

Sustainable Forest Management Policy

- 1. Sustainable Forestry:**
RCFC will practice sustainable forestry to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitat, recreation and aesthetics.
 - 2. Responsible Practices:**
RCFC will use sustainable forestry practices that are both scientifically credible and economically, environmentally, and socially responsible.
 - 3. Reforestation and Productive Capacity:**
RCFC will provide for regeneration after harvest and maintain the productive capacity of the forest landbase.
 - 4. Forest Health and Productivity:**
RCFC will protect forests from uncharacteristic and economically or environmentally undesirable wildfire, pests, diseases and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health and productivity.
 - 5. Long-Term Forest and Soil Productivity:**
RCFC will protect and maintain long-term forest and soil productivity.
 - 6. Protection of Water Resources:**
RCFC will protect water bodies and riparian zones.
 - 7. Protection of Special Sites and Biological Diversity:**
RCFC will manage forests and lands of special significant (biologically, geologically, historically or culturally important) in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities and to promote a diversity of wildlife habitats, forest types and ecological or natural community types.
 - 8. Legal Compliance:**
RCFC will comply with applicable federal, provincial, and local forestry and related environmental and social laws, statutes and regulations.
 - 9. Continual Improvement:**
RCFC will continually improve the practice of forest management and also to monitor, measure and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.
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