

North American Natural Resources Extension Forum

Building capacity for cross-border collaboration



Dates

Sunday, **April 9th** to Wednesday **April 12th**, 2006

Location

Based at the Canadian Ecology Centre (CEC) in Mattawa with one day trip to the McConnell Lake Research Trials.

Hosts

The [Forestry Research Partnership \(FRP\)](#) is a joint undertaking between the [CEC](#), the [Canadian Forest Service](#), the [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources](#), and [Tembec Inc.](#) These four partners are working together to create a strategic alliance with benefits to both the environment and forestry.

The Extension Team for the FRP is made up of representatives of the contributing organizations. These individuals bring unique skill sets, abundant experience, a variety of perspectives, and the tangible benefits of each of their organizations' infrastructure and capabilities. Combined, this makes for a powerful and effective body, capable of creativity, logistical planning, and timely implementation of technology transfer projects.

Accommodations / registration

A block of cabins has been set aside at the CEC beginning on the evening of Sunday, April 9th. To make a reservation, please use the [Registration Form](#).

Costs

The cost associated with this 4-day session, including all meals, accommodations, transportation for the field tour, shuttle to the North Bay airport and all taxes are: **\$380 CAN** (single occupancy), **\$325 CAN** (double occupancy) or **\$270 CAN** (triple occupancy). For partial registration or special arrangements, please contact the CEC front desk: 705-744-1715 or joyce@canadianecology.ca. Daily exchange rate is available at: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/fmd/exchange.html>

Other

Please bring work boots, rain gear, and warm clothing for the field tour on Tuesday. Normal temperatures in the area range from 3.3°C to 8.4°C on average for the month of April. Daily weather forecasts are available at:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cities/can/Pages/CAON0417.htm>

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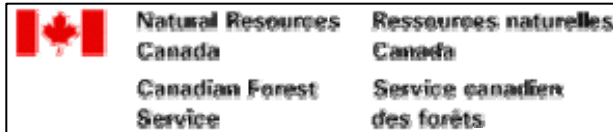
Objectives of the forum:

- To discuss ideas and experiences about sustaining extension capacity.
- To develop strategies for strengthening natural resource extension programs in the U.S. and Canada.
- To discuss the potential impacts of U.S., Canadian, cross-border natural resource extension programs on local, national, and international scales.
- To discuss ideas and perspectives about the role and purpose of an ongoing forum and identify future cross-border partnerships.

Date and Time	Activity	Location and Description
Sunday April 9th		
<i>Arrival at the Centre</i>		
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration & Reception (Cash Bar)	CEC Main Building – Front desk & Maple Room
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner	CEC Birch Building
Monday April 10th		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	CEC Birch Building
<i>AM Moderator: Jim Johnson, Virginia Tech University</i>		
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Introduction to the conference and agenda review – <i>Eric Norland, USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)</i> Logistics – <i>John Pineau, Canadian Ecology Centre</i> General introductions – <i>Guy Smith, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	Keynote Presentation	CEC Main Building – Maple Room “Challenges Facing the North American Forest Sector and Boundary-Spanning Opportunities” – <i>C. Tattersall Smith, Dean, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto</i>
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
10:30 pm – 12:00	A sampling of Organizations that conduct or support extension programs	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Government <i>CSREES - Eric Norland</i> <i>Government of Canada – Guy Smith</i> Associations and NGOs <i>Ontario Stewardship Program – Steve Wilkins, Coordinator, Ontario Stewardship Program</i> <i>Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP) – Janean Creighton, University of Arkansas</i> <i>International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO) – Jim Johnson, Virginia Tech University</i>

Monday April 10th		
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	CEC Birch Building
PM Moderator: Mark Richardson, Eastern Ontario Model Forest		
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Experiences in Sustaining Extension Capacity: Strategic Partnerships	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Sustainable Forests Partnership - <i>Jim Finley, Penn State University</i> Forestry Research Partnership, Ontario <i>John Pineau</i> Canadian Model Forest Network Strategic Woodlot Initiative, <i>Brian Barkley, Eastern Ontario Model Forest</i>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Break	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Developing Strategies	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Small group discussion around strategic partnerships
4:15 – 4:45 pm	Report out & discussion	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Wrap up and field trip introduction	CEC Main Building – Maple Room <i>John Pineau</i>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner	CEC Birch Building
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Evening program	Optional entertainment event
Tuesday April 11th Extension Forum Takes to the Forest		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	CEC Birch Building
Field Tour Coordinator: John Pineau Tour Guides: Andrée Morneault, Scott Reid, an SFL rep, and Al Stinson		
<p>Visit Forestry Research Partnership field installations, featuring forestry treatment research, habitat and biological diversity perspectives, natural resources planning implications, and extension program activities and results.</p> <p>Tour will include discussions with researchers, resource planners, natural resources specialists, and extension personnel.</p>		
8:15 am	Board bus for field trip	Meet the bus in the parking lot, in front of the Main Building
8:30 – 9:30 am	Travel to McConnell Lakes	Lunch and refreshments provided. Factsheets and informational materials distributed on the way
9:30 – 10:45 am	Reynolds Lake site	Guided tour of the clear cut experimental design
10:45 – 11:00 pm	Break	
11:00 am – 12:00	Reynolds Lake site	Guided tour of the clear cut experimental design
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Transport to Junior Ranger Camp	
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Bag lunch	Junior Ranger Camp (outdoor)
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Transport to Suzy Lake	
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Suzy Lake site	Guided tour of the shelterwood experimental design
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 am – 3:15	Suzy Lake site	Guided tour of the shelterwood experimental design

Tuesday April 11th Extension Forum Takes to the Forest		
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Travel back to the CEC	
5:00 pm	Return from field trip	
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner	CEC Birch Building
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Poster Session & Social Time	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
Wednesday April 12th		
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	CEC Birch Building
AM Moderator: Guy Smith, Canadian Forest Service		
8:00 – 9:30 am	Experience in Sustaining Extension Capacity	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Professional Development for Extensionists – <i>Janean Creighton, Arkansas Forest Resources Centre</i> Political Advocacy for Extension - <i>Mel Baughman, University of Minnesota</i> Sabbatical Opportunities to Improve Cross-Border Extension Activities – A Field Agent's Perspective - <i>Chal Landgren, Oregon State University</i>
9:30 – 10:00 am	Break	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
10:00 – 11:00 am	Cross-Border Impacts at Local, National, and International scales	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Maple syrup production – cooperative extension opportunities– <i>Dave Chapeskie, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Peter Smallidge, Cornell University</i> Networking across borders – <i>Anne LeBrun Ruff, Manager, INFOR Inc.</i>
11:00 am – 12:00	Developing Strategies	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Small group discussion around professional development, political advocacy, and cross-border impacts.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	CEC Birch Building
PM Moderator: Nancy Young, Forestry Research Partnership		
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Report out & discussion	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Experience in Sustaining Extension Capacity: Adaptive Program Models	CEC Main Building – Maple Room Forest Research and Extension Partnership, British Columbia – <i>Susan Leech, FORREX</i> Tentative – Model Forest or Government of Canada example
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Break	CEC Main Building – Maple Room
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Where to go from here?	CEC Main Building – Maple Room <i>Guy Smith and Eric Norland</i> – discussion of adaptive program models and the following questions: Are there future cross-border partnerships to be developed? Is there a role and purpose for an ongoing forum? If so, what are they? How do we make it happen?
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Wrap up adjourn SAFE TRAVELS!	CEC Main Building – Maple Room <i>Guy Smith and Eric Norland</i>



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