

REVIEW

Review of Proposed Operations: Information Centre Sudbury Forest 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Vermilion Forest Management Company (VFM)** and the **Sudbury Forest Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to an information centre. This information centre is being held as part of the detailed planning of operations for the ten-year period of the 2020 – 2030 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Sudbury Forest**.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The second opportunity (Stage Two) for this FMP occurred on February 19, 2019 when the public was invited to review and comment on the long-term management direction. This **'Stage Three'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the details of access, harvest, renewal and tending operations for the ten-year period of the plan, and
 - the proposed primary and branch road corridors and the proposed operational road boundaries for the ten-year period of the plan.
- To request contributions to the background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, information centres will be held **on May 24, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** and on **May 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the following location:

Northbury Hotel, 50 Brady Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 1C8

The following information may be obtained at the information centre:

- Summary of the MNRF Regional Director preliminary endorsed long-term management direction; and
- Summary map(s) of:
 - the planned areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations for the ten-year period of the plan, and
 - the proposed corridors for new primary and branch roads for the ten-year period of the plan.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stages One and Two of the public consultation, the following information will be available at the information centres:

- First Nation and Métis Background Information Report (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree);
- Preliminary Report on Protection of Identified First Nation and Métis Values (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree);
- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- The proposed road use management strategies; and
- The list of required modifications resulting from the public review of the long-term management direction.

The detailed proposed operations will be available for review and comment at the Vermilion Forest Management Company (VFM) office and at the MNRF Sudbury District Office at the locations shown below by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 60 days **May 24, 2019 to July 22, 2019**. Comments on the proposed operations for the Sudbury Forest must be received by Tim Lehman of the planning team at the MNRF Sudbury District Office, **by July 22, 2019**.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

Stay Involved

The tentative scheduled date for submission of the draft FMP is August 2019. There will be two more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Four -
Stage Five -

Information Centre: Review of Draft FMP
Inspection of MNRF-Approved FMP

October 2019
January 2020

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Tim Lehman at 705-564-7875.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Laura Julian at 705-564-7838.

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