



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, October 28, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:32 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable John McNair, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Martin, McBean, McNair, Muggli, Robinson and Sorensen (6).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, the committee continued its study on the growing issue of wildfires in Canada and the consequential effects that wildfires have on forestry and agriculture industries, as well as rural and Indigenous communities, throughout the country.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Lung Association:

Sarah Butson, Chief Executive Officer.

As individuals:

Pat Camp, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia *(by videoconference)*.

Paul Hessburg, Professor, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington *(by videoconference)*.

Sarah Butson and Pat Camp made a statement together and answered questions.

At 7:20 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:27 p.m., the committee resumed.

Paul Hessburg made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:07 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Catlin Seibel-Kamél

Clerk of the Committee