



Boreal Forest Conservation Framework *Action Plan*

The Action Plan is a high level summary of actions that signatories to the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework commit to undertake in support of fulfilling the shared vision to sustain the ecological and cultural integrity of the Canadian Boreal region, in perpetuity. It is meant to help identify strategic milestones along the way to the vision.

The Action Plan outlines how a signatory to the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework commits to support the Framework through a range of both individual and collaborative actions. To underline the integrated nature of the Framework vision, Action Plans should include a range of initiatives including:

- scientific and traditional ecological knowledge research;
- land use planning;
- protected areas designations;
- innovative policy development supporting Framework principles; and,
- promotion of economic and cultural sustainability in the boreal region.

Actions should be linked to the Framework organizational baseline report (as identified in the signatory process), and reference the key partnerships that are being formed or need to be formed to achieve the actions as described. Actions in all areas while not required is encouraged.

Proposed Action Plan Sections

1) Link between actions and core organizational/business strategies

Domini Social Investments is a leading financial institution dedicated to socially and environmentally responsible investment on a range of issues including climate change, Aboriginal Rights, ecological protection, all of which are of central importance to the Canadian Boreal Forest.

Domini Social Investments will work with the Canadian Boreal Initiative to integrate the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework into our shareholder advocacy activities, will promote the adoption of the Boreal Forest Conservation Framework via our shareholder actions and outreach to other shareholder groups.

Domini Social Investments will promote the CBI goals among companies in the forest products, publishing, financial, natural resource and consumer products sectors. These sectors affect the market for products originating in the Canadian Boreal – specifically paper and wood products, oil and gas extraction, and extraction of other natural resources. We will coordinate our activities with other Boreal Leadership Council members, particularly Ethical Funds and Forest Ethics.

2) Scientific and traditional ecological knowledge research

What research actions are you planning that will inform better conservation planning?

We will be analyzing the climate change and biodiversity policies of companies from the target sectors identified above. Via company dialogues, we will assess whether company policies provide sufficient conservation and protection elements, and identify opportunities for improving these policies, as needed.

3) Land use planning

What actions are being undertaken to improve land-use planning and the designation of areas for sustainable development and preservation?

We will also be analyzing the land use planning and protection policies of companies from the target sectors identified above. Via company dialogues, we will assess whether company policies provide sufficient conservation and protection elements, and identify opportunities for improving these policies, as needed.

4) Protected areas designations

What actions will you undertake to identify deferrals and protected areas?

Our review of company policies will also identify whether each company has a “no-go area” designated, the basis of that designation (e.g., high conservation value forest), and identify opportunities for improving these policies, as needed.

5) Innovative policy development supporting Framework principles

Provincial and federal policy development that supports the vision of the Framework signatories is critical to the long-term success of the Boreal initiative. What policy and regulatory actions have been undertaken to advance Framework goals?

Domini Social Investments will collaborate with the Canadian Boreal Initiative to identify relevant policy developments and provide comments to policy decision-makers, with a particular emphasis on elucidating the impact of policies on investors.

6) Promotion of economic and cultural sustainability in the boreal region

What actions will you undertake to support sustainable economic benefits to boreal communities?

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification system is the only independent forest certification system recognized by industry, NGOs and aboriginal groups that utilizes

performance-based standards for ecologically, socially, and economically responsible forestry. In our dialogue with companies, we will be encouraging companies to express a preference for FSC-certified operations and products and encouraging forestry companies to pursue FSC-certification for their forestry operations. Through these efforts we can promote economic and cultural sustainability in the region.

7) Actual or potential impediments

Because stock ownership confers a direct voice to a company, the extent to which companies impacting the Boreal region are held in our investment portfolios will limit our ability for direct company dialogues. However, we believe that there a significant number of companies in our portfolios that are relevant to the Boreal region. An impending report to be issued by Greenpeace by end of summer will identify companies that are negatively impacting the Boreal region. This report may assist us in identifying additional companies for our outreach plan.