



Good morning,

Please find below the Liberal Party of Canada's response to your organization's questionnaire.

Best regards,

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1. Woodlot owners need tax measures that are geared to how they produce wood. Will your party make a commitment to set up a personal silviculture savings and investment plan for woodlot owners?

Canada's small businesses create good jobs, support vibrant communities, and help keep our economy moving forward. That's why we lowered their taxes and it's why we will continue to make sure that our small and medium-sized businesses have the support they need to succeed. We're cutting the cost of federal incorporation by 75 per cent, to \$50 from \$200. We're also eliminating all fees from the Business Development Bank of Canada, Export Development Canada, and Farm Credit Canada, for business advisory services like mentorship and training.

2. Woodlot owners need fair and equitable access to forest products markets. Will your party make a commitment to defend an exemption for private-forest lumber from duties and quotas in a future trade agreement with the United States?

We are taking action to ensure our forestry sector remains a source of good, middle class jobs across the country. With new investments in Budget 2019, our support will total over \$1 billion. Our Softwood Lumber Action Plan is actively supporting workers and communities. This past fall, we announced funding through the Strategic Innovation Fund specifically for forestry. Building on our work to date, Budget 2019 includes additional investments to help this sector innovate, diversify and grow. We will always stand with workers in our forestry sector.

3. Will your party make a commitment to fund a Canadian reforestation and forest management program to help fight climate change while supplying raw material to the forest products industry?

We will plant two billion trees to clean our air and protect our communities. Canada's vast forests, grasslands, and wetlands help clean our air, safeguard our water, and provide a home to wildlife. But just as nature is under threat from climate change, it can also be a critical ally in the fight against it. Natural climate solutions like planting trees and protecting grasslands can help us get closer to reaching our targets for lower emissions.

To better support healthy ecosystems that help fight climate change, we will move forward with an ambitious plan to plant two billion trees over 10 years. This will help create about 3,500 seasonal jobs in tree planting each year, and will be part of a \$3 billion commitment to better conserve and restore forests, grasslands, agricultural lands, wetlands, and coastal areas. As part of this commitment, we will also help cities expand and diversify their urban forests, will invest to protect Canada's trees from infestations, and will help rebuild our forests after a wildfire.

We will protect 25 per cent of Canada's land and 25 per cent of Canada's oceans by 2025. Canada has the longest coastline in the world, one-fifth of the world's fresh water, and vast and wild forests – but climate change puts them all at risk. It's more important than ever to protect the natural landscape we all know and love. To protect more of Canada for our kids and grandkids to enjoy, we will move forward with an ambitious plan to conserve 25 per cent of Canada's land and 25 per cent of Canada's oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent in each by 2030. We will ground these efforts in science, Indigenous knowledge, and local perspectives, and will advocate for countries around the world to set a 30 per cent conservation goal as well.