THE COST OF QUEBEC'S FORESTRY SUBSIDIES:

American Jobs, Environment & Cree Rights

Quebec forestry policies are unfairly subsidized because they promote:

- Unsustainable forest policies;
- Clear-cutting on an unprecedented scale;
- Widespread destruction of fish and animal habitat;
- Displacement of Indigenous Peoples from their hunting territories;
- Infringements upon fundamental human rights' and violations to national and international treaties.

Low environmental and social standards give the province of Quebec a competitive edge over American companies. These low standards are hidden subsidies and create an artificial pricing environment. This violates the North American Free Trade Agreement. American forestry jobs are lost at the expense of the Crees' and Quebecers' joint wilderness heritage. **The Cree way of life on the land is being illegally sacrificed for cheap forest exports.**

The United States buys $9 billion worth of Quebec forest products annually. This is 87% of Quebec's forest exports. The province of Quebec has 10% of Canada's timber supply and 2% of the world's. It is the second largest producer of forest products in Canada and one of the largest producers of newsprint in the world.

Quebec's Ministry of Natural Resources recently reported that: *"at the present time the Ministry is unable to state with any certainty whether or not the sustained yield (of Quebec forests) is being respected..."*
(Updating the Forest System: Consultation Document, Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources, September 1998)

Help us establish a level playing field, one with trees on it!

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