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In Regards to the hand out "Situation Critical: Alberta's Forest Industry Crisis" I have some questions and statements to make.

- 1) When I do the math of "WHAT 'S AT RISK" I come up with a question?
 $11B - 1.4B - 1.6B = 7.2\text{Billion left}$. Did all this 7.2 billion go into planting trees or where did it go???
- 2) Does the softwood lumber agreement have any bearing on taxes ^{assessed} to poplar trees??
- 3) Under "CATALYSTS TO A CRISIS" - "HIGH CANADIAN DOLLAR" Isn't it obvious that in five years from 2002 to 2007 that the industry was aware of the potential market problems and should have been prepared for this down turn?
- 4) As # 3 "MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE" - Increased costs to Forest company's - how does this relate to poplar harvesting??
- 5) Under "STANDING TOGETHER FOR A SOLUTION" third paragraph down "Alberta by taking back some of the responsibilities transferred to the industry in recent years, and by investing in the strong infrastructure needed by all economic sectors" Does this mean that after the (fox in the hen house) companies bragged that they were beneficially monitoring the forests for the public, that they now want to ^{hand} it back to a severely curtailed Provincial Forest Service with little to no power so that the companies will now have less regulations in the forest?? And: Will they be asking for Provincial tax money to assist them?
- 6) Ref: Last sentence in above sector: "and strong rural communities" Do we have some documentation anywhere where this has been the case with FFP's commitment with our region?
- 7) "WHAT DO WE NEED" I need to just paraphrase this whole section using "back in better balance" to say that the companies are now trying to become what they were in the past with free reign in the forests: Now historically they become a short life span for investor's only, the local and environmental considerations be damned.

At this point I would like to ask: Why did FFP dry site stockpile so much wood knowing this economic reality??