

REVIEW

Review of Proposed Operations Algonquin Park Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** and the **Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to participate in the review of proposed operations. This review is being held as part of the detailed planning of operations for the ten-year period of the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Algonquin Park 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 July 29, 2020 to August 28, 2020 when the public was invited to review and comment on the proposed Long-Term Management Direction (LTMD). This **'Stage Three'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on
 - the planned areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations for the 10-year period of the plan;
 - the confirmed corridors for primary and proposed corridors for branch roads which are required for the 10-year period of the plan;
 - the proposed operational road boundaries for the 10-year period of the plan; and
- To request contributions to the background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal (<https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>)

- a summary of the MNRF regional director preliminary endorsed LTMD; and
- a portrayal of:
 - the planned areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations for the 10-year period of the plan; and
 - the confirmed corridors for primary and proposed corridors for branch roads which are required for the 10-year period of the plan;

In addition to the most current version of the information which was available at Stage Two of public consultation, the Information as described in the 2020 Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) (Part A, Section 2.3.3.3) will be available electronically on the Ontario government website: <https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-forest-management-planning-manual-en-2020-07-08.pdf>

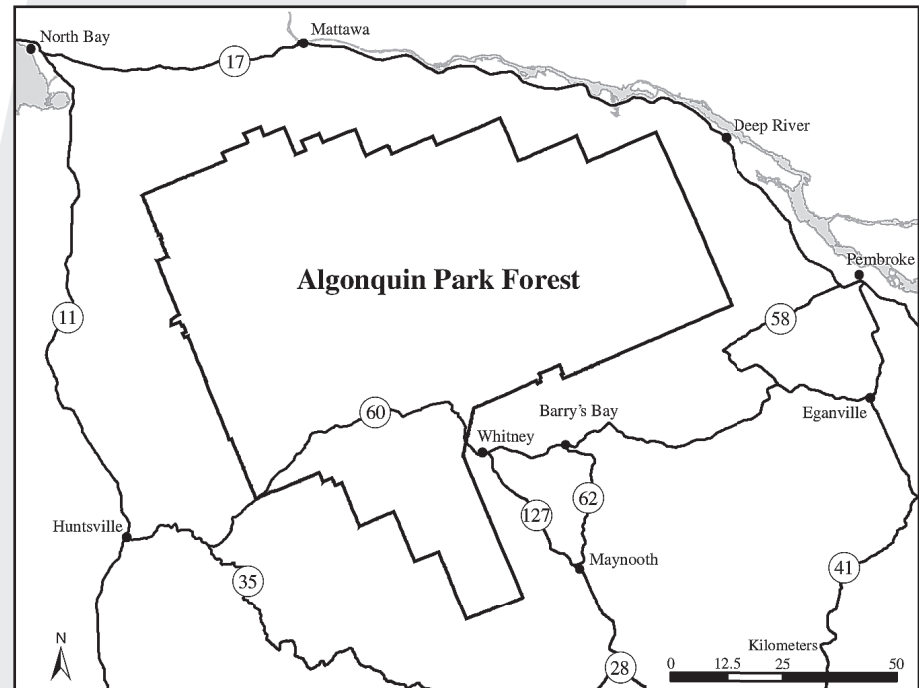
The detailed proposed operations can be made available electronically for review and comment by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority office and/or MNRF Pembroke District Office contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 45 days **December 9, 2020 to January 22, 2021**. Comments on the proposed operations for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team at the MNRF Pembroke District Office, by **January 22, 2021**.

The Information Forum related to the review of Proposed Operations may be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely 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 2020 FMPM (Part A, Section 2.4.1).

Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The tentative scheduled date for submission of the draft FMP is **February 2021**. There will be two more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Four – Review of Draft FMP	April 2021
Stage Five – Inspection of the MNRF-Approved FMP	August 2021

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch, District Management Forester, via e-mail at joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*, 1994. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or Algonquin Forest Authority to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF 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 Shari MacDonald by e-mail: shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

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