

Oaxaca in the tropical forest region. A review panel was created by the Mexican government to identify the most promising proposals for submission to Canada. The panel was chaired by Deputy Minister of Forests and Wildlife Manuel Mondragón, and included senior officials from government and academia.

The review process was designed by the Mexican government; however, it closely followed the Canadian model forest review process. First, each proposal was examined for applicability to the program criteria. Proposals meeting the basic criteria were then rated on several factors including management structure, activities, technology transfer and communications, and leveraged funding. The review committee met to reach a consensus decision and made final recommendations to Professor Gonzalez.

#### **CANADA'S MODEL FOREST NETWORK**

The development of Canada's network of model forests is the core of the Partners for Sustainable Development of Forests, the major forestry component of the Green Plan, the federal government's comprehensive environmental action plan.

The Model Forest Program establishes a network of large-scale projects that represent the major forest regions of Canada. The network also represents a variety of values, such as wildlife, biodiversity, watersheds and fisheries in addition to the traditional value of fibre supply. The network is intended to demonstrate, on a working scale, how to manage forest ecosystems within the context of sustainable development.