

The Doug Little Memorial Lecture

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Peggy Smith's major work has been on increasing Indigenous peoples' participation in forest management, initially as Senior Advisor to the National Aboriginal Forestry Association in Ottawa, Canada. She is now an Associate Professor in Lakehead University's Faculty of Natural Resources Management and a Registered Professional Forester. Her research focuses on the social impacts of forest management, including Indigenous peoples' involvement in forest management, community forestry and public participation, northern development, and forest certification. She considers herself privileged to be a part of the growing number of people of Indigenous ancestry (Cree) who are working in the field of natural resources management, conservation and development.



Giving Voice to First Nations' Views of Land Stewardship: Moving Beyond the Boreal Conservation vs. Development Debate

First Nation views of land in land use planning and stewardship in the boreal forests of North America have been neglected in the high-level, top down policy decisions that are being made to "protect", "conserve" or "develop" land. These top-down decisions lack understanding of local issues and people and are being made in a global political arena that leaves out local voices. This talk addresses the issue of "giving voice" to First Nations about their views of land stewardship. First Nation voices can potentially help to inform and transform the current debate and policy around conservation and development in the boreal forest. How can First Nation voices, so often ignored in policy decisions, be given prominence in the decision-making processes about conservation and development?

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