

AMÉNAGEMENT ÉCOSYSTÉMIQUE EN FORÊT BORÉALE

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Aménagement forestier écosystémique: Approche d'aménagement qui vise à maintenir des écosystèmes sains et résilients en misant sur une diminution des écarts entre les paysages naturels et ceux qui sont aménagés afin d'assurer, à long terme, le maintien des multiples fonctions de l'écosystème et, par conséquent, de conserver les bénéfices sociaux et économiques que l'on en retire.

Voilà la définition de l'aménagement forestier écosystémique proposée dans cet ouvrage, qui offre une synthèse des principaux concepts écologiques appuyant cette approche. Il présente une revue des grands régimes de perturbations qui façonnent la dynamique naturelle de la forêt boréale et des exemples provenant de différentes régions du Centre et de l'Est du Canada. Plusieurs projets de mise en œuvre de stratégies d'aménagement écosystémique illustrent des enjeux de la foresterie actuelle et les solutions que cette nouvelle approche peut apporter. En somme, la dynamique forestière dans son ensemble peut servir de guide à l'aménagement forestier. Une planification des interventions inspirée de la forêt facilitera la conciliation entre la récolte ligneuse et les intérêts des multiples utilisateurs de la forêt.



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FOREST ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT: A management approach that aims to maintain healthy and resilient forest ecosystems by focusing on a reduction of differences between natural and managed landscapes to ensure long-term maintenance of ecosystem functions and thereby retain the social and economic benefits they provide to society.

That is the definition of forest ecosystem management proposed in this book, which provides a summary of key ecological concepts supporting this approach. The book includes a review of major disturbance

regimes that shape the natural dynamics of the boreal forest and gives examples from different Canadian boreal regions. Several projects implementing the forest ecosystem management approach are presented to illustrate the challenges created by current forestry practices and the solutions that this new approach can provide. In short, knowledge and understanding of forest dynamics can serve as a guide for forest management. Planning interventions based on natural dynamics can facilitate reconciliation between forest harvesting needs and the interests of other forest users.

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AN APPROACH INSPIRED BY NATURAL DISTURBANCES

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