

WHEREAS:

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States, herein referred to as "the Parties," have identified a mutual interest in conducting a joint study to better understand the interaction between the boreal forest biome and the atmosphere; and

The Parties wish to establish a framework for cooperation;

The Parties, therefore, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the basis for cooperation between Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR), a department of the Government of Canada, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), an agency of the Government of the United States of America, herein referred to as "the Participants", regarding the joint Canada-U.S. Boreal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study (BOREAS).

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES

A. The Parties shall undertake BOREAS to study the interactions between the boreal forest biome and the atmosphere in order to clarify the roles of these interactions in global change. The study will focus on processes that can be appropriately addressed in a one-year intensive field measurement project supported by three to four years of less intensive in situ and remote sensing monitoring.