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## Lake Winnipeg Health Plan progress: Conserving the Boreal Forest

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Planning now for the long-term health and sustainability of Manitoba's boreal forest ecosystem is one of the best ways to restore and protect the health of Lake Winnipeg, which is why [Conserving the Boreal Forest](#) is Action 2 of our [Lake Winnipeg Health Plan](#).

Last month, the Province of Manitoba held a multi-stakeholder summit in The Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation to explore the development of a Manitoba Boreal Strategy. Greetings were offered by Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Gord Mackintosh and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson, and a keynote address was given by Chief Ron Evens from Norway House Cree Nation. The day wrapped up with plenary sessions at which participants discussed next steps.

LWF attended this summit to stress the integral link between the health of the boreal forest and the health of Lake Winnipeg, and to encourage a boreal strategy that balances environmental, economic and social/cultural considerations.

We will continue to move Action 2 of our health plan forward by providing input to this developing process and reminding all Manitobans that a healthy Lake Winnipeg depends on a healthy boreal forest.

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