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Conservation Group Welcomes Reference to Boreal Forest in Throne Speech

Wildlands League sees hope and encourages immediate action

Toronto –A leading conservation group in Ontario is pleased that the important role the Boreal Forest plays in shielding us from global warming was referenced in yesterday’s Throne Speech. Yesterday, The Honourable David C. Onley Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, read that the Ontario government, *“will work with northern and native communities in Ontario’s far north to implement a plan that protects the boreal forest — a key contributor in the fight against climate change.”*

“We welcome these comments and look forward to working with the province of Ontario, First Nations and citizens to protect the carbon stored in the peatlands and natural wild forests of the Boreal,” says Janet Sumner, Executive Director, CPAWS Wildlands League. “The speech is a good sign and offers us all hope that the Boreal Forest will no longer be neglected in Ontario,” Ms. Sumner adds.

CPAWS Wildlands League is concerned that if society were to foolishly convert carbon-rich forests and peatlands into industrial developments, then we would be undoing progress made in reducing emissions of CO₂.

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About CPAWS Wildlands League (www.wildlandsleague.org): Wildlands League is a conservation group dedicated to the protection of wilderness in Ontario.