Simon Lussier Ltd
Responsible Sourcing
Conversion Issues and Threatened or Vulnerable Species

Simon Lussier Ltd is committed to offering quality products manufactured with wood of known forest origin and sourced responsibly..

Following the FSC National Risk Assessment (NRA) for Controlled Wood in Canada (Version 2), which identified specified risks related to forest conversion and the management of habitat for certain threatened species, Simon Lussier Ltd is implementing new measures to mitigate the risks associated with these issues.

Threatened or Vulnerable Species (TVS)

The company sources wood from the NA0407 and NA0410 ecoregions of Quebec, where the critical habitat of the following threatened or vulnerable species is located: the Wood Turtle, the Blanding's Turtle, Van Brunt's Jacob's Ladder, American Ginseng, and the Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander.

To reduce risks associated with these TVS on private forest land, Simon Lussier Ltd has distributed an information leaflet to its suppliers summarizing how to identify these species and adapt harvesting activities to protect them, in accordance with federal government documentation. As additional information becomes available, such as from the Fédération des producteurs de bois du Québec (FPBQ), Simon Lussier Ltd will ensure that it is shared throughout the supply chain to stakeholders working in Quebec's private forests.

Conversion

The NRA identifies a specified risk that forest conversion to non-forest land in the Quebec portion of the Mixedwood Plains ecozone is occurring without sufficient regard for the alarming rate of forest cover loss. In support of its commitment to responsible sourcing, Simon Lussier Ltd confirms its decision to avoid sourcing wood from deforestation activities within the regional county municipalities (MRC) of this ecozone.

According to Simon Lussier Ltd, it is essential to apply and respect regulations that help preserve forest cover in these MRCs, including :

- The CPTAQ - Limits deforestation of maple stands in agricultural zones
- Regulation on Agricultural Operations (REA)
- Section 233.1 of the Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development, which governs penalties for illegal cutting

Simon Lussier Ltd encourages the MRCs and municipalities to support and implement measures that preserve forest cover. The company believes the following initiatives should be prioritized to reduce—or halt—the rate of deforestation within the MRCs:

- Monitoring of forest cover conducted by municipalities
- The Natural Heritage Conservation Program (PCPN) of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (https://natureconservancy.ca/what-we-do/collaborations/government-of-canada/natural-heritage-conservation-program/)
- Forest corridor initiatives by CRE and Nature-Action (http://nature-action.qc.ca/site/corridor-forestier) French article only

By publicly committing to these measures, Simon Lussier Ltée strives to raise awareness among clients, suppliers, forestry professionals, and land managers regarding issues of deforestation and the protection of threatened and vulnerable species.

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