The Canadian Forest Service has two main objectives - to promote the sustainable development of Canada's forests, and the competitiveness of the forest industry. The Canadian Forest Service delivers its science and technology program through five national target-based networks.

The Minerals and Metals Sector encourages the sustainable development of Canada's mining industry, including minerals and metals. This sector provides policy advice and commodity and statistical information. It is also the federal government's primary source of expertise on explosives regulations and mining, minerals and metals technology.

The Energy Sector promotes the sustainable development and safe and efficient use of Canada's energy resources. This sector also provides technical knowledge and advice to the energy industry and to government. Its knowledge base helps the Canadian government create policies, implement regulations, meet international commitments and enhance job creation and economic growth.

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