



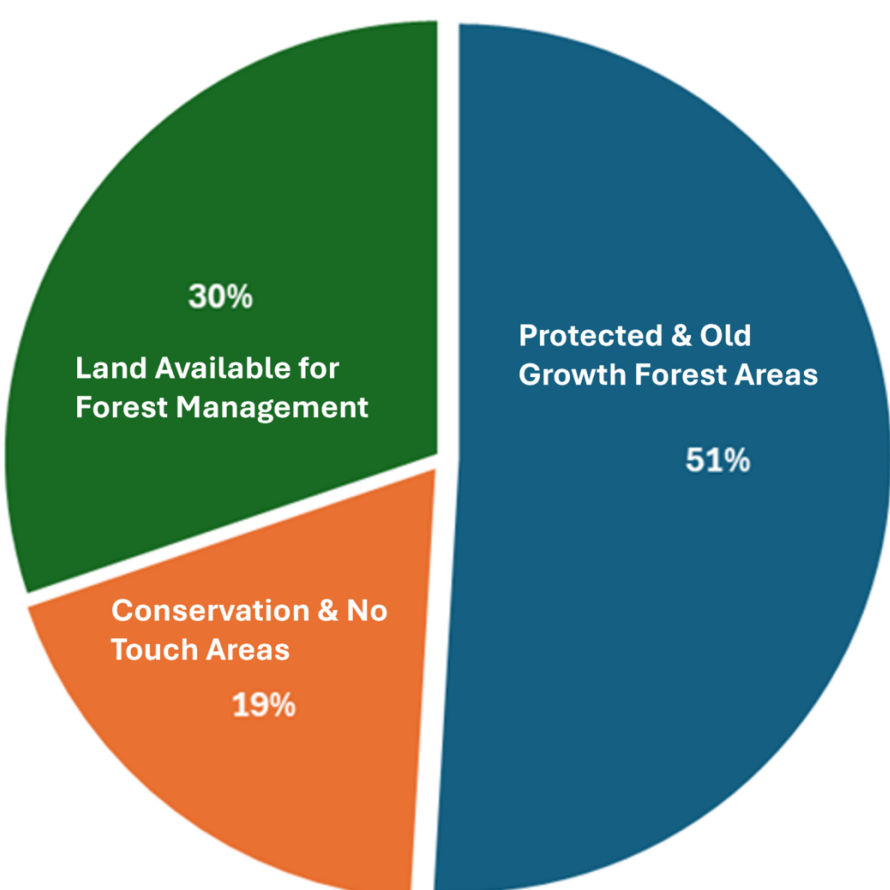
Cape Breton Highlands Forest Management

Port Hawkesbury Paper is committed to responsible forest management and manages forests in the Cape Breton Highlands with care, collaboration, and respect for people, culture, and nature. Here's a look at our practices and commitments.



Government Oversight

The NS Department of Natural Resources sets the rules, reviews and approves management and operational plans, and ensures important values are included.

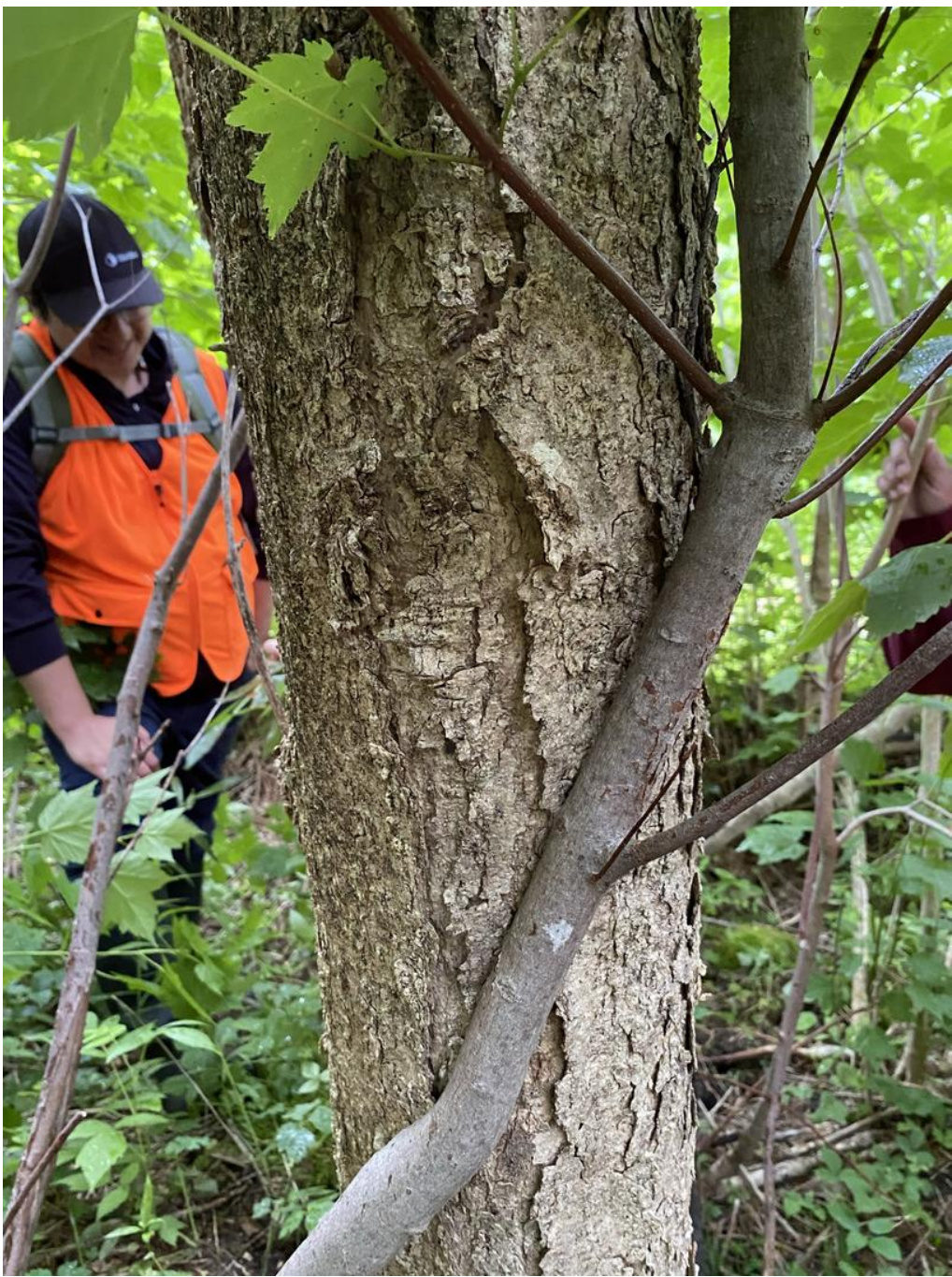


Special Areas Protected

About 70% of the Highlands region is not available for forest activities due to protections under regulation, policy, and guidelines.

Wisqoq Discovery

- In 2021, a PHP employee discovered a rare stand of wisqoq (Black Ash) during a forest assessment on Crown land in Cape Breton.
- The find was shared with UINR and CMM, who confirmed the stand's significance for healthy, seed-bearing Black Ash trees.
- The 19.8 hectare area is now managed by the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative.

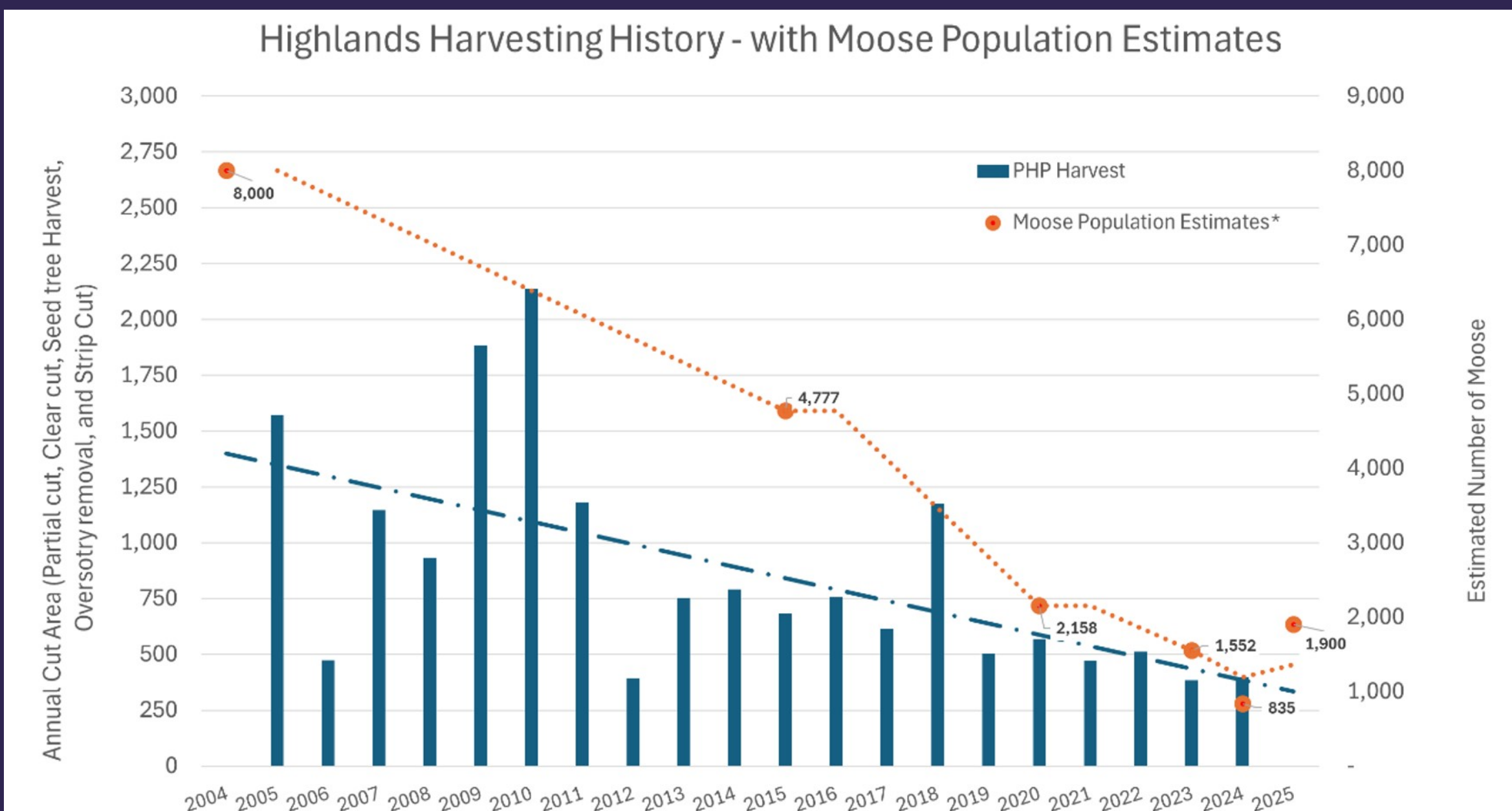


Mi'kmaq Engagement

We invite Mi'kmaq organizations and communities to review our plans. We remain open to hearing their perspectives. By sharing knowledge and working together, we can identify areas of concern and ensure these places are respected during forest planning and harvesting.



Cape Breton Moose and Forest Harvesting



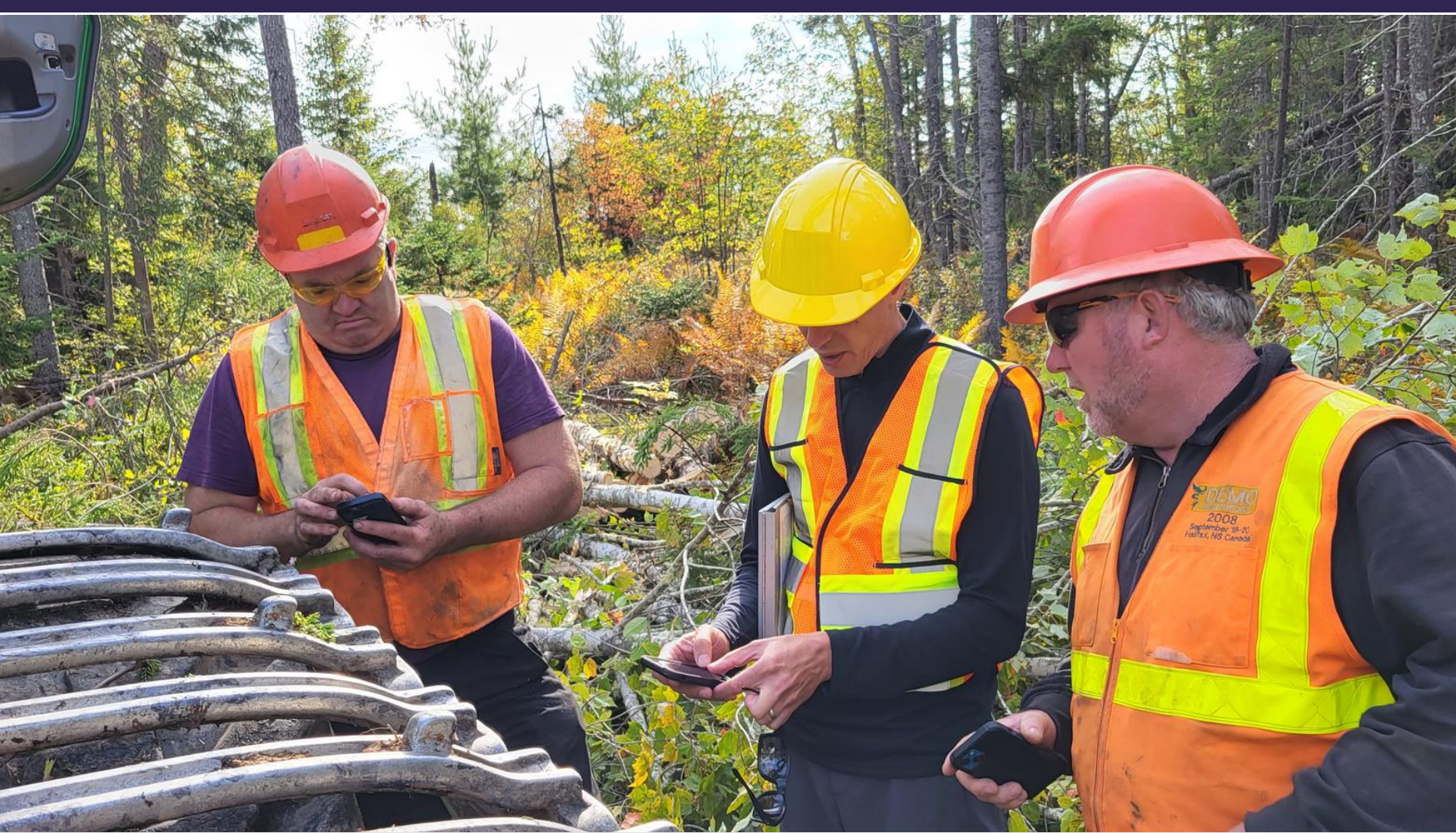
The moose population in Cape Breton Highlands has drastically declined from about 8,000 to under 1,000 in two decades.

Forest harvesting, measured in annual harvested hectares, generally decreased over the same period.

Causes of Moose Mortality

The causes of the Cape Breton moose population decline are not well understood. Reduced forest harvesting does not fully explain the decline, suggesting the impact of other factors.

The Nova Scotia government and the Mi'kmaq work together to manage the Cape Breton moose population. The government has indicated that hunting, disease, and climate change are potential factors in the moose population decline (Source: Temporary Suspension of Cape Breton Moose Hunt | Government of Nova Scotia News Release, July 19, 2024)



Forest Certification

We are certified to high international standards, with independent audits every year ensuring responsible management and continual improvement.



Harvesting Cycle

We harvest less than 1% of the available land each year. All harvested areas are reforested with natural species to ensure a healthy forest for the future.



Sustainable Highlands

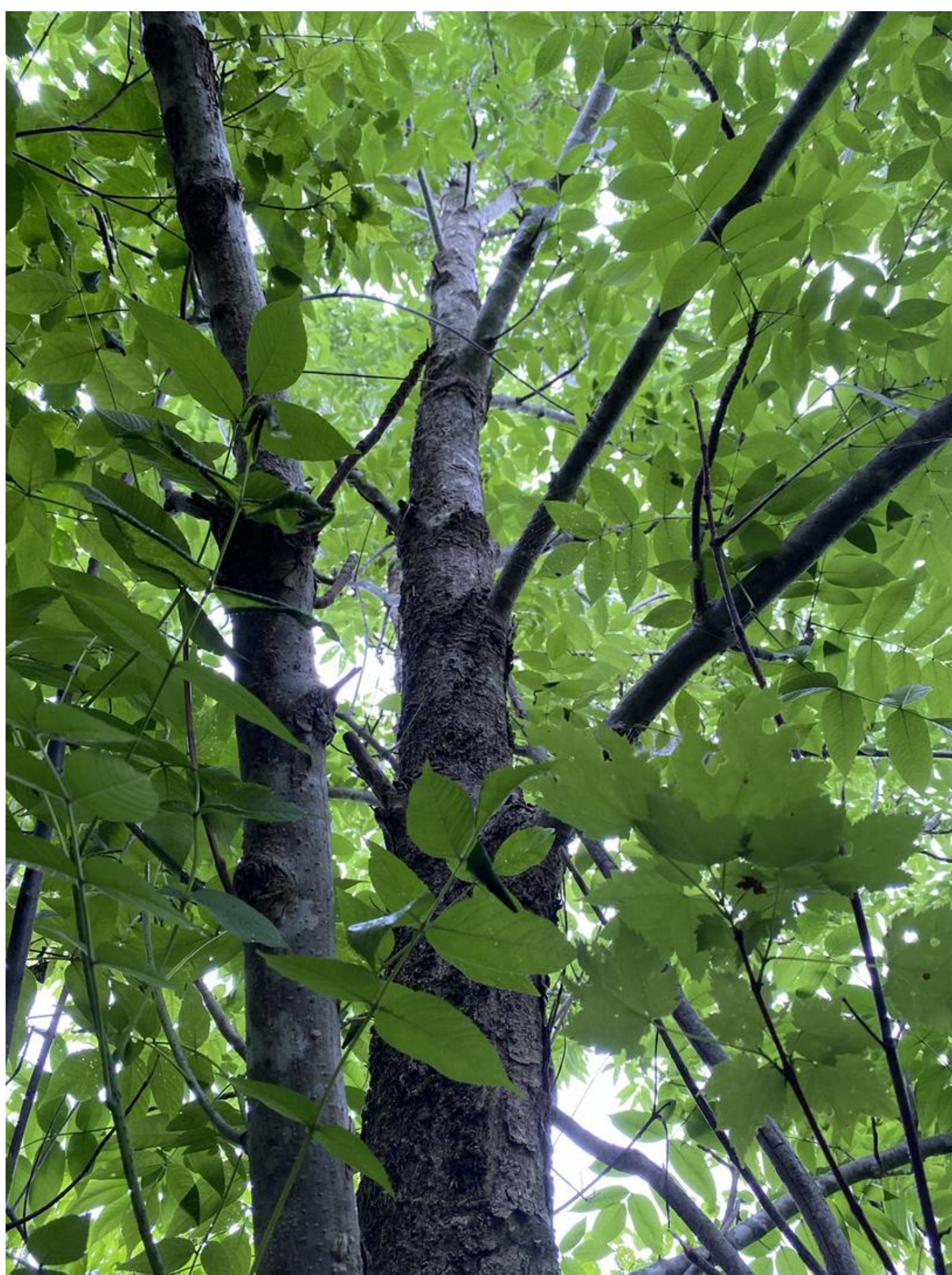
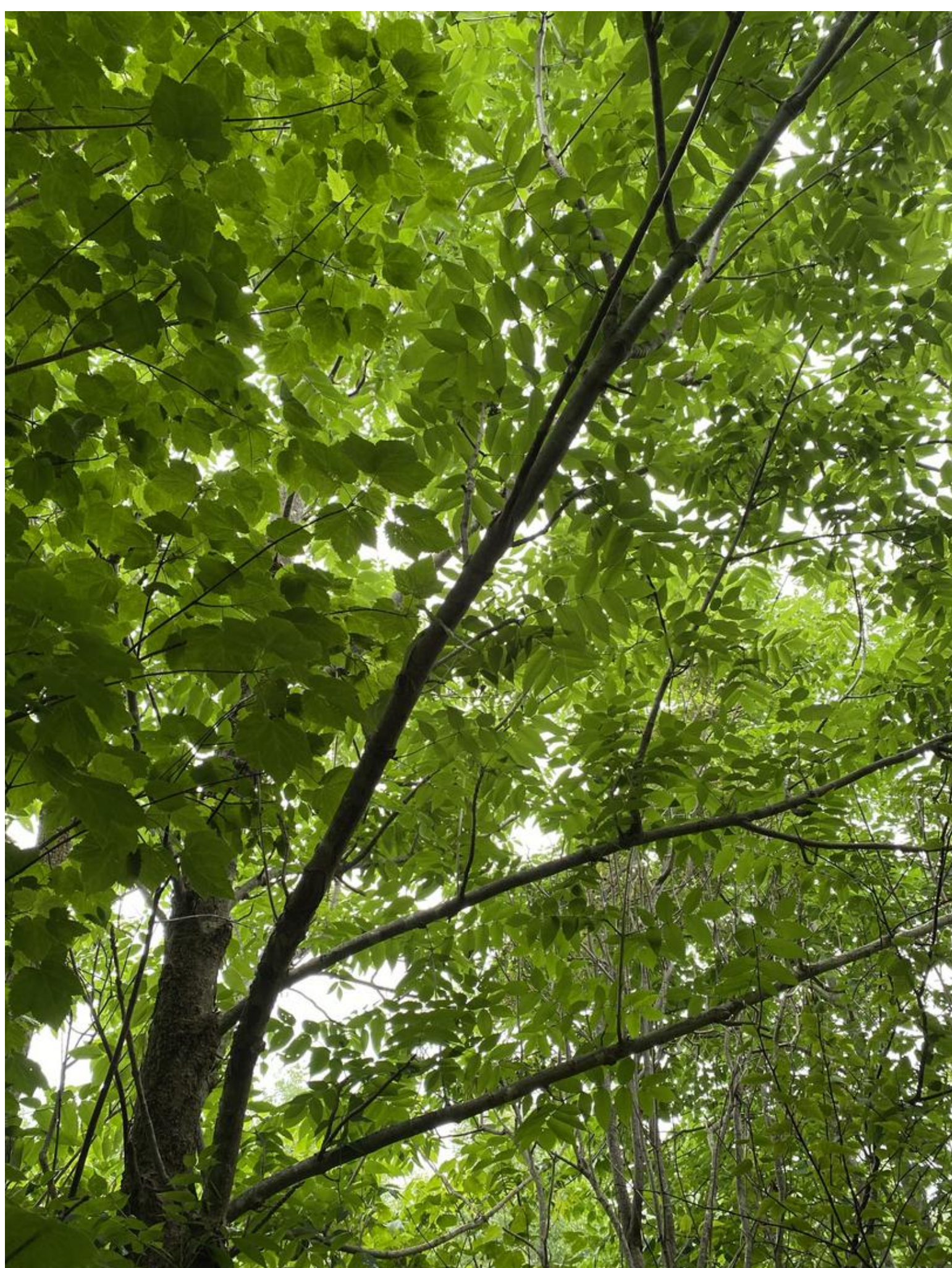
PHP is responsible to its workers, local communities, rights holders, and the public to manage sustainably in the forests of the Cape Breton Highlands. These public lands and traditional Mi'kmaq territory are important to all Nova Scotians for wildlife, culture, recreation, and the economy.

Communication

Port Hawkesbury Paper has temporarily paused all forest management activities in the Hunter's Mountain area of the Cape Breton Highlands. PHP continues to have ongoing discussions about Hunter's Mountain and will engage with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn (KMK) prior to any planned operations.

Any questions or requests for additional information regarding PHP's forest management activities can be directed to:

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Wisqoq (Black Ash) Forest Stand, Cape Breton
Managed by the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative



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