, always check the burning conditions by calling 1-866-458-8080 or visit [Firewatch](#). Burning conditions are updated every day at 2pm.

For additional resources to help you prepare for wildfire season, go to the [Resource Centre](#) on the NBFWO website and scroll down on the General tab



From the Desk of the Executive Director



As we start a new fiscal year for the Federation, we are working on our work plan. There are many options, many opportunities and challenges.

The challenges are the Federal election which puts projects such as 2Billion Trees into question. Tariffs with the United States make exports as well as imports more expensive and puts strain on already tight margins and has impacted markets. There are also new unrealistic countervailing duties on the horizon.

Opportunities also exist such as carbon and biodiversity credits although it will take some time to get to the point where they are a reality, and they will not be an option for everyone. We are continuing to explore the carbon option but there are many legal ramifications as well as technical questions to be considered for us to move forward. Biodiversity credits are emerging as an option, but it will take some time to get to the point where there is a regulated market. Participation in a voluntary market would require the Federation to explore a completely new area of expertise.

There will continue to be silviculture funding for 2025/26. The province has promised to fund up to \$10 million dollars worth of silviculture in the coming season.

With many options but limited resources, prioritization is essential. Potential actions include increasing lobbying efforts, restarting blogs, offering more training, exploring carbon markets, or focusing on protected places.

If you have strong feelings about what the Federation should focus on, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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News & Events

A round up of news from all over and upcoming events

[Check out some news you may have missed this month:](#)

- *Province tells Nova Scotia Power to burn more wood to generate electricity*
- *U.S. uncertainty positions Canada for more mass timber construction*
- *The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society releases its report card on provincial conservation efforts.*
- *Pursuing a New CSA Standard to Heat Canada with Wood Pellets*
- *Mud, water and wood: The system that kept a 1604-year-old city afloat*
- *Turning the Tables: How Canada can shake off the U.S. softwood lumber dispute and grow the sector*
- *AI-powered drones track down fires in German forests*
- *Unifor calls for Team Canada approach to forestry following preliminary decision to more than double U.S. softwood lumber duties*
- *COFI Convention: Finding innovative solutions to wildfire management*
- *How forestry is supporting biodiversity in Northumberland County (Ontario)*
- [And more!](#)

April 18-21: the NBFWO office will be closed for the Easter long weekend

[April 22:](#) Seniors for Climate: Earth Day Rally at the NB Legislature

[April 23:](#) CCNB - Power up for the planet: Free energy efficiency webinar

[May 10:](#) Irving Woodlands Tree Seedling Sale

May 18: the NBFWO office will be closed for Victoria Day

[June 3-5:](#) Atlantic BIOCON, Atlantic Canada's Bioeconomy Conference, Saint John

[June 6-8:](#) Festival of Nature 2025 : Miramichi

MCFT is holding several Watercourse Alteration Certificate courses over the next few months, check the calendar for date and details.

Save the tentative date, NBFWO AGM potential date of October 8, 2025

Keep an eye on the [News](#), [Ads Board](#), and [Calendar of Events](#)
on the website for additional events and details.

A message from the 7 Forest Product Marketing Boards

Proposed Marketing Registration System

The 7 Forest Products Marketing Boards of New Brunswick have shared the following announcement:

The New Brunswick Forest Products Commission is proposing a marketing registry which would require any person buying or selling primary forest products that originate on a New Brunswick private woodlot to register with the Commission before marketing begins.

To learn more on this registry, click [here](#).
(the link also has a flow chart for clarification)



New Brunswick
Forest Products Commission
Commission des produits forestiers
du Nouveau Brunswick

PROPOSED MARKETING REGISTRATION SYSTEM INFORMATION BULLETIN

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The New Brunswick Forest Products Commission is proposing a marketing registry which would require any person buying or selling primary forest products that originate on a New Brunswick private woodlot to register with the Commission before marketing begins.

PURPOSES FOR REGISTRATION?

To formalize and strengthen the marketing of NB private to:

1. Improve the planning process for buyers and sellers;
2. Improve tracking and traceability of harvest volumes for sustainability, fair market value stumpage reporting, and levy collection;
3. Improve transparency, accountability and performance for stakeholders; and
4. Provide for baseline seller and buyer data for a new digital Transportation Certificate system.

WHO MUST REGISTER?

BUYERS – Anyone who is purchasing primary forest products that originated on a New Brunswick private woodlot from a registered seller.

SELLERS – Anyone who is producing and selling primary forest products to a registered buyer.

Some will have to register as BOTH a BUYER and SELLER. For examples, brokers, mills who purchase stumpage directly from private woodlot owners.

HOW WILL SOMEONE REGISTER?

An online registration portal will be developed that will allow for users to join and submit their registrations. For those who do not have access to the internet or are unable to navigate the registration portal, third party users may register a BUYER or SELLER on their behalf.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

The following information will be required from all registrants:

1. Name and mailing address,
2. Registration type (Buyer/Seller),
3. Contact information (phone, email),
4. Contact name if corporation.

If a BUYER, the estimated annual purchase volume anticipated to purchase.

If a SELLER, the property identification numbers (PID#s) to be harvested and an estimated volume for each by softwood and hardwood.

WHEN WILL REGISTRY BE IMPLEMENTED?

The online registration portal will open on July 1, 2025. For the first 6 months, stakeholders will be strongly encouraged to use the portal. Effective January 1, 2026, the registration will become mandatory and be enforced. Registered BUYERS may only purchase from registered SELLERS and conversely, registered SELLERS may only sell to registered BUYERS after that date.

2025 Spring Weight Restrictions



Spring weight restrictions for truck traffic will now come into effect at **00:01 (AST) Monday, March 10th**, in Southern New Brunswick. and at **00:01 (AST) on Monday, March 17th**, in Northern New Brunswick.

Restrictions will continue **until 23:59 (AST) Sunday, May 11th**, in Southern New Brunswick and **until 23:59 (AST), Sunday, May 18th** in Northern New Brunswick. These dates are dependent upon weather conditions and are subject to change.

The Department reminds heavy vehicle operators and freight forwarders that the authorized axle load limits are reduced during the spring thaw period on all public roads. This is done every year to account for the road network's lower bearing capacity during the spring thaw period.

A Quick Survey - How do you like to learn?

The NBFWO is always exploring ways to provide opportunities for our members to learn new skills and information about topics that are important to you. Each person has a preferred way to take in new information - some prefer hands-on learning, some prefer to read a brochure, and some prefer to explore lots of links on the internet!

To better serve you, we would like to hear how you like to learn. Please take this very short survey (just 1 question!) and let us know!

[GO TO SURVEY](#)





New Horizons for the Wabanaki-Acadian forest

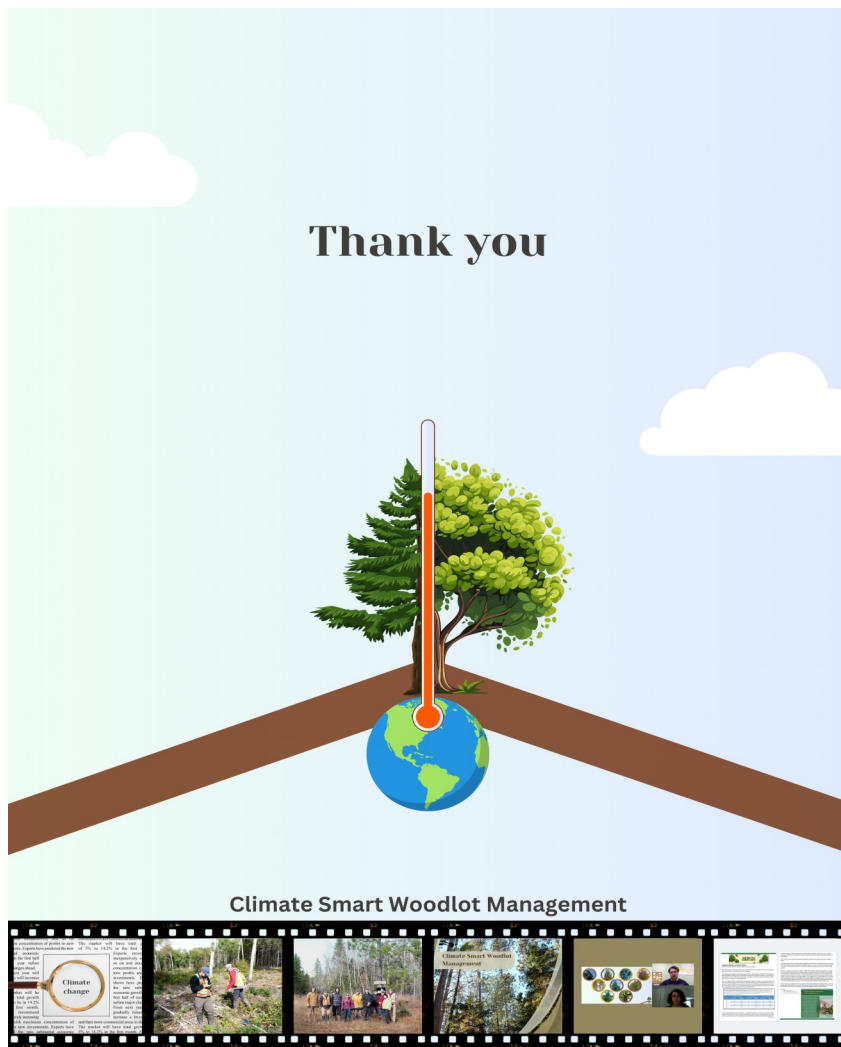
By Diane Fargialla, NBFWO Climate Change Outreach Coordinator

In August 2024, the New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners launched the “Climate Smart Woodlot Management” project funded by the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF). Eight months later, after a literature review, a data collection, a series of workshops, a guide, a webinar and articles, this project has achieved its goal: to raise awareness among woodlot owners about climate challenges, while providing them with resources to enhance the Wabanaki-Acadian forest’s resilience and ensure its ecological stability in a changing climate.

The completion of this project opens the way to new horizons for the Wabanaki-Acadian forest, a valuable ecosystem that provides many services and plays a role in the fight against climate change. If you are a woodlot owner, we strongly encourage you to adopt forest management practices that promote diversity, to better anticipate and mitigate future risks. The road is long, but well worth the effort!

You now have more tools to take action. Don't hesitate to explore the guide at your disposal. Just avoid counting the number of pages! What matters is the content. This guide is rich in information and will assist you in your climate-smart management approach. Also, don't hesitate to check out the [new webpage](#) if you haven't already done so. You will learn more about the activities carried out throughout this project, as well as the updated case study featuring the new data collected in September 2024 at the four demonstration sites.

That's the end of this chapter... Thanks again to the ETF and our collaborators! And thank you, dear readers, for following our forestry adventures to implement this project.





Spring is for the birds! Tips from Cornell Lab (allaboutbirds.org)

Drumming is to woodpeckers as song is to song-birds—and a rapid rat-a-tat-tat-tat-tat! ringing out through the woods is a sure sign of spring. Just like learning to identify wrens and warblers by their melodies, with a little practice you can [identify some woodpeckers by the speed, cadence, and rhythm of their drumming.](#)

Photo: Hairy Woodpecker by Xiaoni Xu / Macaulay Library



Five Ways to Notice Nests Near You

This time of year, it pays to pay attention to what birds are doing—if you do, you might be treated to an "Aha!" moment that lets you know a bundle of eggs or nestlings is coming soon to a tucked-away spot near you. Here are our [top five tips for tuning in to nesting behavior this spring.](#)

Photo: Tree Swallow by Matt Felperin / Macaulay Library.

The Hole Story: An Exploration of Excavation

When woodpeckers dig out temporary homes for themselves in decaying trees, they're helping house future generations of forest creatures—from mice to mergansers. Researchers are using [the concept of "nest webs"](#) to understand how these valuable cavities pass from one owner to the next.

Photo: Northern Flicker by Michael Quinton.



A Message from the Nashwaak Watershed Association



Photo credit: Nashwaak Watershed Association

“If possible, avoid active forest management while birds are nesting this spring and summer. In order to protect the greatest number of birds, it's best to avoid activity from mid April until late August. Peak nesting season differs by region and species - if you're curious, you can check out the nesting query tool at Nature Counts:

<https://naturecounts.ca/apps/rnest/index.jsp>

Become familiar with your legal obligations under the Migratory Bird Convention Act - find out more here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/avoiding-harm-migratory-birds/reduce-risk-migratory-birds.html> “

You can also learn about the best management practices (BMPs) for certain species at risk in NB by searching the [Database](#) on the NBFWO website.

TREES AROUND THE WORLD Almendo (*Dipteryx oleifera*)



photo: *Dipteryx oleifera* on Barro Colorado Island, Panama (by Evan Gora)

The *Dipteryx oleifera*, also called almendo, thrives in tropical wet and moist forests from Nicaragua to Colombia. Towering above the canopy, this tree has a surprising feature: it benefits from lightning! A recent study reveals that when struck by lightning, not only it survives with minor damage, but it also gains in competitiveness as an average of nine neighboring trees are killed by the electricity transmitted through branches or vines. This study is just a beginning; we can't wait to see what other shocking secrets this tree has in store!



*We love to share your pictures!
Email them to info@nbwoodlotowners.ca*

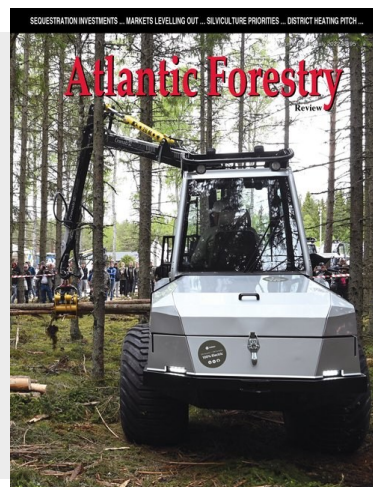
White Lady Slipper

Photo by Paul Savoie

Looking for a gift for a woodlot owner? May we suggest a subscription to the **Atlantic Forestry Review**?

Federation members receive a \$6 discount off of the price of a 1-year subscription. That's 6 issues a year for only \$14 - *what a deal!*

[Click here](#) to sign up today!



Thanks for reading - Until next time!

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