

STOP SPRAYING OUR FOREST
A petition to ban herbicide spraying of the public forest in New Brunswick

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick assembled:

The Government of New Brunswick is going to massively expand the spraying of herbicides over our public forest, and at public expense. This follows the decision to allow industry to triple the area of conifer plantations in areas of naturally growing forest. Young conifer plantations are sprayed with herbicides to control broad leaf/deciduous trees and shrubs.

Broadleaf trees and shrubs are an important food source for a variety of forest wildlife. Spraying herbicides to kill broad leaf trees and shrubs destroys the food source and habitats of many forest dependent species.

With approximately 90 per cent of its forested land under public ownership, the province of Quebec listened to public concerns and banned herbicide spraying of its public forest in 2001. We call on the provincial government of New Brunswick to do the same and ban the spraying of our forest.

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