

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NICHE FOREST HISTORY CLUSTER

The Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE) is a cross-Canada environmental history group that promotes new ways of supporting collaboration among Canadian environmental historians and colleagues in adjacent fields. It also works to ensure that this research is accessible to policymakers, natural scientists, and the Canadian public. NiCHE is not a funding organization, but rather a networking and informative body currently composed of several clusters around water history, forest history, early Canadian environmental data, landscapes and transnational ecologies. Given its importance to Canada, the forest warrants concerted investigation across disciplines, and the Forest History cluster, with your help, seeks to facilitate understanding of the place of the forest in Canada's (environmental) history. (See our website at <http://niche.uwo.ca/?q=node/10> for more details).

The project consists of an interactive online bibliography of Canadian forest history, and a "blog" to facilitate ongoing discussion of research issues in forest history. It is managed by Graeme Wynn and Emily Jane Davis of the Geography Department, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. Your participation on this blog is warmly welcomed at all times, as are your comments, suggestions, references, etc.

