

# AGREEMENT WITH THE CREE NATION

## HIGHLIGHTS

The agreement with the Cree Nation is intended to facilitate the implementation of certain provisions respecting forests in the Baril-Moses document signed in 2002.

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- The agreement will facilitate the harmonization of forestry operations in the territories defined by the Baril-Moses document, which also covers hunting, fishing and trapping activities and facilitates the harmonization of the adapted Forest regime.
- It encourages cooperation between the Cree, the Mashteuiatsh Innu and Québec.
- It will lead to the withdrawal of legal proceedings and the settlement of the dispute between the Cree Nation and the Québec government.

### INITIATIVES STEMMING FROM THE AGREEMENT

#### CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- The establishment of a 9 134.81-km<sup>2</sup> protected area around the Rivière Broadback located in the Nord-du-Québec region seeks, in particular, to:
  - preserve endangered species such as the woodland caribou;
  - protect boreal forests.
- This is contributing significantly to the objective of setting aside by 2035, 50% of the territory that the Plan Nord covers for purposes other than industrial ones, environmental protection and safeguarding biodiversity.

#### FORESTRY

- Establishment of a multiparty task force comprising Aboriginal and Québec government representatives with a mandate to quickly agree on new terms and conditions to be applied in the Baril-Moses territory.
- Confirmation by the Québec government of its commitment to restore woodland caribou habitat in Québec.
- A commitment by the Québec government not to grant an environmental authorization, build or use any forest access road inside the future Rivière Broadback protected area. In return, the Cree Nation undertakes to collaborate by no longer opposing the issuing of certificates of authorization to build forest access roads.
- The Cree Nation undertakes to promptly inform FSC International and its organizations concerned with accreditation and forest certification that the complaint filed in respect of allegations of non-compliance by the Québec government concerning the terms and conditions of the Baril-Moses document have been withdrawn and that the dispute has been settled.

The unabridged document and the maps in the Agreement can be consulted at [www.autochtones.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.autochtones.gouv.qc.ca)