

Review

Review of Long-Term Management Direction for the Pic River 2010 - 2022 Forest Management Plan

The **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)**, **GreenForest Management Inc.** (on behalf of Great West Timber Ltd.) and the **Pic River Public Consultation Committee (PRPCC)** invites you to review and comment on the proposed long-term management direction for the 2012 - 2022 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Pic River Forest. The Pic River Forest is formed from the current Pic River Ojibway Forest (Northwest MNR) and Black River Forest (Northeast MNR) through an amalgamation process.

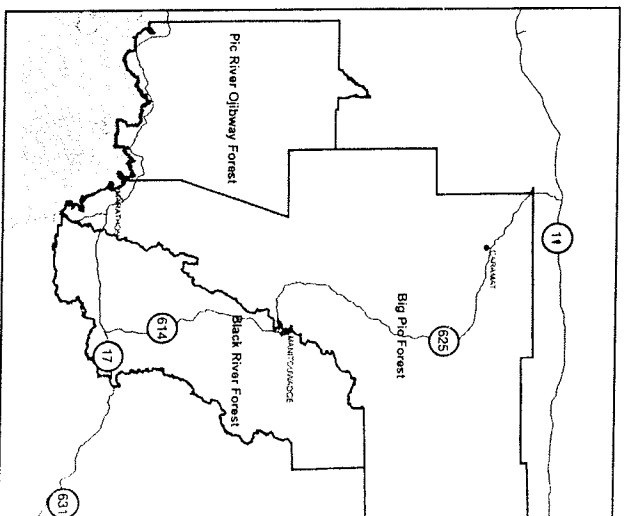
The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately 2 years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public and Aboriginal involvement are provided. The first opportunity (Stage 1) for this FMP occurred on August 15, 2008 when the public was "invited to Participate" in the development of the plan. This "Stage 2" notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - The proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - The areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the ten-year period of the plan;
 - The analysis of alternative one kilometer wide corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years;
- To request your contribution to background information and previously unmapped values information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest, and a summary map(s) of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the ten-year period of the plan and primary road corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years can be obtained from the company and Ministry of Natural Resources locations listed below.



In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage 1 of the public consultation, background information and sources of direction that are available includes the following:

- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Environmental analysis, including use management strategies, of the alternative corridors for each new primary road;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous ten years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the ten-year period of the plan;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizen's committee to date.

The summary of the proposed long-term management direction and as well as the supporting information described in this notice, will be available at the GreenForest Management Inc. office and at the Ministry of Natural Resources Manitowadge Area office, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours for a period of 39 days (December 24, 2010 – January 31, 2011). Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Pic River Forest must be received by Ryan Murphy of the planning team at the Ministry of Natural Resources Manitowadge Area Office, by January 31, 2011.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the local citizen's committee 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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Anytime during the planning process you may make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the plan author, the Ministry of Natural Resources District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2009 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part C, Section 6.1.4).

Stay Involved

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage 3 - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Stage 4 - Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan
Stage 5 - Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

March 2011
September 2011
February 2012

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Ryan Murphy at 807-826-3225, ext. 233.

The Ministry of Natural Resources 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 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 Paul Gamble at 705-856-7401.

Renseignements en français : Faye Konopelky-Pelletier au (705) 856-4748.