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| <b>Region:</b>                 | North America   |                      |             |
| <b>Country:</b>                | Canada  |                      |             |
| <b>Ecosystem Type:</b>         | northern coniferous forest (boreal)   |                      |             |
| <b>Social Characteristics:</b> | indigenous community  |                      |             |
| <b>Scale of Study:</b>         | district/municipality   |                      |             |
| <b>Resource Type:</b>          | forestry (timber)   |                      |             |
| <b>Type of Initiative:</b>     | co-management, business partnership   |                      |             |
| <b>Community Based Work:</b>   | resource management   |                      |             |
| <b>Keywords:</b>               | cognitive mapping, context, cooperation, deliberation, network analysis   |                      |             |

**Summary:**

**The development of cooperation depends on the nature of deliberations among and between local stakeholders and the state as well as the context of deliberations, especially whether larger scale governance helps, hinders or overrides deliberative processes. However, the context of deliberations has not been a focus of past research on deliberation. The paper identifies the key context criteria that influenced deliberation and the development of cooperation in a comparative case study of two forest advisory committees in Ontario, Canada. The study uses cognitive mapping and network analysis techniques to identify key context criteria and concludes with five inferences regarding the influence of context on deliberation and cooperation that have implications for deliberation and decentralization theories.**