

Forestry in Nova Scotia – time to tell the truth

The forestry industry claims that it manages forests – including Crown Lands forests that are public property - in ways that are ecologically sound and protective of biodiversity

The truth is that over 60 percent of industry harvests on Crown Lands are ecologically destructive clearcuts.

The truth, as the Lahey report has shown, is that clearcuts account for 90 percent of harvests on private land

The truth is that the forestry industry uses methods that destroy the forest and degrade forest soils and habitats that our biodiversity (including the endangered Mainland Moose and other endangered species) depend on.

The truth is that the forestry industry is engaging in successive campaigns of lies and misinformation regarding biodiversity and the public’s rights to use Crown Land forests.

The truth is that the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables (formerly the Department of Lands and Forestry) allows these practices to go on unchecked and has been called out twice in the past 24 months by the Courts of Nova Scotia (including by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia) for not implementing the Endangered Species Act.

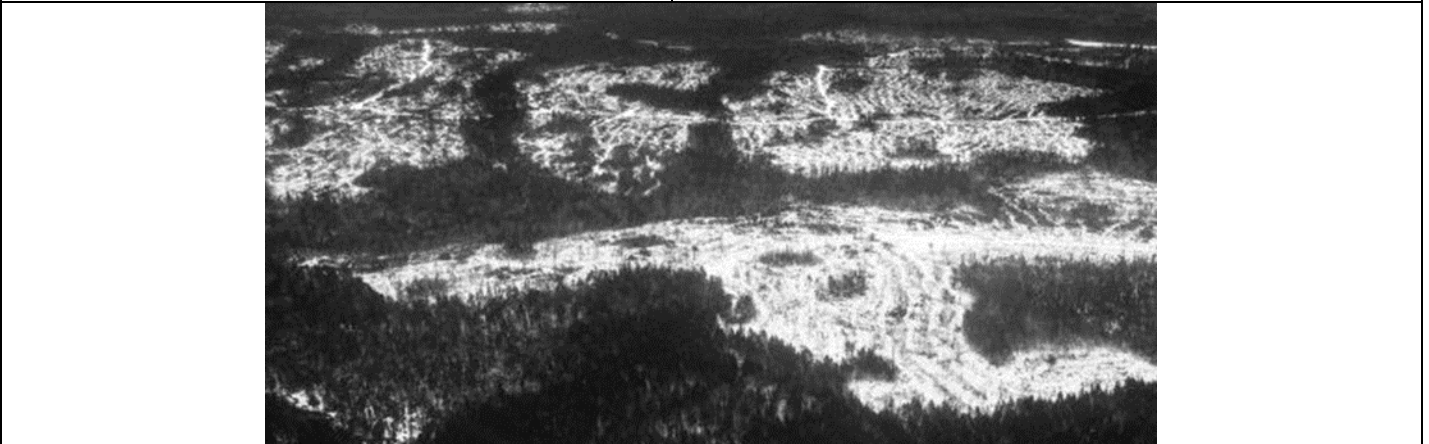
The truth is that it is past time for the forestry industry and Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to tell the truth

These pictures show typical practices employed by the forestry industry across Nova Scotia: in this case, clearcuts extending over thousands of hectares on Crown Lands in southwest Nova Scotia that are within the UNESCO Southwest Nova World Biosphere Reserve (SNWBR)...clearcuts that make a mockery of the ecological principles of the UNESCO program of which the SNWBR forms a part, and which destroy the forest and the habitat it used to provide for wildlife and other biodiversity.



Actual forestry harvest on Crown Land between Tobeatic and Silver Lake Wilderness Areas, Southwest Nova Scotia in the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve: January 2021

Tree harvester between Tobeatic and Silver Lake Wilderness Areas, Southwest Nova Scotia in the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve: November 2020



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