

REVIEW

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan: Information Centre Nipissing Forest 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.** and the **Nipissing Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2019-2029 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Nipissing 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 third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred from May 6, 2018 to July 5, 2018 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten year period of the FMP. This '**Stage Four**' notice is to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP and MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft FMP.

How to Get Involved

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available on the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans and at the Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. office at the location noted below, by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 60 days, **October 26, 2018 to December 25, 2018**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Nipissing Forest must be received by Guylaine Thauvette of the planning team at the MNRF North Bay District Office, by **December 25, 2018**.

To assist you in the review and to provide the opportunity to ask questions, Information Centres will be held at the following locations and times:

Holiday Inn Express in North Bay
1325 Seymour Street, North Bay, ON
Friday, October 26, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and
Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Restoule Community Centre
20B Lakeview Road, Restoule, ON
Monday, October 29, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information will also be available:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary (copies may be obtained at the Information Centre);
- MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

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 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).

The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **January 24, 2019**.

Stay Involved

A final opportunity to inspect the MNRF-approved FMP before it is implemented will take place during **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP which is tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2019 to March 25, 2019.

The approval date of the FMP is tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2019.

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 Guylaine Thauvette 705-475-5539.

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