

United Counties "initiates dialogue" on clear-cutting, says regulation, prohibition not the answer



L'Original - The United Counties of Prescott Russell said in a press release Monday it will "initiate dialogue" with stakeholders "in order to find mutual solutions on the clear-cutting of woodlands in the region." Those solutions, according to a statement from Louis Prevost, Director of Planning and Forestry at the UCPR, "will not include the regulation nor the prohibition of woodlot clear cutting, but rather awareness and education. Furthermore, we realize together that agriculture itself is not at fault, but that the clearing of forests and woodlands is the result of several development activities in general." There has already been a meeting in L'Original between members of the UCPR Planning and Forestry department and the Prescott County and Russell County Federations of Agriculture, according to the press release, and other "partners," including South Nation Conservation (SNC) and Boises-Est, will be asked to contribute as well. Seen here is a view of a recently cleared field in Prescott and Russell. PHOTO JEAN SARRAZIN