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Save Our Forests

Forest Resource Management

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Introduction

Value of our forests

The past generations have left us beautiful forests so we should leave the forests for the future generations. Canada contains one third of the world's boreal forests, one fifth of the world's rainforest, and one tenth of the global forest cover. This makes us very rich but we have to try to conserve our forests for the future generations even though many people may not understand the importance of our forests. We can conserve Canada's forests by decreasing the wood consumption and using less paper products. The forests is very important to humans because one out of fifteen jobs rely on forests. In 1995 the paper industries employed 369,000 people to work for the forests and sell them. Forests also remain the homes of many native people and provide opportunities for people to camp, hunt, hike and many other activities. Still, the forests are very important to people and animals and we should take really good care of our forests for the continuing generations.

Lumber Industry Impacts

Lumber production has increased a lot over the past decade from 40 million boards to about 120 boards. Some sawmills produce less than 6000 boards. This is because these mills have little impacts on lumber production which produces only 2 million boards each year.

Economic Impacts

The economic impacts by cutting down forests and making products to sell which also makes lots of money. The forest fires impacts on the forest the most because many employees lose their jobs and the advantages of making money is lost. They lose a huge amount of wood products that they could have sold when forest fires occur.



Ecological/Environment Impacts

The most important impacts of the ecological impacts are the release of greenhouse gases, the loss of species diversity, the disruption of nutrient cycles, the loss of soil through erosion, and the increasing and decreasing of temperatures. Next time you do something that is going to effect the forests be very careful. In working at landscape, no matter how well the system works, there is always going to be some negative impacts. It is best to understand the nature of these impacts so permanent damage can be easily avoided.

Social Impacts

Our lives depend on our forests and have a major impact on the forests. If anything happens to our forests, it will also affect us in many different ways. The forests are homes to about 500 First Nations and hundreds of Metis communities. Even though the Canadian government has given permission to log, dam, or drill, the indigeneous people have rights to claim that it is their land. They have described their relationships to the land that their ancestors have walked on for hundreds of years along with the plants and animals.

Products connected with the forestry sector

The products we use that are connected with the forestry sector include paper, pencils, Kleenex and others. Look around in your room, almost everything in your room is connected with the forest. To put out one Vancouver Sun, it takes 800 cords of pulpwood. A cord of wood is a stack of four foot logs that are four feet high and eight feet long.

Making a newspaper cause eight acres of forest land to be cut down. Many newspapers are recycled though. This helps preserve our precious forests.

Wood and Paper Products Consumed by Individuals- At School

DAY	T.P		Kleenex,
		Paper	Paper
			towel
Monday	0	4	5
Tuesday	10	3	5
Wednesday	5	5	4
Thursday	0	5	4
Friday	0	6	1
Total		57	

Day	T.P.	Kleenex	Paper Towel
Monday	13	3	4
Tuesday	10	5	3
Wednesd ay	11	3	3
Thursday	8	2	3
Friday	9	2	4
Saturday	10	5	4
Sunday	10	7	6
Total		120	

As we know, one tree can produce about 8,333 paper sheets. This is a graph showing the approximate amount of trees needed for people's wood supply each year

Per Year	Population	Average Wood Products used	Average Trees Cut
Homma School	500	2,301,000	276
Richmond City	164,345	756,315,690	90761
B.C.	2,800,000	12,885,600,000	1,546,333
Canada	31,000,000	142,662,000,000	17,120,124



Conclusions

The forests are still threatened each day because of people cutting trees down to make all kinds of paper products. If this continues, we will lose a huge amount of trees. Trees are very important to us because they produce oxygen, if there is no oxygen we cannot survive. Each day we use tremendous amounts of paper products. Everybody should start conserving the forests. Even a little piece of forestland cut can cause a big problem to the people that live there. Even though the government gives permission to cut down some trees, the people that live there still have the right to stop them. By using computer and electronic devices, people can use email and electronic devices to communicate each other instead of writing letters. This can save paper and trees from being cut.

If there was a goal to slow down the destruction of forests, the options for you would be to recycle paper, use less wood products, replant forest areas that have been cut down, and protect the old forests. After all this explaining, you should realize how much the forests are to us and how precious they are. From this day on, you should be able to protect and conserve our precious forests.



Recommendations

- When you use paper products, show an appreciation toward trees and forests.
- When a forest landscape or scenery is damaged, show some concern.
- Visit more forests to understand their importance to us.
- Protect and save trees when people are going to cut them down.
- Try and prevent forest fires from happening (if you can)
- Plant trees, shrubs and hedges around your home
- Obey all laws regarding forestry
- Try to use certified and domestic wood in case the wood is illegally cut