



### In The News



## Historic Announcement for Ontario

Premier sets aside area almost twice the size of England in Ontario

CPAWS Wildlands League congratulates Premier McGuinty on his vision to protect 225,000 km<sup>2</sup> or 22.5 million hectares of intact Boreal Forest in Ontario in an interconnected network across the Far North. The future of Ontario's northern Boreal lands and waters will be determined through an innovative Land Use Planning initiative with First Nations. The announcement includes an important commitment to

work with First Nations to ensure their consent is given before any industrial projects go forward and resource benefit sharing.

Also in the announcement is firm commitment to change the Mining Act from a 'free entry' system to one that respects the rights of First Nations and enshrines the duty to consult and accommodate in legislation in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling.

Please email the Premier through his [website](#) to thank him for this visionary announcement and for putting the planet first.

Together with government and industry we have a lot of work ahead of us in finalizing policy, regulations and legislation. Please help us by [making a contribution](#) and join us in leaving an incredible legacy for generations to come.

Read our press release [here](#).

Read the [Premier's release](#) and [backgrounder](#).

What are your thoughts on this announcement? [Submit your comments](#).



## Media Coverage on Boreal Protection

A sample of coverage spurred by Monday's historic announcement

Read ["Premier gives 'nature's way' a chance"](#) by Jim Coyle, Toronto Star, July 16, 2008.

Read [Ontario to protect vast track](#), by Kerry Gillespie, Toronto Star, July 15, 2008.

Read [Ontario Protects Vast Boreal Forest to Fight Climate Change](#), from the Environment News Service, July 15, 2008.

Read [McGuinty announcement plan to protect boreal forest](#), a Reuters article appearing in the National Post, July 14, 2008



## Take Action for Boreal Birds

Sign the Save Our Boreal Birds petition

Tell the Canadian government that they need to protect the Boreal Forest for the billions of birds that depend on it. Learn more and [sign the petition today](#)



## Did You Know?



That woodland caribou used to range as far south as Algonquin Park just 120 years ago, but that development has caused them to lose half their range in Ontario?