



National Indian
Carbon Coalition

Forest Carbon Project Synopsis

Bois Forte Band of
Chippewa Forest Lands

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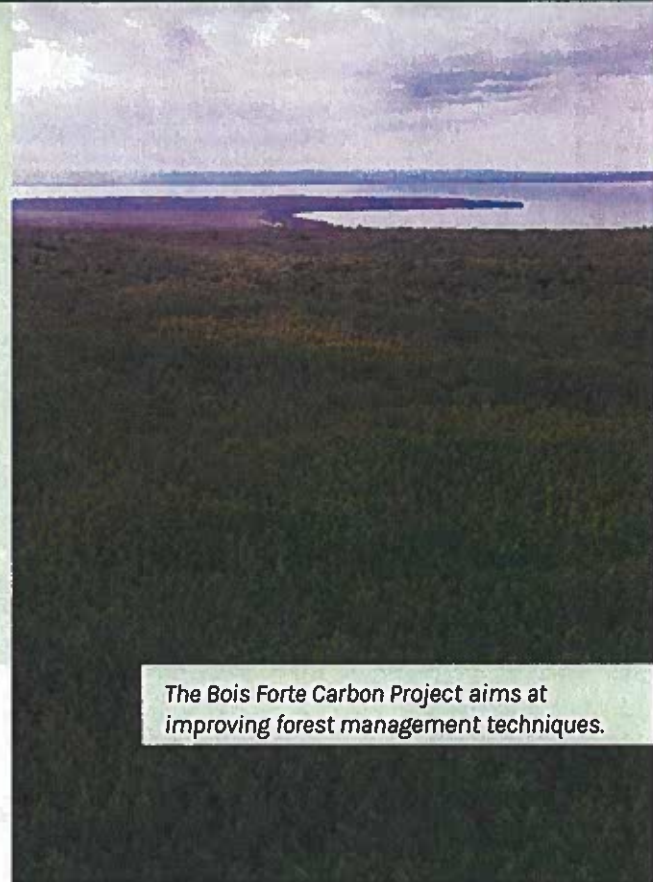
Verra's VM0045 Methodology

The Bois Forte Carbon Project uses Verra's VM0045 methodology applies to a wide range of improved forest management (IFM) practices and uses a dynamic performance benchmark for additionality and the crediting baseline created from national forest inventories. The methodology employs a broad monitoring and accounting framework that captures the GHG impacts of IFM practices aimed at avoiding emissions (from harvest or natural disturbance) or enhancing sequestration.

About the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

In June of 2022, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, one of eleven Tribal Nations in the state of Minnesota, reclaimed 28,000 acres of land within its traditional reservation boundaries through a purchase that marks the largest Tribal Nation land return in the United States. Until the land transfer, the Band held 5% of its original territory, and this acquisition nearly doubled its land base. The Band is exploring restoring lands under a forest management plan and reducing its carbon footprint, while utilizing carbon markets to generate revenue that will help pay off the mortgage from the 2022 land purchase.

The Bois Forte land re-acquisition is a major step toward righting a historical wrong. As a critical conservation pathway, the Band is working to leverage carbon credits through a partnership with the National Indian Carbon Coalition and enroll the 28,000 acres of forestland into the voluntary carbon market. This will create opportunities for the Band to increase access to resources and preserve healthy woodlands. The methodologies being used create an innovative, potentially replicable model for supporting additional Tribal Nations' land-back objectives while also demonstrating sustainable climate, conservation, and equity outcomes in high-quality, Indigenous-led carbon projects.



The Bois Forte Carbon Project aims at improving forest management techniques.

In June 2024, representatives from the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa community met in Duluth, MN with members of The Nature Conservancy, TerraCarbon, and The National Indian Carbon Coalition to plan and discuss the development of the Bois Forte carbon project on the recently reacquired 28,000 acres of land on the Bois Forte Reservation. Over the course of three days, this team discussed all aspects of carbon projects and, with input from the representative from Bois Forte, identified initial objectives for the three areas of interest (biodiversity, forests, and community).

Because the carbon project prioritizes these three areas of interest, it will also receive Verra's Climate, Community, and Biodiversity (CCB) Standards Certification. This additional certification is given to land-based projects that simultaneously address climate change, support local communities, and enhance biodiversity conservation.



**Bois Forte Band of
Chippewa**
Northeast Montana

About the National Indian Carbon Coalition

The National Indian Carbon Coalition (NICC) cultivates holistic systems projects that strengthen Indigenous land stewardship, promote measurable resiliency, and create benefits for communities to thrive. NICC was established as a program under the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) & Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) to reacquire tribal lands through revenue generated by the sale of carbon credits created by carbon sequestration or offset projects.

Our work, previously defined in relation to carbon, is now framed as nature-based climate solutions, which are high-quality, high-integrity projects that restore natural ecosystems, increase access to alternative resources, and maximize climate resilience through decarbonization.

About The Nature Conservancy

TNC is the world's largest non-profit environmental conservation organization. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends, including tackling the dual threats of accelerated climate change and unprecedented biodiversity loss. Grounded by decades of on-the-ground experience, we maximize our ability to affect change by bringing together local communities, real-world solutions, policy expertise, sustainable financing and collaborative partnerships.

About TerraCarbon

Formed in 2006, TerraCarbon LLC is a leading advisory firm that helps develop carbon offset projects to fund natural climate solutions. We support natural climate solutions (NCS) that involve restoration, improved management, and conservation activities that increase carbon storage and/or avoid greenhouse gas emissions in forests, wetlands, grasslands, and agricultural lands around the world





Project Snapshot

The project area is managed for a variety of resource uses including cultural resources, wetlands, fisheries, wildlife, recreation, and forestry.



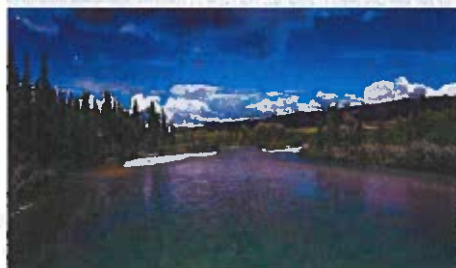
34,505,000
Trees



1,198,600 MT
Carbon Offsets
Over 10 Years



69,010
Acres



OFFSET PROTOCOL / METHODOLOGY:	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
ACREAGE OF PROJECT:	The project will encompass approximately 69,000 acres of forestlands owned by the Blackfeet Indian Nation.
PROTOCOL REGISTRY:	ACR Project Standard, Version 7.0
PROJECTED OFFSET QUANTITY:	The carbon offset project is expected to yield approximately 271,000 ERTs in first issuance, and approximately 1,198,600 ERTs over first ten years.
ENVIRONMENTAL CO-BENEFITS:	The mitigation of impacts to air, water and land quality occurs through consistent implementation of forestry best management practices.
COMMUNITY CO-BENEFITS:	The benefits of the project are shared among members of the tribe through employment and livelihood development opportunities provided by carbon revenue.
OTHER:	The Blackfeet Indian Nation will use income generated from the project to acquire traditional homelands, develop additional renewable energy projects, and support the tribal community members through social programs.