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Step It Up! on climate change, urges Wilderness Committee Manitoba

This Saturday, April 14th, is an international day of action on climate change, and the Wilderness Committee is asking people in Manitoba to do their part.

Step It Up 2007 is the result of a groundswell of grassroots public concern about climate change. In over 1,300 places across North America, people are stepping up to show governments that ordinary citizens want real action on global warming.

Everyone in the province is encouraged to participate in Step It Up in the following ways: First, plan activities on Saturday that release less greenhouse gasses—walk, bike, run, paddle, or take public transit rather than drive a personal vehicle. And second, contact federal and provincial government officials and tell them Manitobans want two things:

- 1. A legislated 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030**
- 2. Shorter-term emissions targets that start today**

In Manitoba there is an opportunity to mitigate climate change with an asset we already have—our boreal forests. Healthy boreal forest eco-systems, such as those found in our provincial parks, store tremendous amounts of carbon.

“According to recent climate change reports, protecting intact forests is urgently required to combat climate change.” states Eric Reder, Manitoba Director of the Wilderness Committee. **“Let’s start in Manitoba by finally protecting our provincial parks from industrial logging.”**

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