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GREENPEACE FOREST VIEWS

Key Milestones Agreed to in Great Bear Rainforest

In September 2007 the Joint Solutions Project (JSP) reached consensus on milestones to track progress towards full implementation of Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) consistent with the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements of February 2006.

The milestones include:

June 2007

- 1st set of new logging rules become law.

October 2007

- A plan is in place to shift to the new system of logging
- Timely compliance of forestry planning and on-the-ground practices with the initial suite of new logging laws
- Ensure adequately funded and effective EBM Working Group
- Support for spatially explicit planning to inform implementation of EBM

November 2007

- Old growth forests are being managed to ensure low risk to biodiversity
- Implementation of new logging practices is being independently monitored
- Identify ecologically critical areas to maintain options during transition to full EBM
- Work underway to allow Forest Stewardship Council Certification (FSC) to support EBM

March 2008

- Active logging plans address priority ecological components of the new system of logging
- Support for a Human well being plan
- Support for an Adaptive Management Framework to inform EBM
- Support of a decision-making framework to implement EBM

March 2009

- Full implementation of the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements
- Specific marketplace support for CFCI businesses based on their role in implementing the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements

At www.greatbearwatch.ca you can view updated progress on these milestones.

The milestones represent bilateral commitments of JSP consistent with the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements announced in February 2006 by British Columbia's Premier Gordon Campbell and First Nations' Leaders. The Government-to-Government (British Columbia-to-First Nations) relationship and the final decision these governments must make in relation to EBM are critical to lasting solutions in the Great Bear Rainforest.

The Joint Solutions Project (JSP) includes a group of forest companies – Western Forest Products, International Forest Products, Canadian Forest Products, Catalyst Paper Corporation, and British Columbia Timber Sales and environmental organizations—including Sierra Club, ForestEthics and Greenpeace. The JSP aims to collaborate on the development of models for conservation and management of globally significant coastal forests that fully integrates social, economic and ecological needs.



From Conflict to Collaboration

The Great Bear Rainforest Story

Canada is home to the Great Bear Rainforest—the largest intact temperate coastal rainforest on the planet. The Great Bear Rainforest stretches along British Columbia’s coast and is home to many First Nations who have lived in this rainforest for thousands of years.

A spectacular combination of ocean and forest ecosystems, the Great Bear Rainforest is also known as ‘Canada’s Amazon’ for its dense web of natural life including towering ancient trees, bears, wolves, whales and sea lions.

Today, less than 25% of this forest type remains worldwide. Industrial, status quo logging remains the largest threat to this ecosystem. A new system of logging was agreed to in 2006 and now must be implemented so that vast holes in the forest, where trees were cut down, logging roads slashed across watershed and habitats destroyed no longer takes place.

In 1995, Greenpeace and other environmental groups came together to target destructive logging in the

Great Bear Rainforest. Years of conflict and pressure from an international markets campaign eventually drove the logging companies to stop logging in key valleys while we sat down and negotiated a new future. The space to talk while knowing that key areas were off limits to development was critical for Greenpeace’s participation.

A historic interim agreement followed in 2001 that recommended the protection of important areas of the forest, changes to logging practices and support for a sustainable future for local communities.

A Lasting Solution

In 2004 after years of meetings and collaboration, local communities, the logging and mining industries, recreational users, tourism operators, labour unions, small businesses and environmental organizations reached consensus recommendations on land-use in the Great Bear Rainforest. The unprecedented component in this process was the use of independent science

supported by all stakeholders.

These land-use recommendations were used to inform (First Nations & Provincial) government-to-government negotiations, which 20 coastal First Nations have completed and initialed land use agreements. Since 2006, the BC Government has publicly announced agreements that include protection of one third of the forest from logging and Ecosystem Based Management practices on the rest of the landbase by March 31, 2009.

Additionally, Greenpeace and other environmental organizations worked with philanthropic groups and governments to successfully raise \$120 million for conservation and sustainable businesses in local communities.

By any measure, the preservation of the Great Bear Rainforest is one of the most compelling conservation visions of our times. But Greenpeace’s work is far from over. These agreements on paper must now be translated into a reality in the rainforest. Track progress on agreements at greatbearwatch.ca.

Space for a New Vision: Logging in One Million Hectares of Rainforest will not proceed before agreements are reality

With the agreement to the Great Bear Rainforest Agreement Milestones (See Success: Key Milestones Agreed), deadlines are in place for BC's coastal forest industry and environmental organizations to get the implementation of historic land use agreements on track.

The Great Bear Rainforest Agreements include the commitment to shift to a new system of logging called Ecosystem-based Management (EBM). While this transition is occurring we could not afford to lose key ecosystems to development.

It was therefore recognized that one of the first key milestones was to determine where logging would and would not take place during the implementation of the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements by March 31st, 2009.

In December of 2007 an agreement was reached. The forest companies of JSP have voluntarily agreed to temporarily maintain ecological options in 1 million hectares of the Great Bear Rainforest. This allows for the maintenance of ecology,

business viability and future planning options as the agreed to new system of logging – Ecosystem-Based Management – is fully implemented in the Great Bear Rainforest. Lasting solutions will be achieved only when government laws and regulations apply Ecosystem-Based Management to all

operations in the Great Bear Rainforest.





New Haida Land Use Agreement adds to conservation success story

On December 12, 2007, Greenpeace welcomed the announcement by British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell and the Haida First Nation of a new land use agreement for Haida Gwaii, otherwise known as the Queen Charlotte Islands. A part of the Great Bear Rainforest, the agreement succeeds in protecting much of the islands land.

“The islands of Haida Gwaii are truly one of the world’s most precious places. This land use agreement, which Greenpeace supports, plays a vital role in preserving both the rich natural resources of this archipelago

of more than 150 islands, as well as the vibrant culture of the people who live on this magical land,” said Stephanie Goodwin, Greenpeace forest campaigner.

Almost half of Haida Gwaii is now protected following the land use agreement announcement. The agreement led by the Haida extends protection to an additional 254,000 hectares, doubling the area currently protected on Haida Gwaii. The islands will also be managed by a system that applies lighter touch logging practices. More work is to be done to ensure the forest

management system on Haida Gwaii maintains the long term ecological health of the rainforest.

“The network of protected areas and the full implementation of an ecologically-based management system on Haida Gwaii will improve the integrity of the ecology while at the same time be good for people with the development of an economy based on conservation,” said Goodwin.

This agreement adds to the historic agreements reached in February of 2006 to protect a large portion of the Great Bear Rainforest, which consists



of one-quarter of the world's remaining temperate rainforest. Including the new Haida agreement, 2.4 million hectares of the rainforest are permanently protected from logging and First Nations are increasing greater control over much of their traditional territory. Last year, \$120 million in funding for First Nations' communities was announced to develop a new economy based on conservation.

For more on the Haida First Nation's work to preserve their culture, land and waters, see <http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/magazine/MA07/indepth/default.asp>



Great Bears of the Rainforest

Despite the international attention on the bears of this forest, there are still a number of critical gaps in bear knowledge. For years, the Haida First Nation have been pursuing partnerships with a variety of stakeholders to create a bear den catalogue on Haida Gwaii. Spatial research on bear dens is critical to preservation of habitat and proper planning.



First Nations and BC Government enact new logging laws in the Great Bear Rainforest

In a joint announcement British Columbia Minister Pat Bell and First Nations leaders have announced the first step in legal changes to better logging practices for the entire region.

The changes to logging, one step in British Columbia's commitment to the Ecosystem-Based Management logging regime, will mean that logging companies will now have to take additional measures to preserve ecological, cultural and wildlife values. For example, threatened and endangered plant species must be preserved under these new regulations.

"Plans are being finalized to ensure ecological integrity and improve human well-being in the region by March 31, 2009. That means ecosystems that are impor-

tant to the livelihoods of local First Nations and wildlife will be protected from resource development including the protection of culturally significant 1,000-year-old cedars and salmon-rich streams." Minister Pat Bell of Agriculture and Lands

Greenpeace, Sierra Club BC and ForestEthics have also reached a voluntary agreement with BC Timber Sales, Interfor and Western Forest Products to ensure that their existing logging approvals – legally exempt from the government regulations announced today – will be brought into high levels of compliance. This means that these logging companies will apply the better conservation standards in the Great Bear Rainforest before they are legally required to do so.

Making success a reality on-the-ground

The Great Bear Rainforest agreements signal a strong future for the region. Yet, there still remains a long way to go both legislatively and operationally before the agreements are translated into an on-the-ground reality. Greenpeace is committed to keeping customers and investors updated on these agreements. It is you who articulated desired outcomes in the past and presently that continue to create the willingness among stakeholders to work collaboratively towards solutions for this world renowned rainforest. Track progress on these agreements at www.greatbearwatch.ca.

Leading North American Printer: Publisher Goes Green

In October 2007, Transcontinental, a leading North American printing-publishing company, announced its new Paper Purchasing Policy that promotes the use of environmentally preferable paper.

As Canada's largest printer, Transcontinental's new policy gives preferences to papers with maximized post-consumer recycled fibre and also encourages the use of papers made with pre-consumer recovered fibre or alternative fibres in preference to virgin wood fibre.

As one of North America's leading publishers, the preferences in this policy are anticipated to lead to historic environmental savings.

Transcontinental is the largest French-language publisher on the continent and publishes over 40 consumer magazines, 150 community newspapers, and operates more than 60 print plants around North America.

Nicole Rycroft, Executive Director for Markets Initiative, said the policy couldn't come at a better time as publishers are seeking out environmentally responsible printers in greater numbers each and every day.

"Transcontinental is the first major North American print-media conglomerate to take such a

comprehensive step towards safeguarding our forests and our climate," said Rycroft.

Markets Initiative provided Transcontinental with input on the creation of their environmental paper purchasing policy and will continue to collaborate with them as Transcontinental implements this company-wide initiative over the coming years.

For more information, please visit www.marketsinitiative.org



Book Publishers Transform Paper Industry

In the wake of Greenpeace's new campaign to increase corporate responsibility on procurement of wood products coming from Canada's Boreal Forest, some customers of logging company Abitibi-Bowater are leading the way.

Greenpeace is shining the spotlight on the destructive forest practices

of logging giants Abitibi-Bowater and Kruger, who are impacting large swaths of intact Boreal Forest in Ontario and Quebec, and working with customers of these companies to bring about change in forestry practices.

Scholastic, the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books released their environmental policy in January of 2008. Scholastic's policy includes commitments to increasing Scholastic's use of recycled paper to 25% and increasing the use of FSC paper to 30% by 2012. These new policies, along with recent announcements by Random House and Hachette books will create further market access for

those companies supplying FSC-certified paper products.

The outlook of forest friendly policies in the book publishing sector looks promising, a step in the right direction for the future of all forests including Canada's Boreal forest.

Government leadership is still required and Greenpeace is calling on the governments of Ontario and Quebec for a moratorium on logging in remaining intact areas and caribou habitat until large scale protection is implemented.

For more information on Greenpeace's campaign to preserve Canada's Boreal Forest, please visit ww.greenpeace.ca/boreal.



TimberWest: lagging behind the rest

TimberWest, a coastal logging company with tenure in the Great Bear Rainforest, is increasing coming under scrutiny for continuing status quo logging in some of the most ecologically sensitive areas of the Great Bear Rainforest. The southern portion of this rainforest, where TimberWest's operations are located, has been subject to heavy industrial logging for many years. Science demonstrates that numerous ecological values that are below critical risk thresholds are present in TimberWest's tenure. The long-term viability of these values is at risk as TimberWest is not a part of JSP agreements (See "Success: Key Milestones Agreed" and "Space for Ongoing Solutions").

The Great Bear Rainforest Agreements will not be fully implemented until March 31st, 2009. Until a new forest management system is in place that safeguards ecological values, called EBM, TimberWest's actions threaten the ecological integrity of the region. In a recent American Forest and Paper Association study the British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest is highlighted as a successful model of collaboration. It is unclear how long Timberwest can lag behind its counterparts in collaboration and responsible forest management.

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