

## *Update!*

- **2C1Forest Executive Director Search**

We are please to tell you that several highly qualified people applied to become the next Executive Director of Two Countries, One Forest, making the Board's decision making process a challenging one. Nonetheless, the size and quality of the applicant pool says a lot about the power of 2C1Forest's vision for cooperative, landscape-scale, transboundary conservation, and the quality of 2C1Forest's accomplishments in the past few years.

At this time, the Board has screened all the applications and interviewed the top-tier candidates. We hope to reach a decision and introduce you to the new Executive Director within a month. Stay tuned.

- **Call for Papers**

Call for papers for the 4th biennial Eastern CANUSA Forest Science Conference to be held October 17-18, 2008 on the University of Maine campus in Orono. The purpose of this conference is to promote cross-border communication among US and Canadian forest researchers and provide a forum for graduate and undergraduate students working on forest-related problems to present their research findings, meet other forest scientists and students working on similar problems, and become educated about northern forest issues.

Titles for submitted papers and posters are due by August 31, 2008. Visit the ECANUSA web page for more details and to submit a title for a paper <http://www.crsf.umaine.edu/ecanusa>, or contact Spencer Meyer at [spencer\\_meyer@umenfa.maine.edu](mailto:spencer_meyer@umenfa.maine.edu).

## *2C1Forest— A Network of People Creating a Network of Conserved Lands*

### *Meet Gillian Woolmer*



Gillian Woolmer is one of the many talented, committed, hardworking scientists supporting Two Countries, One Forest's work and bringing you invaluable products that inform and focus landscape-scale, transboundary conservation. She is smart, hardworking, and a lot of fun to be around—at least most of the time. We are privileged to report that Gillian has been an active member of 2C1Forest since 2003 and is now the Chair of 2C1Forest's Science Team.

A native of the United Kingdom, Gillian lives with her husband, Tim Ellis, and 3-year old son, Oliver, in Toronto, Canada, where she serves as the Assistant Director of the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada (WCS).

Prior to joining WCS in 2000, Gillian spent four years doing mineral exploration in Africa. She earned undergraduate and Masters degrees from the University of Leicester, England, received an “Advanced Diploma in GIS (Geographic Information Systems) from the College of Geographic Sciences (COGS) in Nova Scotia and earned a Certificate in Conservation Biology at Columbia University.

Gillian’s rich training and experiences in GIS and landscape conservation, both at the international and national levels, uniquely qualified her to lead 2C1Forest’s efforts to create the Northern Appalachian/Acadian Ecoregion Conservation Planning Atlas—a user-friendly, online mapping tool designed for conservation practitioners, land managers, planners, researchers, students and citizens. The online atlas enables anyone with internet access to find maps and data about water, vegetation, wildlife habitat, sites of conservation importance, roads, and more—much, much more. Check it out at [www.2c1forest.org/atlas/index.html](http://www.2c1forest.org/atlas/index.html).

Gillian also leads 2C1Forest’s Northern Appalachian Human Footprint initiative. This work quantifies the accumulated impact of human activities (i.e., human footprint) on the land across the region, providing a baseline against which the consequences of development in local areas can be measured. The maps of the ecoregion’s current and projected Human Footprints are now available via 2C1Forest’s online Atlas.

Gillian is a highly valued member of Two Countries, One Forest not only because of her keen mind, effective leadership and extraordinary analytical abilities, but also because of her genuine passion for conservation, her infectious enthusiasm, and her rather quirky sense of humour. (When you meet her in person you will know what we mean).

Please contact Gillian if you have any questions about 2C1Forest’s Online Atlas or the Human Footprint maps. She may be reached by phone at (416-850-9038) or by email ([gwoolmer@wcs.org](mailto:gwoolmer@wcs.org)). Be sure to tell her thanks for all her good work.

*This is the second in a series of personal profiles describing the network of people working together to establish a network of conserved lands in the Northern Appalachian/Acadian Ecoregion. Please visit the 2C1Forest website ([www.2c1forest.org](http://www.2c1forest.org)) to learn more about us and the conservation work that is going on across the ecoregion.*

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