



National Indian  
Carbon Coalition

# Forest Carbon Project Synopsis

Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior  
Chippewa Forest Lands

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## Our Mission

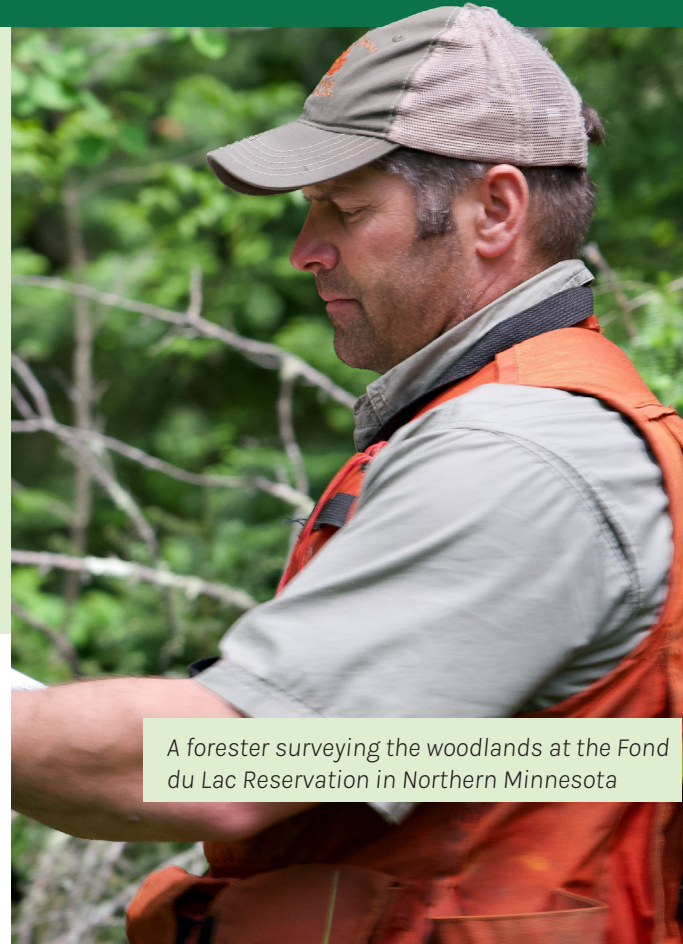
The National Indian Carbon Coalition's (NICC) mission is to preserve tribal land ownership and reduce the effects of climate change by conserving the natural resources of tribal lands in order to minimize human-caused greenhouse gas emissions. Revenue generated from the development of carbon sequestration on tribal land will allow for tribes to acquire traditional homelands, develop additional renewable energy projects, and support the tribal community members through social programs.

## About the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Fond du Lac), located in northeastern Minnesota, is striving to reduce its carbon footprint and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Among the key goals are sustainability, energy efficiency, and the development of renewable energy. Fond du Lac aims to protect its land and natural resources for the cultural, spiritual, and physical well-being of its people.

The Reservation covers 101,000 acres, including forested areas, undisturbed wetlands, and wild rice waters. Animals commonly found there include black bear, timber wolf, fisher, marten, bald eagle, owls, and white-tailed deer. Fond du Lac also retains treaty rights for fishing, hunting, and gathering in the Ceded Territories (areas ceded by the Band in 1854 and 1837), which consist of eight million acres in Minnesota's Arrowhead Region, resources that Fond du Lac believes need to be protected for all Minnesotans.

Experts predict that the climate in Minnesota will become warmer in the decades ahead, with greater precipitation extremes ranging from flooding to drought. As a result of warmer temperatures, air pollution is expected to increase. These changes could lead to greater threats from invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer. The loss of maple trees could mean a decrease in maple syrup collection, and flooding



A forester surveying the woodlands at the Fond du Lac Reservation in Northern Minnesota

or drought could be harmful to the production of wild rice.

Traditional ecological knowledge shows that climate change is now occurring in the area. The moose population has declined and the turkey population has exploded, tribal members speak of how deer are moving farther north. Fond du Lac recognizes what climate change could mean for their way of life and are committed to taking responsible action to slow or reverse the warming trends.

In 2007, Fond du Lac committed to reducing its carbon footprint by 20 percent, and signed on to the Kyoto Protocol. In July 2020, the Reservation Business Committee elected to enter the carbon market, enrolling 8,197 acres of forestland into the Tribal Land Conservation Initiative.



**Fond du Lac Reservation**  
Northern Minnesota



**5,300,000**  
Trees



**480,000 MT**  
Carbon Offsets  
Over 10 Years



**8,197**  
Acres

## Project Snapshot

The project will extend over 40 years and is expected to deliver several million dollars in revenue to Fond du Lac.



<b>OFFSET PROTOCOL / METHODOLOGY:</b>	American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management Methodology for Quantifying GHG Removals and Emission Reductions through Increased Forest Carbon Sequestration on Non-Federal U.S. Forestlands v.1.3
<b>ACREAGE OF PROJECT:</b>	The project will encompass approximately 8,200 acres of forestlands owned by the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (FDL).
<b>PROTOCOL REGISTRY:</b>	ACR Project Standard, Version 7.0
<b>PROJECTED OFFSET QUANTITY:</b>	The carbon offset project is expected to yield approximately 85,000 ERTs in first issuance, and approximately 480,000 ERTs over first ten years.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CO-BENEFITS:</b>	The project will generate significant environmental benefits including carbon sequestration, habitat protection for wildlife, trees, and plant species, water quality protection, and reduced soil erosion.
<b>COMMUNITY CO-BENEFITS:</b>	By maintaining forest and recreational opportunities the project contributes to tourism, an important resource to the local economy, while providing new revenue streams and ensuring sustainable forest management.
<b>OTHER:</b>	FDL & NICC will partner to provide national press story for offsets, social equity, & related sustainability performance.