

Addendum

This Addendum to the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM)(2020) has been approved by subsection 26.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 167/95 made under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. This addendum is required to provide for management unit specific direction in Part F of the FMPM to enable the preparation and implementation of a Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Neskantaga Forest.

The following amendments take effect in accordance with Section 68(10) of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*.

Introduction, page xiv, lines 2-4 are deleted and replaced with the following

Part F provides management unit specific direction for individual management units in Ontario's Far North. Where the purpose of a FMP is to provide for a continuous and predictable wood supply to the forest industry (e.g., the Whitefeather Forest and Cat-Slate Forest), Part F describes additional requirements for:

Introduction, page xiv, includes the following additional paragraph

Where the purpose of a FMP is to provide for a small scale continuous and predictable wood supply to support local First Nation community projects (e.g., Neskantaga Forest), Part F will identify the specific requirements for the preparation, implementation and reporting of a FMP (i.e., subset of the requirements in Parts A-E of the FMPM) for for the Neskantaga Forest.

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Part F, Management unit specific direction, page F-4, lines 4-8 are deleted and replaced with the following paragraphs

For the Whitefeather Forest and Cat-Slate Forest Part F describes requirements that are in addition to those described in Parts A, B, and E of this FMPM. Section numbers of Part F correspond to the related sections of Parts A, B and E. New section numbers are introduced in Part F if no such related section exists.

For the preparation, implementation and reporting of a FMP for the Neskantaga Forest all applicable sections of Parts A through E of the FMPM will apply with the exception of those specific identified requirements in Part F for the Neskantaga Forest. The requirements of Parts A through E will apply subject to any modifications MNRFB, and the plan author consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon. Rationale for any modifications made by the MNRFB and plan author, will be documented in the FMP.

Specific public consultation and First Nation community involvement and consultation requirements for the preparation and implementation of a FMP will be identified in accordance with Section 2.0 and 3.0 of Part F of the FMPM for the Neskantaga Forest. Requirements for First Nation involvement and consultation for the preparation and implementation of the FMP for the Neskantaga Forest are streamlined in comparison to other FMPs due to the small size of the management unit and planned operational footprint; therefore the complexity of the forest management planning process has been reduced.

For the Whitefeather Forest and Cat-Slate Forest the Forest Information Manual (FIM) and applicable technical specification(s) will prescribe the format requirements for information products to be included in the preparation, implementation and reporting of the FMP.

For the Neskantaga Forest requirements for information products for the preparation, implementation and reporting of the FMP will be conducted in accordance with the FIM and applicable FIM technical specification(s), subject to any modifications MNRFB and the plan author consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon. Rationale for any modifications made by the MNRFB and the plan author will be documented in the FMP.

Part F – Add new section titled Neskantaga Forest including requirements for Parts A, B, C, D, and E

Part A – Forest management planning process for Neskantaga Forest

1.0: Preparing for the ten-year forest management plan

1.1: Preparing for stage one – Invitation to participate

For the Neskantaga Forest the requirements of Part A, Section 1.1 to 1.2 will apply, subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon, with the exception of the following sections and requirements:

- Requirements of Section 1.1.2 Planning Team for:
 - Involvement of the local citizen's committee including providing an opportunity for the local citizens committee to nominate one of its members to participate on the planning team; and
 - The District Manager to offer an opportunity for a representative of each First Nation community in or adjacent to the MU, whose interests or traditional uses, including established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, may be affected by the preparation and implementation of the FMP, to participate on the planning team.
- The requirements for a local citizen's committee in accordance with Section 1.1.3 Local Citizens' Committee;
- The requirements to develop resource stewardship agreements in accordance with Section 1.1.4 Resource Stewardship Agreements;
- The requirements for the planning team to use decision support systems to facilitate the strategic analysis in the development of the LTMD and planning of operations in accordance with Section 1.1.5 Decision Support Systems;
- The requirements to complete and document the progress checkpoints in accordance with Section 1.1.6 Progress Checkpoints;
- The requirement to involve First Nation communities in forest management planning in accordance with Section 1.1.9 Development of a Consultation Approach with Each First Nation Community; and
- The requirement to commence public consultation in accordance with Part A, Section 2.3.3.1 and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with the requirements of Part A, Section 3.4 and/or 3.5 in accordance with Section 1.1.10 Stage One – Invitation to Participate.

1.1.1: Role of Neskantaga First Nation

Neskantaga First Nation may create an advisory group (Advisory Group) comprised of Neskantaga First Nation people (e.g., elders, trappers, other land users) identified by the leadership of the community. Any Advisory Group will provide input to the planning team. The process for planning team communication with any Advisory Group will be described in the terms of reference for the planning team (Part A, Section 1.1.2.1).

Any Advisory Group is separate from, and additional to, any Neskantaga First Nation representation on the planning team. The Neskantaga First Nation representative(s) on the planning team is expected to share information about the planning process with the community and represent their community on the planning team.

1.1.2: Planning team

For the Neskantaga Forest, Neskantaga First Nation may have representation on the planning team. The leadership of Neskantaga First Nation will identify one or more representatives to participate on the planning team.

1.1.3: Terms of reference

In addition to Part A, Section 1.1.2.1, for the Neskantaga Forest, the planning team terms of reference will also contain a description of the process for planning team communication with any Advisory Group.

1.1.4: Indigenous knowledge

For the Neskantaga Forest, Indigenous Knowledge may be part of the background information that may be available for use in planning. Indigenous Knowledge is defined as the integrated body of wisdom, values, perceptions and teachings that emerges out of the practices of everyday life of First Nation people.

Indigenous Knowledge speaks to a range of subject matters, including but not limited to: geography, the locations of natural resource features and cultural heritage sites, ecosystem dynamics, and teachings that direct certain kinds of behaviour, including appropriate ways of relating to other beings on the land. Some

of this knowledge may be documented in the values information (Part A, Section 1.1.8.9), and some may be documented in the First Nation Background Information Report (Part A, Section 3.6.1).

Many aspects of Indigenous Knowledge are more conceptual in nature, and are intimately tied to language. Indigenous Knowledge is transmitted largely through demonstration on the land, and through oral traditions and teachings. To ensure Indigenous Knowledge is available for use in planning, another source of information will be the First Nation people, particularly the elders.

The approach to incorporating Indigenous Knowledge in forest management planning may be described in the First Nation Background Information Report (Part A, Section 3.6.1).

1.1.5: Stage one – Invitation to participate

After the requirements of Part A, Sections 1.1 to 1.1.9 have been completed, subject to the exceptions identified in Part F, Section 1.1, the planning team will commence public consultation in accordance with the requirements of Part F, Section 2.0 for the Neskantaga Forest, and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with Part F, Section 3.0 for the Neskantaga Forest.

1.2: Preparing for stage two – Review of draft forest management plan

In the preparation of the FMP for the Neskantaga Forest the requirements of Part A, Sections 1.2 to 1.6 will apply, subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon, with the exception of the following sections and requirements:

- The requirement for the production of a base model inventory in accordance with Section 1.2.2 Forest Classification and Current Forest Condition;
- Requirements of Section 1.2.2.1 Forest Units for:
 - Forest units to align with prescriptive indicator classifications to enable the assessment of biodiversity as directed by the MNRF's forest management guide(s) that address the conservation of biodiversity at the landscape; and
 - Inclusion of forest units in the base model inventory
- The requirement for management decision information to be included in the base model inventory in accordance with Section 1.2.2.2 Management Decision Information;
- The requirements for forest landscape classes to describe the current forest composition, structure and pattern at the landscape level in accordance with Section 1.2.2.3 Forest Landscape Classes;
- The requirements for a base model to support the development of the long-term management direction (LTMD) in accordance with Section 1.2.4 Base Model;
- The requirements to apply the forest management guide that addresses the conservation of biodiversity at the landscape scale to reflect the expected rates of stand replacing natural disturbances (e.g., fire) in accordance with Section 1.2.4.3 Forest Dynamics – Forest Disturbance
- Requirements for the silvicultural ground rules to form the basis of the silvicultural options in the base model in accordance with Section 1.2.4.4 Silvicultural Ground Rules
- Requirements for the identification of silvicultural options to represent the broad options appropriate for the forest as described in the SGR(s) in accordance with Section 1.2.4.5 Silvicultural Options
- Requirements of Section 1.2.5.1 Developing Management Objectives for:
 - Application of the LCC's self-evaluation of its effectiveness in plan development under the social and economic indicator category; and

- Development of objectives related to the CFSA objective category of forest diversity and provision of forest cover (i.e., Figure A-3, Indicators of Objective Achievement).
- Requirements of Section 1.2.5.2 Development of the Proposed Long-Term Management Direction for:
 - Application of a base model and use of a decision support system to conduct strategic analysis to determine the locations, types and levels of access, harvest, renewal and tending activities required to balance the achievement of management objectives associated with the management of forest cover, and to develop achievable targets proposed in the LTMD;
 - Strategic modelling for 160 year projections to demonstrate that the effects of projected forest management activities in the proposed LTMD for the period of the FMP provide acceptable projections of forest management activities in the future;
 - The assessment of spatial objectives;
 - Documentation of modelling outputs; including:
 - Projected forest condition for the Crown productive forest; and
 - Projected habitat for selected wildlife species
 - The planned harvest areas to match, as closely as practical, the projections of forest operations in the LTMD, in terms of management zone and age class and/or stage of management; and
 - Assessment of landscape pattern to determine whether the identified preferred harvest areas provide for the achievement of landscape pattern objectives;
- Requirements of Section 1.2.5.3 Preliminary Determination of Sustainability for:
 - The consideration and discussion of the preliminary spatial assessment; and
 - Presenting the proposed LTMD and the preliminary determination of sustainability to the LCC
- Requirements for public consultation and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with Section 1.2.8 Stage Two – Review of Proposed Long-Term Management Direction;
- Requirements of Section 1.3.2 Preliminary Endorsement of Long-Term Management Direction for:

- MNRF to review comments received as a result of the public review of the LTMD, prepare a list of modifications certified by the MNRF registered professional forester, and provide the modifications to the plan author
 - The regional director to provide his or her preliminary endorsement of the LTMD;
- Requirements of Section 1.3.3 Selection of Areas for Operations for:
 - The consideration of comments received on preferred and optional areas for harvest at stage two (Part A, Section 1.2.8)
 - The planned harvest areas to match, as closely as practical, the projections of forest operations in the LTMD, in terms of management zone and age class and/or stage of management; and
 - The identification of planned harvest volumes in excess of the projected industrial wood requirements for the management unit;
- Requirements for the update of the assessment of landscape pattern objectives and indicators in accordance with Section 1.3.9 Spatial Assessment;
- Requirements for the assessment of the expected effect of proposed types, levels and spatial distribution of harvest, renewal and tending operations on the achievement of progress towards the LTMD in accordance with Section 1.3.10 Comparison of Proposed Operations to the Long-Term Management Direction;
- Requirements for the consideration and description of the spatial assessment in accordance with Section 1.3.11 Determination of Sustainability;
- Requirement for proposed operations summary information to be available at stage three (Part A, Section 1.3.13) in accordance with Section 1.3.12 Proposed Operations Summary;
- Requirements for public consultation and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with Section 1.3.13 Stage Three – Review of Proposed Operations;
- Requirements for the planning team to compile, review and consider if any changes are required based comments received following the public and First Nation review of planned operations for the 10 year period in accordance with Section 1.4.2 Preparation of the Draft Forest Management Plan;
- Requirements for the plan author and planning team to make a presentation of the draft FMP to the LCC or provide copies of the draft FMP, or specified sections of the FMP for LCC review in accordance with Section 1.4.3 Submission of the Draft Forest Management Plan; and

- Requirements for public consultation and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with Section 1.4.6 Stage Four – Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan.

1.2.1: Application of the forest management guide for boreal landscapes

The Forest Management Guide for Boreal Landscapes (BLG) was intended to be applied on landscapes larger than the Neskantaga Forest. Specifically, on management units hundreds of thousands of hectares in size. The BLG uses explicit estimates of natural ranges of forest composition, structure and pattern for each management unit to guide the development of the long-term management direction.

The BLG relies on a coarse filter – fine filter approach to ensure biodiversity is maintained, where coarse landscape attributes (e.g. landscape class indicators) become the main management direction - desirable levels. In contrast, in management units where special issues (e.g. threatened and endangered species) exist, a fine filter is invoked focusing on and prioritizing the fine filter issue in the FMP.

Collectively the coarse filter – fine filter and the emulation of natural are principles that the BLG follows consistent with the CFSA.

The Neskantaga Forest is relatively small and both ranges of natural variation and a detailed inventory required to forecast forest condition do not exist. For the Neskantaga Forest, where the attributes listed above do not exist (i.e., landscape class indicators) the following direction will be applied.

Fine filter direction

The Neskantaga Forest is located in continuous caribou range occupancy – specifically in the the Ozhiski range. The BLG and the Caribou Conservation Plan (CCP) require forest management in caribou ranges to develop a tract based dynamic caribou habitat schedule (DCHS). The intent of the DCHS in a FMP is to demonstrate and ensure a long-term habitat supply for **caribou**. The development of a DCHS in a management unit uses broad fire patterns in and around the management unit of interest focusing on large disturbances (i.e., 10,000 hectares

and greater). The intent of the DCHS is to create large disturbances, similar to natural disturbances, with minimal in block standing residual - consistent with large intense fires.

Due to the small area of the Neskantaga Forest the use of a meaningful DCHS is not possible. To minimize adverse effects to caribou while being consistent with emulating natural principles the planning team will:

- Focus the selection of areas for harvest with the intent of creating one large disturbance over the planning horizon;
- Minimize residual patches to mimic a large intense fire within areas selected for harvest;
- Complete an assessment of caribou values prior to finalizing areas selected for harvest;
- Complete an assessment of caribou landscape use prior to finalizing areas selected for harvest. Priority will be given to the maintenance of known caribou nursery areas, wintering areas or travel corridors when determining areas selected for harvest; and
- Implement silviculture practices, using the silviculture guides, following the completion of harvest that focus on maintaining forest composition consistent with pre-harvest composition. The focus of silviculture will be on maintaining levels of pre-harvest conifer at the stand level avoiding opportunities for the establishment of elevated levels of hardwood (e.g. birch and poplar) and are shrub and herb poor.

Coarse filter direction

Providing the fine filter direction is applied there is no requirement or need to apply further coarse direction. The fine filter provides direction on landscape pattern ensuring a large disturbance consistent with a natural fire is created and ensures that pre-forest harvest composition is maintained.

1.2.2: Stage two – Review of the draft forest management plan

Concurrent with the 60 day MNRF review of the draft FMP, the planning team will conduct public consultation in accordance with the requirements of Part F, Section 2.0, and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with the requirements of Part F, Section 3.0 for the Neskantaga Forest.

1.2.3: MNRF review of the draft forest management plan

This section describes the requirements for the MNRF review of the draft FMP for the Neskantaga Forest.

The MNRF regional resources manager will confirm that the draft FMP is complete before the commencement of the concurrent MNRF, public and First Nation review of the draft FMP. A period of 60 days is provided for the MNRF review of the draft FMP. The purpose of the MNRF review of the draft FMP is to confirm that the FMP meets the requirements of the FMPM and FIM subject to any modifications MNRF and the plan author considered necessary in the circumstances, and also confirm items (a) to (e) in Part A, Section 1.4.7 of the FMPM.

1.2.4: MNRF's list of required alterations

The product of the MNRF review is a draft final list of required alterations, with the reasons for the required alterations. MNRF's list of required alterations will be produced in accordance with Part A, Section 1.4.7.1 of the FMPM subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon (e.g., timeframes, distribution of required alterations).

1.3: Preparing for stage three – Revision and approval of the forest management plan

This section describes the requirements for the revision of the draft FMP, and MNRF review and approval of the FMP, in preparation for stage three of public consultation (Part F, Section 2.2.4).

The preparation of the FMP and FMP Summary will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 1.5.2 of the FMPM with the exception of the following:

- Requirements for providing a presentation to the LCC and seeking a brief statement of the committee's general agreement or disagreement with the FMP.

The submission, review and approval of the FMP will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 1.5.3 of the FMPM subject to any modifications MNRF considers necessary in the circumstances (e.g., timeframes).

The distribution of the MNRF-approved FMP will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 1.5.4 of the FMPM

1.3.1: Stage three – Inspection of the MNRF-approved forest management plan

The planning team will conduct public consultation in accordance with the requirement of Part F, Section 2.2.4 for the Neskantaga Forest, and First Nation community involvement and consultation in accordance with the requirements of Part F, Section 3.0 for the Neskantaga Forest.

The approved FMP will be available for public viewing for the 10-year period of the FMP in accordance with Part A, Section 1.6 of the FMPM.

2.0: Public consultation

2.1: Introduction

The FMP for the Neskantaga Forest will be prepared by the plan author and interdisciplinary planning team in an open and consultative fashion. Opportunities for participation in the preparation and implementation of the FMP by interested and affected persons, organizations, and First Nation communities (Part F, Section 3.0 for the Neskantaga Forest) and the public will be provided in the preparation and implementation of the Neskantaga FMP.

The requirements for a local citizen's committee as described in the FMPM (Part A, Section 2.0) will not apply for the Neskantaga Forest.

Formal public consultation will be provided at three stages, invitation to participate, review of the draft FMP, and inspection of MNRF-approved FMP (Part F, Section 2.0 for the Neskantaga Forest). The requirements for First Nation community involvement and consultation for the Neskantaga Forest are described in Part F, Section 3.0.

A formal process will be provided for the resolution of issues that may arise during the preparation of a FMP. The process is described in Part A, Section 2.4.1 subject to any modifications MNRF considers necessary in the circumstances.

2.2: Formal public consultation

2.2.1: General requirements

Formal public consultation opportunities will be provided at three stages in the preparation and approval of the Neskantaga FMP.

The general requirements for public consultation for the Neskantaga FMP will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 2.3.2 of the FMPM, subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon. These requirements address public notices, communications with the planning team, MNRF's obligations to respond to public comments and submissions, the *French Language Services Act*, and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

2.2.2: Stage one – Invitation to participate

Stage One of public consultation for the Neskantaga FMP will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 2.3.3.1 of the FMPM, subject to the availability of the information, and any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon.

2.2.2.1: Desired forest and benefits

The MNRF district manager will host a desired forest and benefits meeting attended by the planning team, plan advisors, and any Advisory Group. The purpose of the meeting is to inform participants of the background information and provide a forum for participants to share their respective interests in the management of the forest. The meeting will provide input for the development of objectives and identifying local desired forest and benefits for the Neskantaga First Nation

2.2.3: Stage two – Review of draft forest management plan

Stage two of public consultation will begin by issuing a public notice which invites the public to an information forum. The public notice will normally be issued at least 30 days before the information forum.

The purpose of this public consultation opportunity is:

- (a) for the public to review and comment on the draft FMP including:
 - (i) the proposed long-term management direction (LTMD) for the forest, including:
 - identified management objectives, indicators, desirable levels and targets
 - areas that could be reasonably harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations for the 10-year period of the FMP
 - the analysis of alternative one kilometer wide corridors for each new primary road, if any, which are required for the next 20 years
 - (ii) the planned areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations for the 10-year period of the FMP;
 - (iii) the proposed corridors for new primary and branch roads for the 10- year period of the FMP;

- (iv) the proposed operational road boundaries for the 10-year period of the FMP;
- (v) the proposed silvicultural ground rules;
- (vi) the proposed operational prescriptions and conditions for areas of concern and important ecological features; and
- (vii) the proposed use management strategies for roads or networks of roads that are the responsibility of the sustainable forest licensee or other existing roads that will be used for forest management purposes.

Direct written notice requirements

In addition to the public notice requirements as described in Part A, Section 2.3.2.1, the direct written notice will contain the content requirements identified in Part A, Section 2.3.3.4.

Information available

Information will be made available to the public through the appropriate MNRF office(s), and the office of the sustainable forest licensee. Information to be made available will be the most current version of information requirements identified in Part A, Sections 2.3.3.2, 2.3.3.3, and 2.3.3.4 of the FMPM, subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon.

2.2.4: Stage three – Inspection of MNRF-approved forest management plan

Stage three of public consultation will be completed in accordance with Part A, Section 2.3.3.5 of the FMPM.

2.3: Availability of the approved forest management plan

The approved FMP will be available for public viewing for the 10-year period of the FMP in accordance with Part A, Section 2.3.3.6 of the FMPM.

3.0: First nation community involvement and consultation in forest management planning

3.1: Introduction

This section describes the requirements to involve and consult First Nation communities in the preparation and implementation of a FMP for the Neskantaga Forest.

The consideration of established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights through consultation with First Nation communities in forest management planning is intended, in part, to assist the Crown to address any obligations it may have under subsection 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, including the duty to consult and, where appropriate accommodate.

3.1.1: First nation communities

For the purposes of the preparation and implementation of the Neskantaga FMP:

- (a) A First Nation community means a First Nation community that is in or adjacent to the management unit as determined by the district manager in accordance with this section of the manual.
- (b) Traditional uses may include established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights.

For each community that Ontario understands as having established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and is located in Ontario, the MNRF district manager will consider the following criteria when determining whether the community is a First Nation community in or adjacent to a management unit:

- (a) whether the community's established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights may be adversely impacted by forest activities, governed by this manual, in the management unit.
- (b) whether the community has traditional uses that may be affected by forest activities, governed by this manual, in the management unit.
- (c) whether the community has a local governance body or reserve in or near the management unit.

- (d) whether the community has expressed interest in forest management planning or forest operations specific to the management unit.

3.1.2: Consultation

The MNRF district manager will contact each First Nation community at least one month prior to the commencement of the process for the preparation of the FMP to inform the community of the opportunities to be involved in the preparation and implementation of the FMP, including the opportunity communicate directly with the planning team.

The requirements for Stage One and Stage Four of consultation in Part A, Section 3.5.1.1 of the FMPM will apply in addition to the formal public consultation requirements of Part F, Section 2.2 for the Neskantaga Forest.

3.1.2.1: Role of Neskantaga First Nation

Neskantaga First Nation may create an advisory group (Advisory Group) comprised of Neskantaga First Nation people (e.g., elders, trappers, other land users) identified by the leadership of the community. Any Advisory Group will provide input to the planning team. The process for planning team communication with any Advisory Group will be described in the terms of reference for the planning team (Part A, Section 1.1.2.1).

Any Advisory Group is separate from, and additional to, any Neskantaga First Nation representation on the planning team. The Neskantaga First Nation representative(s) on the planning team is expected to share information about the planning process with the community and represent their community on the planning team.

3.1.2.2: Planning team

For the Neskantaga Forest, Neskantaga First Nation may have representation on the planning team. The leadership of Neskantaga First Nation will identify one or more representatives to participate on the planning team.

3.2: Documentation

During the preparation of the FMP for the Neskantaga Forest, a number of documents related to First Nation community involvement and consultation will be prepared. These documents include:

- (a) a First Nation Background Information Report; and
- (b) a Report on Protection of Identified First Nation Values.

These documents will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part A, Section 3.6 of the FMPM.

The MNRF shall seek advice from each First Nation community regarding their interest in the preparation of these reports and public availability of all or part of First Nation values information in those documents having regard to MNRF's legal obligations with respect to the management of information.

A Summary of First Nation Involvement in the preparation of the FMP will be prepared by the MNRF in accordance with Part A, Section 3.6.4 Summary of First Nation Involvement.

Part B – Forest management plan content

1.0: Introduction

Part B of the FMPM describes the content requirements and is a template for writing the forest management plan (FMP). A FMP is comprised of text, information products (e.g., tables and maps) and supplementary documentation.

Requirements for information products (e.g., maps, tables) to be included in the FMP are in the Forest Information Manual (FIM) and applicable technical specification(s) subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstances and agree upon.

2.0: Content requirements for the forest management plan

During the preparation, review and approval of the FMP, the documentation requirements of Part B of the FMPM 2020 will apply subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team consider necessary in the circumstance and agree upon, with the exception of the following sections and requirements:

- The requirement to describe how the forest units provide the ability to assess the requirements of the forest management guide(s) that address the conservation of biodiversity at the landscape scale in accordance with Section 2.1.3.1 Forest Units and Analysis Units;
- The requirements to describe and portray the forest landscape classes and the plan start forest composition, structure and pattern at the landscape level, and describe the management implications of the forest landscape pattern on the development of the FMP in accordance with Section 2.1.3.2 Forest Landscape Classes;
- Requirements of Section 2.1.4.3 to:
 - Provide a description of resource-based tourism values and old growth red and white pine forests communities
 - Include a statement confirming the commitment to maintain the viability of the tourism industry by protecting tourism values using Resource Stewardship Agreements
- The requirements to complete an analysis of siculture activities and past silviculture performance as well as identify the assumptions used to develop

the base model inventory and base model (e.g., landbase and forest dynamics) included in the analysis package in accordance with Section 3.3 Base Model;

- The requirement to document objectives relating to management of forest cover as it relates to other plans or policies in accordance with Section 3.6 Objectives and Indicators;
- The requirement to describe and portray the spatial distribution of harvest over the first four FMP periods in accordance with Section 3.7.1 Available Harvest Area;
- Requirements of Section 3.7.2 Selection of Areas for harvest to:
 - Document how the criteria used for the selection of areas for harvest, for the 10-year period reflect upon strategic modelling
 - Describe how the areas selected for harvest contribute to the achievement of the targets and objectives for landscape pattern;
- Requirements to document, describe and discuss the spatial assessment of projected harvest areas in accordance with Section 3.7.4 Spatial Assessment of Projected Harvest Areas;
- The requirement to include a discussion of how the SGRs reflect the silvicultural options in the base model in accordance with Section 4.2.2.1 Silvicultural Ground Rules;
- The requirement to describe how compliance performance on the forest will be communicated to the LCC for their review in accordance with Section 4.7.1;
- The requirements to document the assessment of the expected effects of planned types and levels of harvest, renewal and tending operations and the spatial distribution of harvest areas on the progress towards meeting the objectives in the LTMD in accordance with Section 4.9 Comparison of Proposed Operations to the Long-Term Management Direction
- The requirement to discuss the spatial assessments when documenting the determination of sustainability in accordance with Section 5.0 Determination of Sustainability;
- The requirement to include items (b) and (k) in the supplementary documentation in accordance with Section 6.1 Supplementary Documentation; and
- The requirement to include item (c) in the FMP Summary in accordance with Section 7.0 Forest Management Plan Summary.

2.1: Selection of areas for harvest

In addition to the requirements of Part B, Section 3.7.2, considering the specific exceptions identified in Part F for the Neskantaga Forest, the FMP text will include a discussion of how the requirements identified in Part F, Section 1.2.1 for the Neskantaga Forest were considered in the selection of areas for harvest. The text will also describe how the FMP will continue to provide for and maintain the natural structure, composition and pattern of the forest over time, and provide for a long-term habitat supply for caribou.

Part C – Amendments, contingency plans, early plan renewals, and forest management plan extensions

1.0: Requirements for amendments, contingency plans, Early plan renewals, and forest management plan extensions

Subject to the exception stated immediately below, the requirements of Part C of the FMPM will apply, subject to any modifications MNRF and the planning team or plan author consider necessary in the circumstance, to an amendment, early renewal, or extension of the Neskantaga FMP, and to the preparation of a contingency plan for the Neskantaga forest.

Exception: None of the foregoing actions require the involvement of a local citizen's committee.

Requirements for information products to be included in amendments, contingency plans, early plan renewals, and forest management plan extensions will be conducted in accordance with the Forest Information Manual (FIM) and applicable technical specification(s) subject to any modifications MNRF and the plan author consider necessary in the circumstance and agree upon.

Part D – Annual operations

1.0: Annual operations requirements

The requirements of Part D of the FMPM will, subject to any modifications MNRF and the sustainable forest licensee consider necessary in the circumstance and agree upon, apply to annual operations, including the preparation of forest operations prescriptions and annual work schedules (AWS), and the detailed project planning required before the implementation of forest operations.

Requirements for information products to be included in the AWS will be conducted in accordance with the Forest Information Manual (FIM) and applicable technical specification(s) subject to any modifications MNRF and the sustainable forest licensee consider necessary in the circumstance.

Part E – Management unit annual reports

1.0: Content requirements for management unit annual reports

The requirements of Part E of the FMPM will, subject to any modifications MNRF and the plan author consider necessary in the circumstance and agree upon, apply to management unit annual reporting, with the exception of the following sections and requirements:

- The requirement to discuss the spatial distribution of harvest areas for the current and previous FMPs, and any implications on the achievement of objectives in accordance with Section 3.1.1 Harvest Area;
- The requirement to include information of forest condition, discuss trends and any implications on the achievement of objectives in accordance with Section 3.1.5 Forest Condition;
- The requirement to include information on the amount of wildlife habitat, discuss trends and any implications on achievement of objectives in accordance with Section 3.1.6 Wildlife Habitat;
- The requirement to describe any implications of the area harvested and new natural disturbances on the achievement of the targets and objectives for landscape pattern, and the requirement to document any recommendations to be considered in the planning of future harvest areas in accordance with Section 3.2 Analysis of Forest Disturbances;
- The requirement to discuss and compare assumptions and projections in the model with actual operations, any issues identified with model assumptions, and document any conclusions and recommendations for modifications or refinements for the next FMP in accordance with Section 3.4 Review of Assumptions in Modelling;
- The requirements of Section 3.5 Assessment of Objective Achievement to:
 - Consider and discuss any differences as a result of inaccurate predictions because of modelling assumptions and inputs (i.e., items (c), (d), and (e)); and
 - Consider and discuss management objectives related to forest diversity and forest cover;
- The requirement for the plan author to present the completed annual report to the local citizens' committee in accordance with Section 4.1 All Annual Reports; and

- The requirement to include a representative of the LCC to participate in a presentation to the regional director on the annual report, if requested by the regional director in accordance with Section 4.2 Additional Requirements for the Year Five and Final Year Annual Reports.

Requirements for information products to be included in the annual report will be conducted in accordance with the FIM and applicable technical specification(s) subject to any modifications MNRF and the plan author consider necessary in the circumstance and agree upon.