

The Economic Influence of Forestry in the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi



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Cree First Nation of Waswanipi



- 30+ years of involvement in the forestry industry
- Challenges and Successes
- “Some of the best wood in the world” – Chief Paul Gull



- Unique opportunity to be involved in the industry
- Working relationships with Tallyman in planning activities
- Business and Research Capacity

Mishtuk Corporation



- Partnerships between Tallyman and Forestry companies
- New guidelines for operations and harvesting methods
- Participation with Tallyman in Planning

Mishtuk Spin-offs



- Mishtuk Cooperation
 - Nabakatuk Sawmill Operations
 - Apit-see-win Cooperation
 - Local Entrepreneurs

Cree Model Forest of Waswanipi



- Research capacity of Model Forest on sustainable harvesting measures
- Unique blend of technical/policy driven approach meshed with Cree way of life
- Community endorsed management plan
- Common language of communication

Paix des Braves Agreement



- Adapted Forestry Regime reflecting sustainability
- Involvement of Cree in management and planning
- Cree Qc Forestry board
- Woodland Caribou Campaign

Future Industries



- Value added Wood products
- Bio-Mass Industry – Heating for community
- Possible Cree Regional Projects – Wood sharing with other communities
(Whapmagoostui, Oujé-Bougoumou, Mistissini)

Challenges & Successes



- Involvement of Cree in the input process
- Meeting the challenge of adapting behaviors and activities to changing landscape
- Collaboration and Consent
- S.C.R

On behalf of the Cree First Nation of Waswanipi



Thank you