

Volunteer Job Description

Title: Forest Conservation Research

Purpose:

To provide up-to-date background information on forest conservation topics that can then be used by CPAWS campaigners to supplement their arguments for conservation of forests.

Deliverables:

- Brief research report or case study, with all information referenced.

Tasks:

Pick one of the topics below, research, and compile information in a summary document with references.

The topics are:

1. What are other communities and/or First Nations doing in terms of developing their own forest conservation-based economy? (This might be a good case study document)
2. Create a list of value-added products that the boreal forest provides
3. What are the most conservation-minded approaches to forestry? What are the advantages and disadvantages of these approaches, what are the challenges?
4. Explore what information is available and what other communities are doing with respect to co-management and forest operations.

Qualifications

You must be able to conduct basic research, including searching the internet and the Yukon library system. You must be able to compile a large amount of information into a concise summary. But most importantly, you must be interested in the theme you are researching!

Timeframe

Dependent on volunteer availability.

Site

Most of the work can be carried out from any location. However, you should spend some time discussing your project with CPAWS staff. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet you can use the spare computer in the CPAWS office.

What do you get out of it?

A chance to hone research skills, learn something new, and promote conservation-based forestry.