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## Objectives

To use the Internet to promote the exchange of ideas over geographic, political and language barriers; to educate and foster the understanding of the uniqueness of the natural environment and to instill a sustainable forestry ethic in children, teachers, woodlot owners and others.

## Description

Existing home study course materials are developed in electronic format to be delivered to approximately 30 000 woodlot owners and other interested parties through distance learning technology. Several modules have been developed including Wildlife and Forestry, Woodlot Recreation, Harvesting Systems, and Getting the Most From Your Woodlot: An Introduction to Integrated Resource Management. Woodlot owners will also have access to bulletin board discussion groups, government professional foresters and other participants.

Forestry Education materials already in existence and in demand will be developed in electronic format with distance learning technology. The titles include Wildlife Walk, Wildlife Adaptations, A New Forest: The Next Generation, and Products from a Sustainable Forest. These will also be developed in a video series for distribution to schools across the province.

The Woodlot Management Home Study Series and Forestry Education programs will be developed in English and French, in both written and electronic format.

## Results

This projects goal is to promote natural resources stewardship and sustainable development to 30 000 private woodlot owners, school children and others in Nova Scotia and elsewhere as well as make sustainable forest management materials available to a wider audience.

## Implications

Exchanging ideas and information about accepted forest management practices helps to ensure the sustainability of wood supply, protection of wildlife habitat and availability of other opportunities such as hiking, fishing and ecotourism. Promoting natural resources fosters the development of renewable resources in a way that makes them available for future generations.

## Reports

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