

Ecological Forestry Forum
Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry

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REPORTING ON THE STATE OF THE FOREST

Project Objective

To improve the State of the Forest Report by addressing identified gaps in the current report, and by making it more accessible for the general public

Project Team Co-Leads

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Experts Involved

External experts to be determined, with consideration for those with expertise in the areas of social, economic, environmental (ecological) disciplines, leveraging experts in the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) National Working Group

Key Deliverables

An enhanced, and more transparent State of the Forest Report through:

- Better alignment of the Report with social, economic and environmental values
- Improved reporting through the use of more robust data and information from partners including other departments, academics and field experts
- Easily accessible and understandable information about Nova Scotia's Forests

Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)

- Collaboration with academic and other external experts on information not currently being tracked by Lands and Forestry
- Engagement with interested parties on how best to present the information to be more accessible for the general public and to improve reporting transparency
- Traditional M'ikmaq forest use

Next Steps and Timelines

- Summer 2019: Identify external experts to participate on the project team, and opportunities for stakeholder and/or public participation

What would be an effective way to present information in the State of the Forest Report to make it more easily understood?