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(J) PUBLIC CONSULTATION



This supplementary documentation is divided into
three parts:

Part 1) Summary of Public Consultation

Part 2) Public Input Summary

Part 3) Desired Forest and Benefits Meeting
Report



SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

BANCROFT MINDEN FOREST 2021-31 FMP

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(Part 1) Summary of Public Consultation

1 INTRODUCTION

Public consultation opportunities for the 2021-2031 Bancroft-Minden FMP involved five stages as described in detail in the FMPM. These Stages include:

Stage 1- Invitation to Participate - occurred in October 2018

Stage 2- Review of the Proposed Long-Term Management Direction – occurred –September 15 to October 15, 2020

Stage 3- Information Forum: Review of Proposed Operations – January 4, 2021 – February 2, 2021

Stage 4- Information Forum: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan – March 19th – March 17th, 2021

Stage 5- Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan – scheduled -Summer/Fall, 2021

Significant efforts were made to notify the public of proposed forest management activities for the forest management plan and to encourage comments. Avenues to inform the public included ER postings, newspaper ads, social media and mail-outs (paper and electronic) to the distribution list of over 900 individuals.

STAGE 1 – INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The Invitation to Participate notice was published on October 15, 2018 on the Environmental Registry (ER). The notice was then immediately further distributed as per the following:

- Notice to mailing list (regular mail and email)
- Newspaper ads (published during the week of October 15, 2018)

Bancroft This Week (weekly)

Bancroft Times (weekly)

Haliburton County Echo (weekly)

Minden Times (weekly)

A total of 0 comments were submitted during Stage 1 “Invitation to Participate”. All comments received are noted in the following table.

STAGE 2- REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

The Review of Long-Term Management Direction notice was published on September 15, 2020 on the Environmental Registry (ER). The notice was then immediately further distributed as per the following:

- Notice to mailing list (regular mail and email)
- Newspaper ads (published during the week of September 14, 2020)

Bancroft This Week (weekly)

Bancroft Times (weekly)

Haliburton County Echo (weekly)

1 Minden Times (weekly)

2 A total of approximately 90 respondents/comments were submitted during Stage 2 “Review of Long-
3 Term Management Direction”. Note however that 65 of the comments were a request for information
4 or to switch from paper to digital notifications instead of a comment/concern with the LTMD products.
5 There was also a series (approx. 10) of similar form letter e-mails received that received similar
6 responses. Some of the comments had multiple follow up comments as shown in the table. All
7 comments received and responses provided are summarized in the following table.

8 **STAGE 3- INFORMATION FORUM: REVIEW OF PROPOSED OPERATIONS –**
9 **SCHEDULED – JANUARY 4TH, 2021-FEBRUARY 2ND, 2021**

10 The Review of Proposed Operations notice was published on December 1st, 2020 on NRIP (Natural
11 Resources Information Portal). It was also distributed as per the following:

- 12 ■ Notice to mailing list (regular mail and email) – December 1, 2020 and supplemental notice in
13 January, 2020
- 14 ■ Newspaper ads (published during the week of November 30, 2020)

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16 Bancroft This Week (weekly)
17 Bancroft Times (weekly)
18 Haliburton County Echo (weekly)
19 Minden Times (weekly)

20 A total of approximately 30 comments were submitted during Stage 3 “Review of Proposed Operations”.
21 An additional approximately 50 comments were received through an online e-mailing campaign and
22 another ten requests were received to switch from paper mail to the e-mail notification. Those two sets
23 of comments were summarized and combined within two lines in the consultation summary. All
24 comments received and the responses were noted in the following table.

25 **STAGE 4- INFORMATION FORUM: REVIEW OF DRAFT FOREST MANAGEMENT**
26 **PLAN – SCHEDULED – MARCH 19TH, 2021, TO MAY 17TH 2021**

27 The Review of Draft Plan notice was published on February 18th, 2020 on NRIP (Natural Resources
28 Information Portal). It was also distributed as per the following:

- 29 ■ Notice to mailing list (regular mail and email) – February 22, 2020.
- 30 ■ Newspaper ads (published during the week of February 15th, 2020)

31 Bancroft This Week (weekly)
32 Bancroft Times (weekly)
33 Haliburton County Echo (weekly)
34 Minden Times (weekly)

35 A total of x comments were submitted during Stage 4 “Review of Draft Forest Management Plan”. All
36 comments received will be noted in the following table.

1 **STAGE 5- INSPECTION OF MNRF-APPROVED FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN –**
2 **SCHEDULED –SUMMER/FALL, 2021**

3 Include details here later as per Stage 4.

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(Part 2) Public Input Summary

Table 1. List of acronyms used in the public input summary table.

Acronym	Description
CA	Cottager
EG	Environmental Group
FI	Forest Industry
FN	First Nation
FOCA	Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association
GP	General Public
KC	Kawartha Conservation
KNSC	Kawartha Nordic Ski Club
LCC	Local Citizen's Committee
MECP	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
ME	Mineral Exploration
MG	Municipal Government
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MTCS	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTR	Ministry of Tourism and Recreation
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
OFSC	Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
SB	School Board
TR	Trapper
WCA	Wilderness Canoe Association

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No.	Name	Affiliation	Date Received	Type of Inquiry	General Topics	Concerns/Comments	Respondent	Date of Response	Response/Action	Additional Information
1	1	LCC	1-Jun-19	letter	Desired Forest & Benefits questionnaire response	Climate Change	MNRF	Unknown	Input will be considered during the development of FMP-10 (CP#4).	
2	2	NOTO	1-Jun-19	letter	Desired Forest & Benefits questionnaire response	Tourism, moose habitat, SAR, road use strategies	MNRF	Unknown	Input will be considered during the development of FMP-10 (CP#4). Much of the input provided here should be addressed during operational planning, not strategic-level planning (i.e. after the LTMD had been approved).	
3	3	NGO	13-Jul-20	email	LCC - Catchacoma old-growth hemlock stand	Request to present to LCC, receive meeting minutes and review draft LTMD	LCC	24-Aug-20	Request acknowledged and to be reviewed at next LCC meeting; LCC directed input to formal public consultation opportunities in FMP process	
4	3	NGO	31-Jan-20	email	Public consultation opportunities	Opportunities to provide input to 2021-31 FMP development	MNRF	13-Feb-20	Information on FMP process and public consultation opportunities provided at in-person meeting	
5	3	NGO	18-Feb-20	email	Various FMP related topics	Add to email list for FMP notices, LCC member listing (plus list of non-FMP related requests)	MNRF	28-Feb-20	Confirmed added to email list and other info to follow	
6	3	NGO	07-May-20	email	Various FMP related topics	Info on LTMD, FMP process, public consultation opportunities, LCC details	MNRF	06/23/2020 and 07/09/2020	Information provided on past and upcoming FMP consultation opportunities, including LTMD Stage Two, LCC information and other FMP process details.	
7	4	GP	2020-05-11	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
8	5	MG	28-Nov-18	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
9	6	GP	14-Jan-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
10	7	CA	05-Feb-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
11	8	NGO	28-Feb-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
12	9	NGO	28-Feb-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
13	10	NGO	28-Feb-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
14	11	GP	11-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
15	12	GP	11-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
16	13	GP	12-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
17	14	MG	12-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
18	15	GP	14-Aug-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
19	16	CA	29-May-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added to list	
20	17	GP	16-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
21	18	GP	17-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
22	19	GP	17-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
23	20	GP	17-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	

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24	21	GP	18-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
25	22	FI	18-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
26	23	GP	18-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
27	24	TR	18-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
28	25	TR	19-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
29	26	GP	19-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
30	27	GP	19-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
31	28	GP	19-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
32	29	GP	19-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
33	30	GP	21-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
34	31	GP	21-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
35	32	GP	22-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
36	33	GP	22-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
37	34	GP	22-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
38	35	GP	24-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
39	36	MG	24-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
40	37	GP	25-Mar-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
41	38	FI	15-Apr-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
42	39	GP	27-Jul-20	email	Update contact information	Email communication requested	N/A	N/A	Added email	
43	40	GP	16-Aug-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
44	41	GP	17-Aug-20	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
45	42	GP	24-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
46	43	GP	29-Jul-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
47	44	GP	21-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
48	45	GP	21-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
49	46	GP	22-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
50	47	MG	22-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
51	48	GP	23-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
52	49	GP	23-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
53	50	MTCS	02-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
54	51	GP	02-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	

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55	52	GP	03-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
56	53	GP	03-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
57	54	MECP	08-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
58	55	MG	11-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
59	56	WCA	12-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
60	57	GP	16-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
61	58	GP	18-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
62	59	GP	18-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
63	60	GP	24-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
64	61	GP	08-May-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
65	62	GP	27-Jun-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
66	63	GP	31-Jul-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
67	64	CA	24-Sep-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
68	65	CA	25-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Asked to be removed from list	N/A	N/A	Removed from list	
69	66	KNSC	25-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
70	67	GP	26-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
71	68	GP	28-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
72	69	FI	28-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
73	70	MNRF	01-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
74	71	LCC	28-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
75	72	MTO	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Asked to be removed from list	N/A	N/A	Removed from list	
76	73	SB	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
77	74	KC	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
78	75	FOCA	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
79	76	FI	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
80	77	MG	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
81	78	GP	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
82	79	GP	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
83	80	GP	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
84	81	GP	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
85	82	GP	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	

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86	83	GP	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
87	84	GP	19-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
88	85	GP	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
89	86	GP	18-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
90	87	MG	21-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
91	88	OFSC	21-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
92	89	GP	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
93	90	GP	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
94	91	LI	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
95	92	GP	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
96	93	MNRF	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
97	94	GP	20-Mar-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
98	95	GP	09-Apr-19	email	Update contact information	Request to be added to Mailing List	N/A	N/A	Added email	
99	71	LCC	14-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	Materials not found on eFMP	MNRF	16/17 - Sep-20	-Provided with PDF versions of documents via email. -No Further response required	
100	3	NGO	15-Sep-20	e-mail	Locating LTMD materials	LTMD materials not posted to most appropriate location on eFMP website	MNRF	15-Sep-20	-Client provided with link to eFMP website, and subsequently provided with a screen shot and explanation of where to access the information based on the current set-up of the eFMP website (until converted to NRIP). -No further response required	
101	100	NGO	15-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Confirmed intent to submit comments	MNRF	15-Sep-20	Acknowledged receipt of email and confirmed addition to email list. No further response required	
102	101	GP	16-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	16-Sep-20	Added email to existing contact information	
103	102	ME	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep	-Replaced existing contact with theirs and added email. -No further response required	
104	103	GP	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
105	104	GP	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	18-Sep-20	Added email	
106	105	GP	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	19-Sep-20	Added email	
107	99	GP	17/22-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for ABIR	Interested in learning more about forestry/planning process	SFL / MNRF	18/21/22-Sep-20	Provided ABIR as requested	
108	106	GP	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
109	107	MG	17-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
110	108	GP	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
111	109	FI	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
112	110	GP	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
113	111	MG	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	
114	112	GP	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added email	

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115	135	FN	18-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	17-Sep-20	Added to list.	
116	128	GP	20-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Informed of future public consultation opportunities	MNRF	20-Sep-20	Acknowledged receipt of email and confirmed addition to email list	
117	31	GP	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
118	113	FI	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
119	114	MG	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
120	37	GP	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
121	115	MG	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
122	116	GP	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
123	117	NGO	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
124	128	GP	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Accessing LTMD materials	Unable to access LTMD materials from ER posting	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Provided link to eFMP website and screenshot of how to access LTMD materials	
125	76	MG	21-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	21-Sep-20	Added to list.	
126	118	GP	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	22-Sep-20	Added to list.	
127	119	FI	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Added to list.	
128	120	MG	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	24-Sep-20	Added to list.	
129	121	ME	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Added to list.	
130	122	GP	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	24-Sep-20	Added to list.	
131	123	MG	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	25-Sep-20	Added to list.	
132	127	FN	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Added to list.	
133	3	NGO	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	Asked for consultation summary documents and needed clarification on criteria/maps	MNRF	24-Sep-20	-Requested documents were provided with direction on how to set up meeting for concerns. - Specific LTMD document questions were directed to appropriate MNRF/SFL/LCC members	
134	98	CA	22-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	Asked for consultation summary documents and needed clarification on criteria/maps	MNRF	22-Sep-20	Provided with LTMD materials	
135	126	GP	23-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Email added.	
136	125	GP	23-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Email added.	
137	124	FI	23-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Email added.	
138	136	MP	24-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	23-Sep-20	Email added.	
139	3	NGO	25-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for Issues Resolution	LTMD/Catchacoma Forest	MNRF, District Manager	23-Oct-20	-Outlined that issue resolution request is complex and involves two FMP processes. -Asked client for specific issues requesting resolution as this could change process (AWS/LTMD) and would dictate how to best proceed. Identified that this Issue Resolution Request did not meet the Issue Resolution criteria to initiate the process as per the FMPM	

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140	3	NGO	25-Sep-20	e-mail	Meeting request with reps of PT, LCC	LTMD/Catchacoma Forest	MNRF	01-Oct-20	Proposed dates/times for meeting and asked client to outline specific concerns to PT in advance.	
141	137	CA	27-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	28-Sep-20	Added to list.	
142	97	FOCA	28-Sep-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	Asked for consultation summary documents and needed clarification on criteria/maps	MNRF	28-Sep-20	Provided with LTMD materials	
143	138	LUP	28-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	29-Sep-20	Updated list.	
144	139	MG	29-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	30-Sep-20	Added emails.	
145	140	GP	29-Sep-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	01-Oct-20	Added to list.	
146	160	GP	29-Sep-20	letter	Concerns with potential logging in the White Lake/Selarno Lake area	Does not want logging in the area.	SFL	22-Oct-20	Followed up to ask for more information on which area client was referring to as it sounded like concerns about harvest in the current FMP. Longer response was then sent.	
147	161	GP	30-Sep-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Halt logging in Catchacoma	SFL (Plan Author)	30-Sep-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020. No further response	
148	96	GP	01-Oct-20	Phone	Potential harvest blocks near old Hastings road	Roads to be used for preferred harvest blocks near private residence	MNRF	01-Oct-20	-Informed client that specific roads for operations were not available at LTMD stage. -Encouraged participation in future stage 3. -Directed client to SFL for specific road use possibilities	
149	96	GP	01-Oct-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD map information	Clarification on areas/roads	MNRF	01-Oct-20	Provided with LTMD summary map of Old Hastings road	
150	141	LUP	01-Oct-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	02-Oct-20	Email added.	
151	129	GP	01-Oct-20	e-mail	Update contact information	Update contact information	MNRF	03-Oct-20	Added to list.	
152	129	GP	01-Oct-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials/ Add email	Request for LTMD materials/ Add email	MNRF	01-Oct-20	-Provided with LTMD materials - email added	
153	142	KNSC	01-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	02-Oct-20	Added additional email contact.	
154	156	EG	02-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock); concerns that the area is identified as preferred harvest area in LTMD and hemlock is below SRNV	SFL (Plan Author)	02-Oct-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020.	
155	143	GP	02-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	03-Oct-20	Email added.	
156	131	GP	02-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock)	SFL (Plan Author)	02-Oct-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020. No further response	
157	131	GP	02-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Opposition to harvesting in Catchacoma Forest	MNRF	09-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period	
158	144	CA	05-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF		Added additional email contacts	
159	159	GP	06-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock); concerns that the area is identified as preferred harvest area in LTMD and hemlock is below SRNV	SFL (Plan Author)	06-Oct-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020. No further response	
160	129	GP	07-Oct-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	Could not open previously sent materials	MNRF	08-Oct-20	-Resent LTMD materials -Resolved issue	

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161	130	GP	07-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Opposition to harvesting in Catchacoma Forest	MNRF	10-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period	
162	145	GP	07-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	08-Oct-20	Email added.	
163	146	MG	08-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	09-Oct-20	Added additional emails.	
164	147	LUP	08-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	10-Oct-20	Email added.	
165	158	GP	08-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock)	SFL (Plan Author)	08-Oct-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020. No further response	
166	132	GP	09-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock); concerns that the area is identified as preferred harvest area in LTMD and hemlock is below SRNV	SFL (Plan Author)	09-Oct-20	Followed up with further information and shared article in Peterborough Examiner from March 11, 2020. Scott responded with a thank you.	
167	157	CA	09-Oct-20	letter	Request to halt logging in 2011 FMP block 2020, Kamaniskeg Lake	Predominately concerned about active operation in approved 2011 FMP harvest area but stated that it would be difficult for them to provide comments by the close of Stage 2 (Oct 15).	SFL (Plan Author) regarding current active operation; MNRF Region regarding LTMD	09-Oct-20	SFL answered questions surrounding active operation and encouraged sender to follow up; MNRF acknowledged input and committed to providing a more fulsome response at end of Stage 2	
168	154	GP	9/14-Oct-20	e-mail	Request for LTMD materials	-Could not locate LTMD materials online, - Missed stage one public consultation and requested those materials in addition to stage 2.	MNRF	9/15-Oct-20	-Provided with LTMD materials -Stage one documents sent the following week	
169	148	GP	09-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	09-Oct-20	Added additional email contact.	
170	132	GP	09-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Opposition to harvesting in Catchacoma Forest	MNRF	09-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
171	16	CA	10-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Opposition to harvesting in Catchacoma Forest	MNRF	13-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
172	16	EG	10-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest (predominantly hemlock); concerns raised on lack of oversight	MNRF	13-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
173	149	TO	13-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	14-Oct-20	Email added.	
174	3	NGO	13-Oct-20	Zoom Meeting	Catchacoma Forest	Discuss comments submitted by NGO as part of Stage 2: Review of Long-Term Management Direction (LTMD).	MNRF, SFL, LCC, NGO, Planning Team	13-Oct-20	Previously provided NGO concerns with Catchacoma Forest were discussed	
175	150	GP	13-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	14-Oct-20	Email added.	
176	12	NGO	14-Oct-20	e-mail	Request to halt logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	-Forest is a significant provincial resource worthy of serious consideration for possible long term conservation and protection -AFER scientific research has been dismissed without a full assessment -Ensure that all the available research is fully evaluated and followed up before the next 10 year plan is drafted	MNRF	15-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	

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177	100	NGO	14-Oct-20	letter	Concerns with logging around Koshlong Lake	Cottagers spending more time on lake during covid-19 and are impacted by noise/hauling Recommendations: -Limit operations from waters edge -Provide extended notice before operations occur -Restrict operations times to outside bird nesting season - Indicate haul routes to municipality -Adhere to municipal by-laws for the tree cutting around lakes -Minimize haul road width and include restoration plan -Include independant inspector	MNRF	14-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry - Respondent also indicated that further opportunities for public consultation will be available at Stage 3	
178	155	NGO	14/20-Oct-20	e-mail	Objection to Logging on FR89 Jack's Lake (Apsley)	-Safety, road damage, impact on residents(noise, visual), impact on environment, other hunting considerations with fresh browse	MNRF	20-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
179	133	CA	15-Oct-20	e-mail	Planned and Optional Block Allocation. Kamaniskeg Lake concerns	Block adjacent to private property, not notified/consulted of harvest plans	MNRF	15-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
180	151	FN	15-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	16-Oct-20	Added additional emails.	
181	134	CA	15-Oct-20	letter	Concerns with logging around Koshlong Lake and concerns with social considerations. Submitted letter with 2 attachments	Current and future allocations around Koshlong Lake. Cottagers spending more time on lake during covid-19 and are impacted by noise/hauling Recommendations: -Limit operations from waters edge -Provide extended notice before operations occur. -concerns with objectives not considering social indicators -concerns with social considerations not being considered in LTMD Summary	MNRF	15-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	

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182	154	CA	15-Oct-20	letter	Concerns with logging near property on Kamaniskeg Lake	-Plan needs to have objectives in regard to social, tourism, recreational and community uses of forests close to inhabited areas. Ontario should manage crown land forests for the benefit of all Ontarians, not just the forestry sector. -Pandemic has demonstrated that non-forestry uses of crown land are more important than ever before and rural communities have an ever-increasing stake in the management of crown lands in their immediate area. -The LCC should be evaluated on their ability to provide notification, and consult with property owners and community stakeholders, and the resulting influence on forestry operations. NGO is not represented here and to my knowledge has never been consulted by the LCC. - MNRF/SFL should offer to "deliver presentations annually to community member so they can stay up-to-date on Forestry operations and identify where operations have the potential to conflict with known values." is an excellent idea and the same offer would be welcomed by all members of the community.	MNRF	15-Oct-20	Acknowledged comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period. More fulsome response summarized below in another entry	
183	154	CA	15-Oct-20	Letter	Concerns with logging near property on Kamaniskeg Lake	See Above	MNRF	30-Oct-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Informed client that MNRF is committed to account for all forest users. -Values were developed through DFB process. - LCC chooses its own members - Formal consultation on FMP will continue

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184	3	NGO	15-Oct-20	letter	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	NGO formal document submission for immediate moratorium on logging in Catchacoma forest, concerns with irregular shelterwood, short-term decline in old growth hemlock	MNRF	04-Nov-20	The fullsome reponse addressed each of the concerns submitted by the NGO. Provided clarification on stand attributes (species composition, ages) for Catchacoma area, described how the studies referenced by the NGO were being reviewed and considered in current FMP and 2021 FMP, provided clarification on process for getting values inputted into database, and responded to their concern that "the LTMD projected a forest condition where hemlock (HESH) forests declined in the short term with a consistent increase afterwards for the next 100 years" by adding a required alternation to the LTMD List of Required Alterations to provide a detailed rationale for this decrease. The resposne also included a description of the silviculture system proposed to be used in the Catchacoma stands, the reasons behind it and discussed MNRF compliance reporting and how cliamte change is considered in the FMP Process. It was reiterated that their concerns regarding the harvesting of older hemlock would be considered moving forward in the FMP.	MNRF responded on Oct 15 to acknowledge comment and assured a more fulsome response would be provided at the end of consultation period.
185	152	GP	16-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	16-Oct-20	Added to list.	
186	153	CA	19-Oct-20	e-mail	update contact information	update contact information	MNRF	17-Oct-20	Added to list.	
187	155	NGO	20-Oct-20	phone	Submission of LTMD comments	-Previous mix-up of email addresses and wanted to confirm who to send comments to -Asked if comments would still be considered for LTMD	MNRF	20-Oct-20	Provided client with correct email address to submit comments and assured that the comments would still be considered	
188	7	NGO	20-Oct-20	letter	Request for Issues Resolution	Specific issues: -Increased Mercury mobilization due to logging -Increased Risk of Forest Fires -Species at Risk -Water Quality – Altered Runoff -Invasive, Non-native Species -Impact of Logging Activities Within Close Proximity to Ontario Cottagers and Tourism	MNRF	20-Oct-20	Issues resolution request was sent to the district manager for the Bancroft District, who will address and respond to IR request. Response provided below in another entry	
189	162	GP	28-Oct-20	email	Interest in planning based on current operations	Providing input to plan	District	29-Oct-20	Provided basic info on planning process and current status (preparing for Stage 3); confirmed contact has been added to digital list for future notifications	
190	162	GP	02-Nov-20	email	Setbacks for lakes, roads and private land	Concerned trees can be cut immediately adjacent to private property	District	04-Nov-20	Provided info on SSG requirements and AOCs for water; no setbacks for roads and private property - pointed to Good Neighbour Policy; suggested to review docs at Stage 3	
191	134	GP	04-Nov-20	email	Requesting additional info - follow-up to LTMD response letter	Requesting copy of qualitative social and economic assessment and DFB; seeking confirmation of compliance inspections in active block	District	24-Nov-20	Provided copies of requested reports and confirmed that MNRF has prioritized the block for a compliance inspection	
192	3	EG	05-Nov-20	email	Follow-up to LTMD response letter	Requesting FRI info / map that was referenced in LTMD response letter	District	05-Nov-20	Map emailed to requestor	

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193	163	GP	16-Nov-20	email	Concerns about active operation - requested to be added to FMP notification list	Concerns with active operations around Koshlong Lake	District	16-Nov-20	Re-directed client to SFL for AWS concerns; confirmed added to FMP mailing list	
194	100	GP	15-Oct-20	email	Composition of PT and LCC	Requested list of PT and LCC members	District	20-Nov-20	Provided updated list of PT and LCC membership	
195	134	GP	23-Nov-20	email	update contact information	Follow-up on previous request for documents and request to be added to digital notification list	District	24-Nov-20	Requested documents have been shared and confirmed added to digital contact list	
196	71	LCC	22-Nov-20	email	update contact information	Request to be switched from the hard copy list to the e-mail list	Region	25-Nov-20	Confirmed request has been completed	
197	164	GP	01-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
198	165	GP	07-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection, and request to be added to the e-mail list	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
199	166	GP	04-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for social value protection, and request to be added to the e-mail list	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
200	167	GP	17-Nov-20	email	We should cherish every tree because of clean oxygen.	We should cherish every tree because of clean oxygen.	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
201	168	GP	17-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Risks of logging are: invasive species, recreation, mental health, climate change	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
202	169	GP	18-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for social value protection, and request to be added to the e-mail list	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below, they have been added to the e-mail list	
203	170	GP	19-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging old growth forests in Ontario	Region	26-Nov-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be provided later. A more fulsome response was provided and is recorded in an entry below	
204	171	GP	28-Nov-20	email	update contact information	Concerned about impacts of logging on Koshlong Lake	District	29-Nov-20	Confirmed request has been completed	
205	172	GP	30-Nov-20	email	update contact information	Notification of public input opportunities	District	30-Nov-20	Confirmed request has been completed	
206	134	GP	25-Nov-20	email	Reiterating previous comments regarding social effects and mitigation	Minimizing undesirable effects on social environments and consideration for this in the FMP	District	02-Dec-20	Provided updated version of SEA that includes section on 'Non-Timber Values'	
207	154	CA	02-Dec-20	email	Location of Proposed Ops materials	Inquiring why the Proposed Ops materials are not on NRIP yet	Region	02-Dec-20	Responded that the Dec 2 notice is a 30-day notice that the materials will be posted and available for comment on Jan 4. He responded that we should send a reminder to public, and we responded that we will on Jan 4.	
208	157	CA	1-Nov-20	email	Concerns about active operation on Kamaniskeg Lake and opportunities for input	Cottage association not satisfied with level of communication and seeking assurances on protection of values	District	26-Nov-20	Following repeated attempts by the SFL to address operational concerns, the District hosted a meeting to help build understanding of the FMP process, answer questions and discuss next steps regarding the active harvest block	

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209	3	NGO	03-Dec-20	email	Locating documents for Stage 3 review	Inquiring why the Proposed Ops materials are not on NRIP yet	District	05-Dec-20	Responded that the Dec 2 notice is a 30-day advance notice that the materials will be posted and available for comment on Jan 4.	
210	173	GP	06-Dec-20	email	update contact information	Request to receive info on Catchacoma Forest logging	District	06-Dec-20	Confirmed request has been completed	
211	174	GP	05-Dec-20	email	update contact information	Request to receive info on Catchacoma Forest logging	District	06-Dec-20	Confirmed request has been completed	
212	175	GP	07-Dec-20	email	update contact information	Request to receive info on management of Catchacoma forest	District	08-Dec-20	Confirmed request completed and provided copy of Stage 3 notice	
213	168	GP	17-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Risks of logging are: invasive species, recreation, mental health, climate change	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
214	167	GP	17-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	We should cherish every tree because of clean oxygen.	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
215	176	GP	16-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	-Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values -Protect the area as an addition to Kawartha Lakes Provincial Park	Region	03-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	

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216	170	GP	19-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging old growth forests in Ontario	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL K218-outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability - Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
217	166	GP	24-Nov-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Risks of logging are: invasive species, recreation, mental health, climate change	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL L224-outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability - Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
218	159	GP	06-Oct-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for social value protection, and request to be added to the e-mail list	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL - outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
219	177	GP	Nov-17-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Stop destroying nature	Region	03-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	

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220	164	GP	Nov-1-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection.	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
221	165	GP	Nov-7-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection.	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
222	3	NGO	17-Nov-20	email	Request for more information (RE: LTMD)	1. Request where to access FRI data and associated analyses used to construct the map to show the make-up of the Catchacoma Forest 2. Request for MNRF field verification of the presence of old growth and other conservation values in the Catchacoma Forest prior to the FMP 2021-2031 review, how and when MNRF will verify and update the values information for the Catchacoma Forest into the data repository. 3. Request for data/reporting on: (1) MNRF/BMFC field surveys regarding SARs habitat showing how they were conducted and what data was obtained, (2) what AOC's were delineated, and (3) the operational adjustments were made. 4. Request that the entire old growth hemlock forest should be considered an AOC. 5. Request that the MNRF direct us to the appropriate people/ministry/process that deals with developing land-use policy for the Catchacoma Forest area. 6. Request to make a presentation to the LCC	Region/District	11-Jan-21	Response provided acknowledging the receipt of the email and that there would be a more fulsome response provided by the Planning Team later. The fulsome response provided the location to access the FRI data, responded that the MNRF has reviewed the values information provided by the NGO and would like to meet to discuss the review. Meeting occurred on February 1st, 2021, confirmed that the Planning Team continues to consider their interests and data in allocations of harvest blocks for the 2021-2031 FMP and provided future consultation and FMP review opportunities, described the MNRF role in the public lands act and clarified that MNRF does not have a role in protected areas under the PPCRA, that is MECs role, and acknowledged that the LCC has been kept apprised of the input from the NGO and let the NGO know if the LCC would like a presentation. The MNRF offered a meeting to discuss and provide more details on the items in the letter, this meeting occurred on February 1st and these items were discussed along with the values collection items identified above.	

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223	169	GP	Nov-18-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection.	Region	03-Dec-20	Provided fulsome response to previous email	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL L3 -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability - Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner
224	173	GP	07-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging the hemlock forest at Catchacoma Lake. Reasons include: habitat that protects the biodiversity of the area is more important than the trees that will be taken down. Request for conservation rules.	Region	09-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	
225	178	GP	06-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Specific concerns include: threatening biodiversity of our region, a recent survey by Ancient Forest Exploration and Research group and found to be a provincially significant older growth hemlock forest and habitat for several endangered species. It has important ecological, scientific, educational, carbon-storing and recreational values and should be protected from logging.	Region	09-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	
226	179	GP	06-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma, reasons include: upholding a complex ecosystem, old growth forest is priceless. high value of trees to a forest ecosystem, publicity, photo-ops and legacy of leaving the trees alone.	Region	09-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	
227	170	GP	07-Dec-20	email	Response to the email response sent by MNRF on Nov 26	New growth is more susceptible to fire why would cutting out old growth to support new growth suppress fire danger. Letting light in encourages growth on the forest floor which results in greater accumulation of fuel.	Region	09-Dec-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fulsome response will be sent later. The fulsome response has now been sent and is summarized below in separate entry.	

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228	176	GP	03-Dec-20	email	Response to MNRFS response to their original request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to allow it to grow into old growth to return to pre-settlement conditions, ecological values, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection.	Region	09-Dec-20	Responded with a reiteration that forest management emulates natural disturbance to love towards the landscape at natural conditions.	
229	180	GP	09-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Cutting down trees in the Catchacoma Forest does not make any sense with climate change	Region	10-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	
230	181	GP	10-Dec-20	email	Locating documents for Stage 3 review	Inquiring why the Proposed Ops materials are not on NRIP yet	Region	10-Dec-20	Responded that the Dec 2 notice is a 30-day notice and that the materials will be posted and available for comment on Jan 4.	
231	182	GP	10-Dec-20	email	Locating documents for Stage 3 review	Inquiring why the Proposed Ops materials are not on NRIP yet	Region	10-Dec-20	Responded that the Dec 2 notice is a 30-day notice and that the materials will be posted and available for comment on Jan 4.	
232	182	GP	10-Dec-20	email	update contact information	update contact information	District	11-Dec-20	Added to list.	
233	183	GP	07-Dec-20	email	Concern about forestry around recreational areas in the Madawaska Valley	wants a guarantee of a minimum distance from rivers lakes and trails to be unaffected by forestry projects.	SFL	08-Dec-20	Invited commenter to review stage 3 documents on NRIP starting January 4th, specifically the AOC prescriptions (table FMP-11) and conditions on regular operations and encouraged commenter to remain engaged and reach out for further questions or comments after reviewing stage 3 documents.	
234	183	GP	09-Dec-20	email	Concerns about recreational values and clearcutting	wants trails, view and waterways unaffected by logging and concerned about proposed clearcut logging in 2011 FMP harvest block 1651.	SFL	14-Dec-20	Invited commenter to review stage 3 documents on NRIP starting January 4th, specifically the AOC prescriptions (table FMP-11) and conditions on regular operations and encouraged commenter to remain engaged and reach out for further questions or comments after reviewing stage 3 documents. Provided some additional information on clearcut silviculture	
235	184	GP	11-Dec-20	email	concerns about finding balance between recreation and economic values.	Request to consider to not log within 100metres of any existing trail or waterway, as well as preserve the mountain tops from logging to retain the views.	SFL	14-Dec-20	Invited commenter to review stage 3 documents on NRIP starting January 4th, specifically the AOC prescriptions (table FMP-11) and conditions on regular operations and encouraged commenter to remain engaged and reach out for further questions or comments after reviewing stage 3 documents. Provided some additional information on sustainable forest management.	

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236	185	GP	13-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	The province is not identifying lands and establishing new provincial parks and conservation reserves in fulfilment of its legislative responsibilities. MNRF must take concrete action to protect the Catchacoma forest and to prohibit logging in this area	Region	16-Dec-20	-Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	
237	186	GP	16-Dec-20	email	Concerns related to logging roads and landing areas	- Excessively wide roads, large landings and the impacts of this on future regeneration - Rutting and erosion - Debris left on site and waste of merchantable timber	Region	16-Dec-20	Thanks for the e-mail, concerns will be shared with the LCC and the PT, and a more fullsome response will be sent after planning team review.	
238	7	NGO	15-Oct-20	email	Seeking Resolution of Issues	Specific issues: -Increased Mercury mobilization due to logging -Increased Risk of Forest Fires -Species at Risk Water Quality – Altered Runoff -Invasive, Non-native Species -Impact of Logging Activities Within Close Proximity to Ontario Cottagers and Tourism	District Manager	08-Dec-20	-Provided clarification on the Issues Resolution process -Indicated that NGO had not followed required process in FMPM (2017) to request issue resolution and needed to first discuss issues with plan author/planning team	
239	170	GP	07-Dec-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Logging increases light to forest floor and creates more fuel for forest fires	Region	16-Dec-20	-Thanked client for e-mail and noted that concerns would be shared with the LCC and the PT -Provided information on Hemlock silvics and forest ecology in response to disturbances (fire/insects)	
240	3	NGO	Oct-27-20	email	Request for Issues Resolution	Logging in Catchacoma Forest	District Manager	08-Dec-20	-Provided clarification on Issues Resolution process -Formal Issues Resolution process is not available to address concerns related to an approved Annual Work Schedule that is consistent with an approved FMP	

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241	187	GP	Dec-9-20	email	Harvesting around the Madawaska Rivers, shores of Kamaniskeg Lake	Requests that trails, views and waterways be unaffected by logging and concerned about proposed clearcut logging in 2011 FMP harvest block 1651.	Region	16-Dec-20	- Provided brief overview of Ontario forest management planning process -Referenced Stand and Site Guide and how various values are accounted for in the planning process -Invited client to review the Stage 3 Operational Planning documents	
242	198	LCC	Nov-8-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
243	188	GP	Nov-8-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
244	189	OFSC	Nov-20-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
245	190	MG	Dec-7-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
246	191	MG	Dec-7-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
247	192	GP	Dec-7-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
248	193	GP	Dec-7-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
249	194	GP	Dec-7-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
250	195	LUP	Dec-11-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
251	196	GP	Dec-11-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district	16-Dec-20	Added to list.	
252	197	GP	Dec-11-20	email	update contact information	Request to be added to email list	district		Added to list.	
253	198	GP	Dec-18-20	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest. Specific reasons include: -animal and bird habitat preservation (bears, moose, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, wolves, birds, frogs, turtles). -the forest is carbon-storing and rare, should be treasured	Region	18-Dec-20	Invited commenter to review stage 3 documents on NRIP starting January 4th, specifically the AOC prescriptions and conditions on regular operations. Provided information how habitat is provided for wildlife in planning, including coarse and fine filter and referenced the Landscape Guide and the Stand and Site Guide. - Provided clarification on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Attached Plan Author's Catchacoma article from The Peterborough Examiner	

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254	98	Cottager	Jan-26-21	phonecall	Activity around Grindstone Lake	- Activity in modified zone around lake - herbicide use on beech adjacent to lake - Jeep use on Grindstone Lake Road	District	Jan-26-21	- clarified modified zone is a standard place mark and unless it is associated with an operaiton then nothing will be occurring in it. This specific modified was near thier cottage and was not associated with a block - clarified treatments occurred to date and in the future will be non-chemical - Will need to investigate jeep use on Grindstone but initial impression is that restricting access will be unlikely	
255	203	MG	08-Jan-21	Email	Locating Proposed Operations Materials	Wanted copy of detailed proposed operations	Region	08-Jan-21	Provided client with link to NRIP website where stage 3 materials are available for review	
256	204	CA	08-Jan-21	Email	Locating Proposed Operations Materials	Needed to locate Stage 3 materias to remind association members to comment	Region	08-Jan-21	Indicated where to find Stage 3 materials on NRIP website	
257	204	CA	08-Jan-21	Phone	Locating Proposed Operations Materials	Follow up phone call - Succesfully located Stage 3 materials on NRIP	Region	08-Jan-21	Thanked client for confirmation	
258	134	CA	14-Jan-21	Email	Locating Proposed Operations Materials and Audit	Could not locate stage 3 materials on NRIP and inquired about audits of forest operations	Region	15-Jan-21	-Thanked client for interest in 2021-2031 FMP and provided link to NRIP stage 3 materials - Directed client to District Forester for current FMP audit process	
259	3	NGO	08-Dec-20	Email	Issues Resolution Request follow-up	Logging in Catchacoma Forest	District	22-Jan-21	-District Manager informed client issue resolution request for the 2021 FMP closed due to request not meeting the requirements as outlined in the FMPM(2020) -The issue resolution process for the 2021-2031 FMP is available through DM until the beginning of Draft Plan Review - Issues resolution process is not available for the 2020-2021 AnnualWork Schedule -Regional Planning Forester/ District Management Forester will receive and respond to future comments as necessary	
260	14	MG	26-Jan-21	Phone	Proposed operations in the Catchacoma forest	-Amount of hemlock old growth Harvest histroy	Region	26-Jan-21	- Informed client that majority of the Catchacoma forest has been harvested in 1988 and 2019, update on the OG He in the different blocks in the current and 2021 FMP	
261	211	GP	25-Jan-21	NRIP/Email	Current and future FMP	Inquired on meaning for forestry terminology	Region	26-Jan-21	-Thanked client for interest in 2021-2031 FMP and provided 2020FMPM definitions of selection silvicultural system and bridging operations	
262	212	GP	01-Feb-21	Email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	Old growth in Ontario should be preserved. Two follow up e-mails with similar content.	Region	01-Feb-21	-Informed client that 2021-2031 FMP is in Stage 3 and to review materials on NRIP -Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability -Client was also informed of previous logging in 1988 and old growth forest ecology and Ontario forest managment principles were reinforced	

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263	Recieved 52 comments from multiple individuals	GP	Stage 3	Email	Stop Logging Catchacoma	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection	Region	Stage 3	-Informed clients that 2021-2031 FMP is in Stage 3/approaching Stage 4 and to review materials on NRIP -Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability	
264	213	NGO	01-Feb-21	Email	Operations around camp on Koshlong Lake	Inquired on information regarding timelines and proposed access roads that may have an impact on business.	Region	01-Feb-21	-Directed client inquiry to district managment forester	
265	203	MG	25-Jan-21	Email	Protection of recreational values	Hiking trails, campsites, portages and access points associated with the Algonquin Highlands Hiking Trails and the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Frost Centre and Poker Lakes canoe routes areas	Region/District	26-Jan-21	-Informed client that specific areas of interest did not have list AOC's and may be covered under 'good neighbor policy" - Directed client to work with district forester to address recreational value concerns before draft plan submission and incorporate into FMP	
266	176	GP	06-Jan-21	email	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest	-Fire is not a natural cause of disturbance in the Catchacoma Forest MNR should identify new protected areas SAR, Non-timber values	Region	28-Jan-21	-provided brief explanation of fire ecology and hemlock silvics - stated that land use policy is not within scope of FMP process - Outlined rigorous FMP process in regards to protection of values through AOCs and CROs	
267	3	NGO	04-Jan-21	email	Locating Stage 3 Materials	Summary Map	Region	04-Jan-21	Provided client with location of summary map in NRIP	
268	3	NGO	06-Jan-21	email	General FMP questions and concerns about Catchacoma block	-Bridging, regular, contingency harvest areas FMP Text, -SAR and old growth Values -Protection of Water features, harvest systems and mills receiving wood from block 1711 -Request to give presentation on identified values	Region/District	22-Jan-21	-Answed General questions -directed client to previously sent letters from District Manager that answered re-stated questions -Provided document from district biologist on AOC/CRO values - indicated that previous timber sales is out of scope for FMP process -New District forester was introduced and suggested a date for a meeting	
269	214-223	GP	Dec 2020 - Feb 2, 2021	emails	We received 10 requests to be changed to email.	Requests to be changed from paper FMP notices to email notices	District	Dec 2020-Feb 2, 2021	Added email address.	
270	71	LCC	01-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area.	Long standing ORV partners with MNR and expect to be recognized as official trail organizations. Expect trails to be kept open and debris free and returned to original condition. If improvements are made, e.g. culverts, request to be notified if they are planned for removal. Attached is a document showing where trails appear to exist in the planned harvest blocks.	District	18-Feb-21	Thanked atv group for their continuous work on trail maintenance and public education. -Encouraged client to maintain communication with SFL and clarified notification of water crossing removals. -Thanked client for providing trail data and assured that information would be useful for SFL road planning. -clarified trail GIS database requirments and differences in The Ontario trail Network (OTN) recognition and recording	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNR to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18

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271	98	GP	03-Feb-21	email/letter	General concerns and questions about operations around Grindstone Lake	Concerned about increased 4x4 recreational access if road is not decommissioned and areas of Bridging Harvest. Wants no cutting on sidehill to Grindstone Lake. "Modified operations" on maps incorrect. Believe to have captured a wolverine on trail camera	District	18-Feb-21	Respondent sympathized that 4x4 use on forest roads can be an issue but noted that the MNRF does not generally restrict public access but the SFL has committed to relocating boulders once operations are complete. -Informed client that no operations would occur on sidehill. -Provided clarification on general forestry practice comments. -Encouraged client to provide trail camera photo to MNRF/SFL	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18
272	15	CA	01-Feb-21	email/letter	Logging operations added mental stress to Covid 19 situation.	Mitigation measures unsatisfactory to social considerations. Bridging operation in 2020 devastating combined with covid mental stress and should not continue in 2021.	SFL/District	18-Feb-21	• Addressed and explained bridging area concerns and clarified map features • Explained that majority of 1704 operations will not occur near to the lake • Addressed social concerns and explained support and proposed partnership with Camp Wanakita and explained social consideration in LTMD • Commented how BMFC staff have already and plan to continue attending Koshlong Lake AGM's	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18
273	15	CA	03-Feb-21	email/letter	Lack of consultation and communications. Logging operations added mental stress to Covid 19 situation.	Meaningful community engagement with BMFC has been reactive and incomplete. No targeted consultation to those most affected by the logging operation. Information given by BMFC is not what actually happened on the ground. Skid trails have left scars, have compacted soil and have had the greatest impact. FMP needs to indicate where roads are to be located. Lack of respect shown to community. Social impacts need to be addressed. Due to covid, more people were at their cottages and exposed to the logging noises. It has added stress.	SFL/District	18-Feb-21	Addressed and explained bridging area concerns -Explained that most of the area left to be harvested in 1704 is more than 500 m away from the lake -Explained existing AOC's on Koshlong lake -Addressed social concerns and explained support and proposed partnership with Camp Wanakita and explained social consideration in LTMD -Clarified that requests to involve third parties (independent auditors and the municipality) is out of scope of the Proposed Ops (stage 3)	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18
274	100	CA	01-Feb-21	email/letter	Logging operations added mental stress to Covid 19 situation.	Due to covid, more people exposed to the logging noises. Notify cottagers 4 weeks before operations begin. Operations should be outside of bird nesting season. Municipality should be informed of all haul routes for safety. Municipal tree cutting by-laws should be adhered to. Minimize haul road widths. Independent inspector should be used to ensure that the 30% maximum removal is adhered to.	SFL/District	18-Feb-21	Addressed and explained bridging area concerns -Explained that most of the area left to be harvested in 1704 is more than 500 m away from the lake -Explained existing AOC's on Koshlong lake -Addressed social concerns and explained support and proposed partnership with Camp Wanakita and explained social consideration in LTMD -Clarified that requests to involve third parties (independent auditors and the municipality) is out of scope of the Proposed Ops (stage 3)	On February 2nd, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18

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275	14	MG	02-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area. Old/mature hemlock stand within Catchacoma forest. Logging moratorium. Conservation Area within Forest should be created.	Supports letter submitted by NGO. The old and mature hemlock stand within the Catchacoma Forest is heavily used for various recreational activities. Should be further studies of the Catchacoma forest before harvesting is allowed. Support request from Catchacoma Forest Stewardship Committee for the study of options for conservation of the Catchacoma Forest.	Region/District	05-Mar-21	• We recognise the importance of the presence of older forests. We agree and actually see this as a testament to the success of sustainable forestry in the Catchacoma Forest where it has occurred for generations • All harvest areas, including the areas identified by NGO, and other stands with older trees, will be carefully assessed by registered professional foresters and these areas will be marked by certified tree markers to retain old growth characteristics where appropriate • Requirements are already in place through the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs), such as wildlife retention trees and downed woody debris, to preserve important features for wildlife, Old Growth features and waterways, etc. • Changes to Public land use policy is not within scope of the FMP Process • Directed client to the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA), and how to request an amendment • MECP is responsible for the regulation and management of protected areas • MNRF undertakes field surveys on an annual basis to identify wildlife values • Draft Plan materials will be available on NRIP from March 19-May 17, 2021	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on March 5
276	224	NGO	01-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area. Old/mature hemlock stand within Catchacoma forest. Logging moratorium. Conservation Area within Forest should be created.	Support directions proposed by NGO, for a conservation area within this forest. Support CFSC call for a moratorium on logging activity in the Catchacoma Forest until further studies and options for the conservation of this area can be fully considered. We want to be included in all further notifications directly via email. We want to be involved in this public consultation process as a major stakeholder	Region/District	05-Mar-21	• We recognise the importance of the presence of older forests. We agree and actually see this as a testament to the success of sustainable forestry in the Catchacoma Forest where it has occurred for generations • All harvest areas, including the areas identified by NGO, and other stands with older trees, will be carefully assessed by registered professional foresters and these areas will be marked by certified tree markers to retain old growth characteristics where appropriate • Requirements are already in place through the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs), such as wildlife retention trees and downed woody debris, to preserve important features for wildlife, Old Growth features and waterways, etc. • Changes to Public land use policy is not within scope of the FMP Process • Directed client to the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA), and how to request an amendment • MECP is responsible for the regulation and management of protected areas • MNRF undertakes field surveys on an annual basis to identify wildlife values • Draft Plan materials will be available on NRIP from March 19-May 17, 2021	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on March 5

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277	225	CA	29-Jan-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area. Old/mature hemlock stand within Catchacoma forest. Logging moratorium. Conservation Area within Forest should be created.	NGO studies identify the Catchacoma forest as a distinctive forest area dominated by mature and old growth eastern hemlock and potentially containing the habitat of several endangered species. Support the CFSC call for a moratorium on logging and the designation of a conservation area within the forest. Request that the entire Catchacoma Forest area including plots 3710, 2749 and 1711 be removed from the proposed harvest areas (active or contingency) until all studies are complete and decisions can be made on the possible future conservation status of these lands.	Region/District	05-Mar-21	• We recognise the importance of the presence of older forests. We agree and actually see this as a testament to the success of sustainable forestry in the Catchacoma Forest where it has occurred for generations • All harvest areas, including the areas identified by NGO, and other stands with older trees, will be carefully assessed by registered professional foresters and these areas will be marked by certified tree markers to retain old growth characteristics where appropriate • Requirements are already in place through the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs), such as wildlife retention trees and downed woody debris, to preserve important features for wildlife, Old Growth features and waterways, etc. • Changes to Public land use policy is not within scope of the FMP Process • Directed client to the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA), and how to request an amendment • MECP is responsible for the regulation and management of protected areas • MNRF undertakes field surveys on an annual basis to identify wildlife values • Draft Plan materials will be available on NRIP from March 19-May 17, 2021	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on March 5
278	12	CA	02-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area. Old/mature hemlock stand within Catchacoma forest. Logging moratorium. Conservation Area within Forest should be created.	Supports NGO call for moratorium on logging until further studies are completed. Supports work by AFER. MNRF has not undertaken detailed surveys of the area for SAR and AOCs. Catchacoma Forest is heavily used for education, research and recreation.	Region/District	05-Mar-21	• We recognise the importance of the presence of older forests. We agree and actually see this as a testament to the success of sustainable forestry in the Catchacoma Forest where it has occurred for generations • All harvest areas, including the areas identified by NGO, and other stands with older trees, will be carefully assessed by registered professional foresters and these areas will be marked by certified tree markers to retain old growth characteristics where appropriate • Requirements are already in place through the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs), such as wildlife retention trees and downed woody debris, to preserve important features for wildlife, Old Growth features and waterways, etc. • Changes to Public land use policy is not within scope of the FMP Process • Directed client to the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA), and how to request an amendment • MECP is responsible for the regulation and management of protected areas • MNRF undertakes field surveys on an annual basis to identify wildlife values • Draft Plan materials will be available on NRIP from March 19-May 17, 2021	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on March 5

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279	3	NGO	01-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area. Old/mature hemlock stand within Catchacoma forest. Logging moratorium. Conservation Area within Forest should be created.	NGO established in March 2020 to advocate for a moratorium on logging within the Catchacoma Forest. Additional field studies are required to evaluate the conservation values of the Catchacoma Forest. Blocks 2749, 3710 and 1711. MNRF undertake field studies to assess the presence of early onset old and old-growth hemlock forest and apply the precautionary principle and remove the Catchacoma Forest from proposed operations. MNRF undertake field surveys to identify wildlife values prioritizing potential SARs with associated Areas of Concern prescriptions. Proposed operations around the central-west wetland in the Catchacoma Forest be suspended until a full wetland evaluation is completed. MNRF and BMFC engage with the CFSC and other stakeholders to identify and map hiking trails	Region	24-Feb-21	• We recognise the importance of the presence of older forests. We agree and actually see this as a testament to the success of sustainable forestry in the Catchacoma Forest where it has occurred for generations • All harvest areas, including the areas identified by NGO, and other stands with older trees, will be carefully assessed by registered professional foresters and these areas will be marked by certified tree markers to retain old growth characteristics where appropriate • Requirements are already in place through the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs), such as wildlife retention trees and downed woody debris, to preserve important features for wildlife, Old Growth features and waterways, etc. • Changes to Public land use policy is not within scope of the FMP Process • Directed client to the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA), and how to request an amendment • MECP is responsible for the regulation and management of protected areas • MNRF undertakes field surveys on an annual basis to identify wildlife values • Draft Plan materials will be available on NRIP from March 19- May 17, 2021. The Planning Team has been taking their concerns into account when allocating hemlock stands and block 3710 was changed from preferred allocations in the LTMD to Contingency Harvest in proposed operations. Block 1711 has been removed from bridging operations. The comparison of LTMD to Proposed Operations will show the differences between the allocation of hemlock old growth in the draft plan allocations compared to the LTMD to show impact of not having blocks 3710 and 1711 in regular harvest	On February 2nd, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 24
280	154	CA	02-Feb-21	email/letter	Recreational trails and lack of public consultation	Trails in Block 2020 have been heavily impacted by equipment and cutting. Do not want the harvesting to continue beyond the winter months into spring thaw nor for the next 10 years. In reviewing the Summary of Public Comments I do not see that my comments and concerns are reflected with regard to tourism and recreational values or LCC representation.	SFL	18-Feb-21	• Explained why block 2020 allocation was removed from bridging block and how this will be updated with draft plan submission • Explained how following completion of the operations block 2020 will become proposed renewal and tending area and how the BMFC has a responsibility to conduct any necessary follow up • Clarified that harvesting will not continue beyond winter months nor in the next ten-year plan • Thanked commenter for providing spatial info on trails that will be added to trails layer • Commented on how the trails referred to are historic logging roads and explained how the condition on regular options will apply • Explained slope dependent reserve in response to concern about set-back and aesthetics • Described the Social and Economic Description of the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit • Offered to continue to keep communication going and suggested a site visit with staff • Offered to give a virtual presentation during next phase of public consultation • Clarified that commenters LCC comments were included in the Public Consultation Summary	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18

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281	204	CA	01-Feb-21	email/letter	Operations around Kamaniskeg Lake	Letter from NGO representative with general questions around block# 2266 and requested for the recognition and preservation of recreational trails.	SFL	18-Feb-21	•Addressed and explained use of clearcutting as an appropriate silviculture treatment •Explained slope dependent reserve in response to concern about set-back and aesthetics •Clarified what bridging harvest is and why it is used •Identified that there are no immediate plans to harvest block 1651 •Explained that operations are conducted with public safety in mind (keeping trails clean and signage etc.) •Offered to continue to keep communication going and suggested a site visit with staff •Suggested putting commenters name forward to become involved with LCC	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18
282	133	CA	03-Feb-21	email/letter	Lack of consultation and communications.	Supports CA concerns of operations around Kamaniskeg lake	SFL	18-Feb-21	•Explained the how the FMP considers social and environmental and economic values (balancing objectives, pillars of sustainability) •Explained that operations are conducted with public safety in mind (keeping trails clean and signage etc.) •Explained slope dependent reserve in response to concern about set-back and aesthetics •Offered to continue to keep communication going and suggested a site visit with staff •Clarified what bridging harvest is and why it is used •Explained harvest and contingency allocations •Described breakdown of area on the Bancroft Minden MU	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18
283	226	GP	02-Feb-21	email/letter	High recreational use of area.	Opposed to logging on River Road. Opposed to the clearcut and shelterwood cut which is planned for what is locally known as “the mountain” Popular hiking area, logging would diminish the experience.	Region	18-Feb-21	•Explained that the area on block 1651 deemed “the mountain” is bridging area and described the process of creating a FOP as one of the first steps in the process of harvesting •Outlined intolerant clearcut and oak shelterwood silvicultural treatments and why they are used under certain circumstances •Addressed concern with respect to lookout trails leading to mountain top •Offered to continue to keep communication going and suggested a site visit with staff	On the week of Feb 1, 2021, a response was sent by the MNRF to acknowledge the receipt of their comments and to indicate that a more fullsome response would be provided later. It was then provided on Feb 18

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284	203	MG	25-Jan-21	email/letter	Recreational Areas	Concerns with hiking trails, campsites, portages and access points associated with the Algonquin Highlands Hiking Trails and the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Frost Centre and Poker Lakes canoe routes areas. Concerns with branch road corridors and harvest allocations that fall within CLUPA policies, as well as blocks within LUPs.	District	04-Mar-21	Response sent by MNRF to commenter On Jan 25 thanking them for comment and asking for additional information, two additional responses received by commenter on Jan 26 with more details and information, multiple conversations between MNRF District and the commenter between Feb 1 and March 8, when more thorough response was sent by MNRF to commenter responding to each of the concerns identified and suggesting a path forward. The concerns brought forward by this commenter have impacted the operations for the FMP by requiring additional AOC prescription adjustments and Road Use Strategy changes. The commenter identified CLUPA policies that were not included in Stage 3, Proposed Operations, which the Planning Team has subsequently been researching and determining how to implement this into the FMP to meet the requirements. They identified values that were in the database but missing to MNRF's Stage 4 Values maps, so they have been added. SuppDoc I is acting as a placeholder for the new prescriptions as a commitment for the plan author to continue these discussions and submit a final plan that meets the CLUPA policy requirements. Details can be found in the SuppDoc I - 5. AOCs within Enhanced Management Area E64A, which outlines the AOCs that are currently implemented related to this areas (Skyline Use Area or Viewscapes, and Nordic Ski Trails) as well as the next steps for meeting all of the policy requirements and working with the commenter to address concerns for final plan.	Next Steps: Initiate a meeting between the SFL and the Water Trails Program with the assistance of the MNRF after Draft Plan submission (week of March 22nd). This initial meeting would be an overview of what AOC's will be needed and possibly the parameters. The intention is to outline the AOC's before the final Plan (June). -Continue to identify all areas needed for AOC's on the land (campsites, portage trails, hiking trails and ski trails) -Continue work to determine what parts of the CLUPA applies to the Water Trails program in the former Frost Centre.
285	Recieved 10 comments from multiple individuals	GP	Feb 2-19, 2021	Email	Stop Logging in Catchacoma	Request to stop logging in Catchacoma hemlock forest to protect ecological values, biodiversity, increase carbon storage and for recreational value protection	Region	Stage 3	-Informed clients that 2021-2031 FMP is in Stage 3/approaching Stage 4 and to review materials on NRIP -Provided clarification and insight on forest ecology and logging methods in the GLSL -outlined the extensive planning process with regard to legislation, environmental considerations and sustainability	
286	155	GP	13-Feb-21	email	Follow up to FR89 Road concerns	Following up on previously submitted comment and response from PT. Comment summarized here: A section of land that can only be accessed by FR89 is designated for logging in the 2021-2031 Forestry Plan and we want to register our objection to logging this particular section of land based on the following concerns: Safety (driving), Road Damage, Impact on Residents, Impact on Environment (lake water) and "Other".	Region	February 16, 2021 and February 18, 2021	Responded that the block that road leads to that he is concerned is a ContingencyBlock and can only be brought into regular harvest through an amendment. The SFL and district would contact him to discuss his concerns and safety measures if the block were to be amended into regular harvest during the FMP	
287	227	GP	18-Feb-21	email	Location of materials question	He missed the proposed operations review and understood that the comment period was over but wanted to see the Proposed Operations index map	Region	19-Feb-21	Shared the index map but stressed that the map is not the most up-to-date, recommended reviewing the Draft Plan summary map on the NRIP website beginning March 19th	
288	228	NGO	21-Feb-21	email	Recreational Trails	Inquired who determines which trails show up on the OTN?	District	23-Feb-21	Informed client that It's not a matter of decision in determining trail inclusion in the OTN, It's a matter of meeting the OTN's described minimum requirements. Provided minimum requirements and attached the OTN Trailhead User Guide	

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289	7	CA	20-Oct-20	letter	Request for Issues Resolution	Specific issues: -Increased Mercury mobilization due to logging -Increased Risk of Forest Fires -Species at Risk -Water Quality – Altered Runoff -Invasive, Non-native Species -Impact of Logging Activities Within Close Proximity to Ontario Cottagers and Tourism	MNRF	12-Mar-21	Previous response was sent to identify that the Issue Resolution Request did not meet the criteria in the FMPM to initiate the Issue Resolution Process. A follow-up response was sent to identify that we were doing some research to provide a robust and literature-based response to concerns, which was why the response was taking longer. This response specifically addressed the concerns identified on Oct 20th. The literature review done by the MNRF did not support the CA's concerns that there would be increased Mercury mobilization due to logging, nor that there would be an increased risk of forest fires due to logging, nor that there would be impacts on the water quality or altered runoff due to logging. The response also described the MNRFs value collection process for SAR and how SAR protection is carried out in the FMP. Also described the conditions on regular operations in the FMP that reduces the risk of spread of invasive species and non-native species, including best management practices. Also described the Planning Team's assembling of background information that was used in the Social and economic description, including recreation and tourism activities, and social and economic assessment that was used in the balancing of social, economic and environmental objectives in the LTMD. Also directed the commenter to continue discussions with the plan author regarding buffers around recreational values	
290	134	CA	04-Mar-21	email	Road mapping	Identified an error in stage 3 maps. Mapping shows Telephone Bay Road and Fallowfield connecting. They do not connect, both are dead ends. Also, Telephone Bay Road is not a municipally maintained road past the boat launch.	SFL	08-Mar-21	Responded that there was an error with the base map. The municipal roads layer is from MNRF Land Information Ontario spatial information. She will forward the observation to them for correction in the future.	

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION (J)

(Part 3) Desired Forest and Benefits Meeting Report

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The intent of the Desired Forest and Benefits (DFB) meeting is to solicit input that can be used to construct plan objectives and indicators to measure in the Forest Management Plan (FMP) table 10: Assessment of Objective Achievement. It is important to note that there are many mandatory CFSA and Landscape guide objectives and indicators that are required to measure sustainability in every provincial FMP. Many of these mandatory objectives are relevant to the input gained from the DFB meeting.

Not all the input from the DFB meeting can be reflected in an objective, but often can be addressed in other sections of the FMP. All DFB meeting input is considered important. Some discussions were considered 'out of scope' of the forest management planning process. See Appendix I for all items identified in the Desired Forest and Benefits meeting. This input was summarized and sent as a letter to the Regional Director so that it could be responded to at the appropriate jurisdiction (See Appendix II). All input that was considered to be 'in scope' has been carefully considered and addressed in the FMP.

2.0 HOW PUBLIC INPUT AND DISCUSSIONS TRANSLATE INTO NEW 2021 FMP OBJECTIVES

The Desired Forest and Benefits (DFB) Meeting was held at Joy Bible Camp on May 13th, 2019 and was well attended by members of the planning team and Local Citizens Committee. There were three break-out groups focused on each of these broad topic areas: operations & silviculture, socio-economic and forest diversity & ecological sustainability. Each group was facilitated by an MNRF representative who recorded all the input on a flip-chart. A follow up was had at the MNRF District office between the District Forester, Plan Author and Regional FMP Specialist to review all the DFB input and categorize it based on topics that are already covered off in mandatory FMP objectives, topics that were considered to be in scope or out of scope and topics relating to roads or development of a road use strategy. The main themes discussed that were in scope of the forest management planning process were:

- **Climate change** – focus on adaptive management
- **Beech bark disease** – emphasize management strategy
- **First Nations** –share information on FN values
- **Roads and Road use strategy** - emphasize First Nations involvement; develop clear terminology; reduce fragmentation
- **Wood Supply** – emphasis on poplar to supply pulp mill
- **Monitoring** – focus on partnerships and silviculture effectiveness monitoring
- **Vegetation management** – develop program that judiciously applies herbicides when necessary
- **Strategic Planning** – increase size of allocations and/or concentrate operations

The following sections will describe how each of these main themes was considered in developing the FMP, either through constructing FMP objectives or elsewhere in the plan text. See table FMP-10 for all Management Objectives, Indicators and Targets. As a result of the DFB meeting, five new objectives under two objective categories were considered by the planning team and included in the 2021 FMP-10 table as follows:

CFSA Objective Category: Healthy forest ecosystems

- a) In a changing climate, maintain or improve the ability to resist pests and pathogens.
- b) Maintain or restore hydrology through proper installation of water crossings.

CFSA Objective Categories: Social and economic – harvest levels and community well-being

- c) To ensure that enough roads are in place to allow for effective and efficient forest operations while also limiting company and ministry liability for roads that are no longer required.
- d) Identify, protect and share information about values of interest with local First Nation communities.

See Appendix III for the assessment of objective achievement for new objectives derived from the DFB meeting.

2.1 HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS CONSIDERED

Climate Change was the most discussed topic discussed in all three breakout groups at the desired forest and benefits meeting. Climate change has the potential to impact many facets of forest management and is therefore challenging to pinpoint into one or more specific targets and indicators.

The plan author attended a workshop on July 16th, 2019 in Pembroke delivered by Natural Resources Canada, Colorado State University and the US Forest Service on “Adaptive Silviculture of Climate Change in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest.” At this workshop, information was shared from the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (an affiliate of the workshop hosts) who developed a handbook titled “Forest Adaptation Resources: Climate Change Tools and Approaches for Land Managers, 2nd edition.” This handbook outlines ten strategies and approaches tailored to forest management that can be used to help ecosystems adapt or transition in a changing climate (see Figure 1 below).

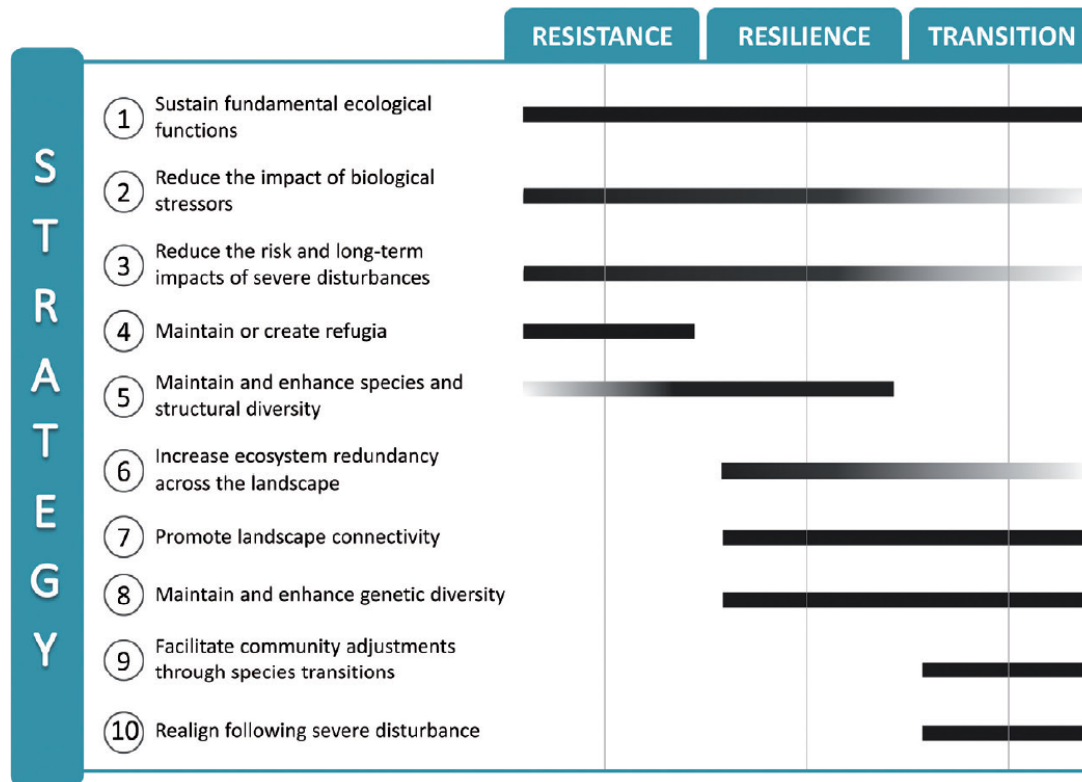


Figure 1: Climate Change Strategies for Land Managers (from Swanston et al. 2016).

These strategies were developed through consultation with many researchers and practitioners and at this time represent the best available science on best practices to adapt forests in consideration of climate change. Many of the suggested strategies outlined are already considered through mandatory CFSA & landscape guide objectives. Where strategies have not been considered through mandatory objectives, they have been considered elsewhere in the FMP or through the creation of new objectives.

The following section will outline the ten strategies as described in the Adaptation workbook (Swanston et al. 2016) to show how they have been considered within the forest management plan. The ten adaptation strategies are generally arranged to start with ideas that focus on resistance (buffer or protect from change) and then continue to strategies that build resilience (promote the return to normal conditions after disturbance) and finally continue to suggested ideas that focus on transition (actively facilitate or accommodate change). For a more detailed explanation of the ten strategies and examples of suggested tactics and approaches, see the USDA publication which is also available online at: adaptationworkbook.org

STRATEGY 1) SUSTAIN FUNDAMENTAL ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS: with additional pressures to ecosystem functions it is recommended that management actions work both directly and indirectly to maintain the integrity of ecosystems to sustain fundamental functions, especially those related to soil and hydrologic conditions. There are three recommended approaches:

- **Reduce impacts to soil and nutrient cycling:** Maintaining both soil quality and nutrient cycling are already important components of sustainable forest management and can help improve the capacity of ecosystems to persist under new conditions. The CFSA recognizes minimizing soil disturbance as a mandatory objective: To protect the productive capacity of the soil and water in the management unit. This is measured by rate of non-compliance for site disturbance/rutting (through FOIP).

The Adaptation Workbook also recommends retaining coarse woody debris to maintain moisture, soil quality and nutrient cycling. It is standard practice for logging operations to leave substantive coarse woody debris behind

- **Maintain or restore hydrology:** Infrastructure e.g. water crossings must be installed properly to accommodate fluctuations in hydrology to reduce impacts from sedimentation. BMFC has a system in place to calculate watersheds and select appropriate water crossings or size culverts.

To ensure compliance with this system, recognizing the importance of proper water crossing installations, a new objective has been created for the FMP to “maintain or restore hydrology” with the measurable target of:

Incidences of non-compliance as a result of installation and removal of water crossings for forest management activities (measured through FOIP).

- **Maintain or restore riparian areas:** Riparian areas serve important ecosystem functions and there are many Area of Concern prescriptions in the Forest Management plan to protect them. The CFSA recognizes maintenance of riparian areas and protection of fish habitat as a mandatory objective: Compliance with area of concern prescriptions developed for the protection of water quality and fish habitat (measured through FOIP).

STRATEGY 2) REDUCE THE IMPACT OF BIOLOGICAL STRESSORS: insects, pathogens, invasive species and herbivores can individually or cumulatively impact forests and amplify the effects of climate change. Adaptation strategies should emphasize anticipating and preventing increased stress before it occurs. Reducing competition for resources can both enhance the persistence of desired species and increase the ability of ecosystems to cope with the direct effects (drought stress, temperature increases) and indirect effects (increased damage from pests and disease) of climate change. Below are some examples cited in the Adaptation Workbook which are recommended practices we plan to employ:

- Creating a diverse mix of forest or community types, age classes, and stand structures to reduce the availability of host species for pests and pathogens is a recommended strategy. By adapting our silviculture approach to predominately irregular shelterwood management, diversity will be encouraged.
- Using herbicide or mechanical thinning to prevent the encroachment of woody competitors and invasive species, especially after disturbance (common renewal practice).
- Thinning forest stands to remove crowded, damaged, or stressed trees in order to reduce competition for light, nutrients, and water (e.g. hemlock woolly adelgid strategy).

- Controlling beech suckers, sprouts, and brush with herbicides or mechanical treatment in areas affected by beech bark disease in order to reduce competition with the regeneration of other species (beech bark disease strategy).

STRATEGY 3) REDUCE THE RISK AND LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF SEVERE DISTURBANCES: Climate change is projected to increase the potential for severe disturbance events like wildfire, extreme wind and ice storms. Below are some examples cited in the Adaptation Workbook which are recommended practices we plan to employ:

- Conducting forest harvest over multiple entries in order to gradually increase the resistance of residual trees to wind: The majority of harvest will occur under the shelterwood or single-tree selection systems which are partial harvest systems that operate under multiple entries and retain significant residual trees.
- Promptly regenerating sites after disturbance by:
 - Planting species expected to be adapted to future conditions and resistant to insect pests or present pathogens: each site will be assessed for renewal needs and site-specific adaptive management emphasized.
 - Monitoring areas of natural regeneration on a frequent basis and prioritizing planting or seeding where natural regeneration is slow to succeed (Silviculture effectiveness monitoring).

STRATEGY 4) MAINTAIN OR CREATE REFUGIA: identify and maintain ecosystems that: (1) are on sites that may be better buffered against climate change and short-term disturbances, and (2) contain communities and species that are at risk across the greater landscape. The CFSA recognizes this strategy through four mandatory objectives:

1. To achieve and maintain a natural level of old growth area across the landscape. There was concern raised at the DFB meeting that old growth should also be distributed evenly across the landscape. The mandatory objective has been reworded to reflect this input to "...old growth area distributed evenly across the forested landscape."
2. The planning team has identified four moose emphasis areas within the management unit where the following habitat components will be tracked with a target to move toward levels recommended in the stand and site guide that support moose populations:
 - a. Browse-producing habitat
 - b. Mature conifer dominated habitat
 - c. Hardwood-dominated or mixedwood forest ≥ 35 years old or ≥ 10 meters tall
3. The planning team identified two deer emphasis areas within the management unit where the objective is to maintain or create critical thermal cover with levels recommended in the stand and site guide that support deer populations.
4. To protect the habitat for forest dependent species at risk through application of AOCs (assessed through FOIP).

STRATEGY 5) MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE SPECIES AND STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY: forests with structural and species diversity are more resilient to stressors from climate change. This can be achieved by promoting diverse age classes; maintaining and restoring diversity of native species through renewal activities and retaining biological legacies.

- **Promoting diverse age classes:** The CFSA emphasizes diversity of age classes as a mandatory objective: to move toward a more natural forest landscape pattern and distribution. There are two indicators used to track this:
 1. Texture of mature and old forest
 2. Young forest patch distribution
- **Maintaining and restoring diversity of native species through renewal activities:** The CFSA has a mandatory objective to ensure the successful renewal of harvested stands to the most silviculturally appropriate species and tended until established or management standards are met. In a changing climate, Foresters will have to re-evaluate what the most silviculturally appropriate species are, which may change as new information becomes available on invasive pests and diseases and approaches will have to adapt.
- **Retaining biological legacies:** as a best management practice, tree marking direction dictates that we retain one super-canopy tree every four hectares.

STRATEGY 6) INCREASE ECOSYSTEM REDUNDANCY ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE: The overall risk of losing a species or community can be lowered by increasing the extent, number of occurrences across the landscape and diversity of regeneration stages.

The CFSA emphasizes diversity of landscape classes and forest types and development stages as a mandatory objective: to move towards a more natural forest landscape structure, composition and abundance. Indicators to track this are:

1. **Landscape class and plan forest unit**– achieve and maintain levels of landscape class area and plan forest unit area across the forest landscape
2. **Forest type** – achieve and maintain a natural level of all ages red and white pine forest units area across the forested landscape.
3. **Young forest** – achieve and maintain a natural level of young forest area across the forested landscape.

STRATEGY 7) PROMOTE LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY: Landscape fragmentation and loss of habitat may restrict species migration which is a critical factor in the maintenance of ecosystem function. Reducing landscape fragmentation and creating habitat corridors or reserves to protect unique habitats from industrial activities can help accomplish this goal.

About 17% the Crown forest is already reserved as parks and protected areas. The Canadian Government committed to protecting 17% of the landbase by 2020. Currently the Ontario average is 10%. The Bancroft Minden Forest has met the Federal Government's commitment to protected areas and sits well above the Ontario average. Many of these areas were chosen because of their unique

habitat features and will continue to provide refuge and protection for species and unique landscape features.

Roads are a major contributor to fragmentation. The CFSA recognizes minimizing impacts from roads as a mandatory objective with an indicator of kilometers of SFL roads per square kilometer of Crown forest.

STRATEGY 8) MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE GENETIC DIVERSITY: Promoting genetic diversity may help species adjust to new conditions or sites by increasing the likelihood that some individuals within a species will be able to withstand climate-induced stressors. Many species are not expected to be able to migrate at a rate sufficient to keep up with climate change and associated ranges shifts, meaning efforts to relocate a species i.e. assisted migration should be considered.

The MNRF has recently updated their Seed Transfer Policy for Ontario which allows more flexibility for transferring seed from across seed zones. There are many helpful tools as well on Natural Resources Canada's website for determining which seed zone is appropriate to source seed depending on your desired species and planting site. BMFC will continue to partner with organizations like the Forest Gene Conservation Association to facilitate assisted migration trials and for help with sourcing appropriate seed for renewal projects.

STRATEGY 9) FACILITATE COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENTS THROUGH SPECIES TRANSITIONS:

maintain overall ecosystem function and health by gradually enabling and assisting adaptive transitions of species and communities in suitable locations. Some examples of recommendations from the Adaptation Workbook are practices which BMFC has tried in the past and or which will be attempted or emphasized during this plan period:

- Underplanting a variety of native species on a site to increase overall species richness and provide more options for future management
- Favoring or establishing oak, pine, and other more drought- and heat-tolerant species on narrow ridge tops, south-facing slopes with shallow soils, or other sites that are expected to become warmer and drier
- Underplanting with improved genetic eastern white pine to diversify the conifer component of a stand that has historically supported eastern white pine
- Controlling beech suckers, sprouts, and brush by using herbicide or mechanical treatment in areas affected by beech bark disease in order to reduce competition with the regeneration of other species (beech bark disease strategy).
- Performing timber stand improvement to favor and promote the growth of desirable growing stock
- Removing unhealthy individuals of a declining species in order to promote other species expected to fare better. This does not imply that all individuals should be removed, and healthy individuals of declining species can be retained as legacies.
- Anticipating and managing rapid decline of species with negative prognoses in both the short and long term (e.g., eastern hemlock) by having adequate seed stock of a desired replacement species expected to do well under future climate conditions
- Promoting long-lived conifers with wide ecological tolerances, such as eastern white pine

- Identifying and promoting species that currently occupy a variety of site conditions and landscape positions

In order to ensure adaptive management strategies and tactics are properly communicated, a new objective has been created: “Maintain or improve the ability of forests to resist pests and pathogens.” This will be achieved by remaining current on emerging science and research regarding adaptive silviculture strategies for existing and emerging pests and pathogens and communicating them to our operators and contractors. The measurable indicator is:

Conduct training sessions to relay new information and adaptive management strategies to operators and contractors who work on the management unit

STRATEGY 10) REALIGN ECOSYSTEMS AFTER DISTURBANCE: In the event that future, more frequent disturbances place pressures on ecosystems exceeding their capacity to rebound, intensive management may not be sufficient to return the ecosystem to a prior condition. In these cases, it may be necessary to reevaluate and adjust management goals, which may involve realigning the ecosystem to better match new climate and environmental conditions. The Adaptation Workbook cites the following approaches to achieve this strategy:

- Promptly re-vegetating sites after disturbance with a variety of future-adapted species to ensure diverse regeneration and provide options for future management
- Allow areas of natural regeneration to test for future-adapted species and monitor areas for changes in species composition, productivity and other factors
- Realign significantly disrupted ecosystems to meet expected future conditions by allowing a transition in forest type by planting future-adapted species within a stand that is already declining or is expected to decline.

All of the above mentioned approaches will be considered as part of planning renewal activities and adaptive management.

Swanston, C.W., Janowiak, M.K., Brandt, L.A., Butler, P.R., Handler, S.D., Shannon, P.D., Derby Lewis, A., Hall, K., Fahey, R.T., Scott, L., Kerber, A., Miesbauer, J.W., Darling, L., 2016. Forest adaptation resources: climate change tools and approaches for land managers, 2nd ed. General Technical Report NRS-GTR-87-2. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, USA. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2737/NRS-GTR-87-2>.

3.1 HOW BEECH BARK DISEASE IS CONSIDERED

BMFC developed a beech bark disease strategy for an annual work schedule beginning in 2016. This strategy has been updated yearly to stay up-to-date with the best available science and information. Due to the severe impact from this disease on the Bancroft Minden Forest, beech bark disease has been given its own section in the FMP text.

1 The most significant change to our management approach has been the proposed use of irregular
2 shelterwood as a silviculture tool to manage all stands in the forest that have a beech component (see
3 Analysis package checkpoint 2, section 2.3 for more information).

4 In addition to a change in silviculture approach from the traditional single tree selection management,
5 we have created a new silviculture ground rule for stands with a significant component of beech or
6 which are in severe decline that will allow a clearcut in hardwood stands to facilitate transition to other
7 better adapted species. BMFC will also continue to apply for funding for beech tending.

8 **4.1 HOW FIRST NATIONS ARE CONSIDERED**

9 In addition to the mandatory CFSA objective: to provide opportunities for First Nations involvement in
10 forest management plan development, a new objective with two indicators have been created that
11 consider First Nation communities:

- 12 1. Identify, protect and share information about values of interest with local First Nation
13 communities
 - 14 a. Offer to deliver presentations annually to First Nations communities so they can stay
15 up-to-date on Forestry operations and identify where operations have the potential to
16 conflict with known values.
 - 17 b. Train operators and tree markers about identification of Canoe birch and other First
18 Nations values of interest and share any identified values to First Nations communities
19 who have expressed an interest.

20 **5.1 HOW ROADS AND ROAD USE STRATEGY IS CONSIDERED**

21 At the DFB meeting there was a lot of discussion surrounding roads and road use management
22 strategies. There were comments from First Nation representatives that they wish to be involved and
23 consulted in developing a road use strategy with priority given to road alternatives that pass through
24 Crown Land as opposed to private land. Others commented on the need for the strategy to provide
25 clarity of language over terminology on roads decommissioning and associated roles and
26 responsibilities.

27 Developing a road use strategy is an important aspect of developing Phase two of the Forest
28 Management Plan (Operational Planning). All of these comments and concerns will be addressed at that
29 time.

30 The CFSA describes a mandatory objective for roads: to ensure that enough roads are in place to allow
31 for effective and efficient forest operations while also limiting company and ministry liability for roads
32 that are no longer required. The associated indicator is: kilometers of SFL road per square kilometer of
33 Crown Forest. BMFC has created an additional indicator (carried over from 2011-21 FMP) of percent of
34 upgraded or new operational roads abandoned after operations are complete with the target and

standard practice to decommission all roads with the exception of those left intentionally to accommodate other forest users.

6.1 HOW WOOD SUPPLY IS CONSIDERED

The CFSA describes a mandatory wood supply objective: to provide a sustainable, continuous and predictable wood supply from the forest that will meet, as closely as possible and for as long as possible, the current recognized industrial demand of the forest. There are six indicators associated with this objective:

1. Available long-term projected volume, by species group
2. Available long-term projected volume by product group
3. Available long term projected annual harvest area by forest unit
4. Actual harvest area by forest unit (% of planned harvest area)
5. Actual harvest volume, by species group (% of planned harvest volume)
6. Managed forest area available for timber production

At the DFB meeting, there was discussion surrounding poplar (mainly trembling aspen) as becoming an exceedingly important species from an economic standpoint. BMFC has a wood supply commitment to the Trenton Pulp Mill (Cascades) to supply them with pulp wood and poplar is the preferred species. Aspen is an early successional species and with little disturbance on the landscape through fire or harvest this forest type succeeds through time, transitioning to other forest types. Aspen occurs mainly in the INTcc forest unit and is disproportionately old. Previous plans, and the Provincial Wood Supply Strategy, have recognized a supply gap in 40+ years, and about which little can be done. Silvicultural practice can only help ensure regeneration of poplar on suitable sites, but these efforts will take several decades before they yield fruit, and plans need to minimize the loss of volume. Users which depend on poplar will doubtlessly need to adjust their processes to adapt at some point in the future. Managing for poplar will be important to retain it on the landscape.

7.1 HOW MONITORING IS CONSIDERED

The CFSA describes a mandatory objective for meeting successful renewal of harvested stands. To achieve this objective will require silviculture effectiveness monitoring of harvested areas to ensure they are tracking toward the objective described in the silviculture ground rules.

The Silviculture Effectiveness Monitoring program will be described in detail during operational planning. The SFL will conduct joint-monitoring with MNRF staff where practical at their request.

8.1 HOW VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IS CONSIDERED

There was concern at the DFB meeting surrounding use of herbicides for renewal activities. There was a request to create a vegetation management program that judiciously uses herbicides where necessary.

1 BMFC will respond to this request by developing guidelines on prudent application of herbicides for
2 renewal activities which outline the careful thought process for determining application needs and best
3 practices. This will be addressed during operational planning.

4 **9.1 HOW STRATEGIC PLANNING IS CONSIDERED**

5 There was discussion at the DFB meeting surrounding the size of harvest allocations. It was suggested
6 that harvest allocations are concentrated around joint road networks and or the size of allocations are
7 larger so that the disturbance patch size increases. Concentrating and enlarging harvest operations
8 could reduce the impact of road use across the landscape and reduce fragmentation.

9 Many factors are considered when selecting allocations e.g. operability age; allowable harvest area by
10 forest unit etc. Factors that make this process challenging are the amount and distribution of private
11 land across the unit and the amount of shareholders and operators with unique traditional operating
12 areas. There was a lot more emphasis on pre-cruising potential allocations in preparation for developing
13 this FMP to determine harvest eligibility. This effort should result in more accurate allocation planning.
14 Allocations will be clipped to natural features like roads, waterbodies and private land; this should
15 reduce the number of plan amendments.

16 Selecting harvest allocations is an important aspect of developing Phase two of the Forest Management
17 Plan (Operational Planning). All input from the DFB meeting surrounding concentration and size of
18 harvest allocations will be addressed at that time.

1 3.0 APPENDIX I – ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE DFB MEETING

2 Table 1. Desired forest and benefits meeting items related to operations and silviculture.

DFB Item Identified	Supplemental Information	In Scope (Y/N)	Notes
Already Covered in a Mandatory Objective			
Ensure appropriate silvicultural activities create the expected future forest condition.		Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Manage a balanced silviculture program to sustain a dependable wood supply and promote natural range of habitat conditions.	Would like to be maintained across the landscape.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
In Scope			
Strategic planning of operations should minimize disturbances across landscape while taking into consideration economics and viability of operations.	The concentration of operations needs to be a priority. It is important to ensure small forest areas adjacent to main cuts are allocated during the FMP process. Spatial historic disturbance levels should be emulated. Patch sizes should be equal to or greater than the concentration of operations to be economically viable. There is also a concern for wildlife habitat and biodiversity.	Y	Covered in the allocation process.
Use adaptive management to inform future operations and silviculture activities, mainly in regard to beech bark disease (BBD) and hemlock woolly adelgid.	Should establish trial areas as per the FMPM. Irregular shelterwood should be utilized for hemlock.	Y	Will be addressed in the beech bark disease strategy.
Consider a balanced approach of managing diseases with economic impact to industry.	Adaptive management should be used as a flexible approach to promote resilience to pests/diseases. Diseased areas should be a priority ensure proper utilization of trees.	Y	Some of this is already covered in the mandatory objectives. However, we may choose to have specific objectives for unique situations.
Maximize harvesting efforts in forest stands with a Beech component.	Ensure yields can be utilized before BBD kills trees in these forest stands. Wood should be harvested as soon as possible.	Y	Will be addressed in the BBD strategy. Can also be considered an allocation priority and addressed in the utilization strategy.
Create a vegetation management program that judiciously uses herbicides where necessary.		Y	Will be addressed in the renewal section of the FMP.
Monitor areas with low beech levels.		Y	Will be addressed in the monitoring plan of the FMP.
Monitor the application of irregular shelterwood at the stand and site level is needed.		Y	Will be addressed in the monitoring plan of the FMP.
Greater emphasis on partnership (MNRF/SFL) for monitoring of different silviculture approaches, more specifically trial areas.		Y	Will be addressed in the monitoring plan of the FMP.- former SEI program
Roads/Road Use Management Strategy			
Clarity of road use management strategies since the terminology is sometimes vague.	Include definition of terms and requirements for road decommissioning.	Y	Will be addressed in the road use management strategy.
Enhanced road use inventories for trails, and their consideration for forest industry and other trail/road users.		Y	Will be addressed in the road use management strategy.

- 1 Table 2. Desired forest and benefits meeting items related to forest diversity and ecological
 2 sustainability.

DFB Item Identified	Supplemental Information	In Scope (Y/N)	Notes
Already covered in a Mandatory Objective			
Old Growth forests.	The concern is old growth that is 'natural' and dispersed (parks, protected areas not included) better? This objective should contain better distribution and representation of species on the landscape. Wildlife habitat in relation to old growth is also important.	Y	Will be addressed in mandatory objectives to see how the wording addresses 'distribution'.
Simulated Rangers of Natural Variation.	Questions were raised of its relevance.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Moose Enhancement Areas.	How do these effect operations? Does this effect harvest?	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Enhancing habitat for species at risk.	What does "enhance" entail? Is there literature to support? i.e. disturbance and ginseng.	Y	Addressed through AOC prescriptions. The wording 'enhanced' will be altered in the mandatory objective.
Compliance.	Training and more resources are required.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Concerns regarding the impacts of zero non-compliance.	Who ensures compliance of water crossings? Need to improve operator training to ensure compliance. A compliance person should be present to monitor for non-compliance.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Promote deer habitat by increasing browse in stratum 1 deer yards.		Y	Deer habitat is part of a mandatory objective, but we can create an objective to maintain or increase browse.
Roads.	There are too may roads resulting in damage to ecosystems and wildlife populations.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Special attention should continue to be given in Moose Enhancement Areas.		Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Continue to increase protections and use best practices in wetlands and in areas where endangered species are located.	Concerns are growing due to recent proposed changed to the Endangered Species Act and the Environmental Assessment Act.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective. AOC prescriptions address this using the best available science.
In Scope			
Climate change.	Move towards forest type that sequesters carbon (i.e. hardwoods). How is it planned to increase species tolerance and overall forest resilience in regard to drought and flood mitigation? The Seed Transfer Policy for Ontario allows more flexibility for transferring seed.	Y	Ontario uses an adaptive management direction with multiple mandatory objectives described.
Flooding (flood mitigation).	Encourage diversity (species composition, soil, etc.) to minimize floods. Hydrology (2% current) is there actually a problem? i.e. roads in particularly wet areas will have negative impact on this. Roads are not freezing as long or are fluctuating resulting in issues in regard to aggregate requirements.	Y	Addressed in operations planning and road maintenance practices.

Table 2 continued.

DFM Item Identified	Supplemental Information	In Scope (Y/N)	Notes
In Scope			
Species composition.	What is the historical data? The local focus is global data/info. Oak is over-represented in the modelling resulting in a need for other mast producing species on the landscape. Finding a balance level is important. Need to increase lesser, underrepresented species like black cherry, yellow birch, white ash, and basswood.	Y	Species composition targets are derived from the SRNV. We would have to justify variation from this target. The BBD strategy aims to conserve oak as an alternate mast producing species. Irregular shelterwood somewhat addresses the lesser species.
Invasive species.	Invasive species of concern include hemlock woolly adelgid, oak wilt, Asian long-horned beetle, and beech bark disease. Is it effective to try to avoid BBD? Is spraying effective? There should be a reduction in stumpage for affected stands (another breakout).	Y	Can make a new objective for education.
BBD / habitat considerations	The long-term plan is to replace beech with other mast producing species, most prominently oak. There should be a plan in place (currently SFL leaves beech after cut). Use proactive silviculture and test plots and create a mitigation plan. Suggestions include: 4 stage managed canopies, increase in diversity, and increase of underrepresented species. Do we know the net impact of BBD on forest, industry, wildlife, etc.?	Y	Will be addressed in the beech bark disease strategy.
Spiritual values for local communities (Indigenous knowledge of the land).		Y	Addressed in AOC planning and / or CRO's.
Reduce fragmentation of the forest and bring it closer to a historic forest condition.	The present-day forest is very fragmented as a result of harvest practices and fire suppression. Therefore, patch size and disturbance should increase.	Y	Will be considered during the allocation process.
Roads/Road Use Management Strategy			
Road Decommissioning.	Decommissioning must consider human safety and water quality. Is there potential for roads to be decommissioned to walking trails?	Y	Will be addressed in the road use management strategy and operations planning.
Road maintenance.	Significant cuts to funds for road maintenance. If and ATV run was washed out, the industry fixed it at their own cost. Where is the MNRF portion or contribution? Motorized groups should try to integrate with townships and forest companies to share costs.	N	Road funding is not part of the FMP.

1 Table 3. Desired forest and benefits meeting items related to socio-economics.

DFB Item Identified	Supplemental Information	In Scope (Y/N)	Notes
Already covered in a mandatory objective			
Involvement.	Sufficient opportunities are provided. The planning team cannot control participation in planning team meetings, or open houses. Funding might be inadequate for values collection.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
Roads.	Minimize the impact of new forest roads on natural ecological processes and make efforts to reduce the current forest access road infrastructure on the Bancroft-Minden Forest.	Y	Part of a mandatory objective.
In Scope			
Climate change.	There is too much uncertainty to predict the weather impact on water crossings and road quality. Mitigation tactics include: selection of drought tolerant species, resilience to early/late frost, and flooding prevention.	Y	Ontario uses an adaptive management direction with multiple mandatory objectives described.
Make small blocks available for fuelwood for First Nation communities	Provide close fuelwood opportunities for communities within the management unit.	Y	Liability will need to be addressed.
Provide opportunities for personal fuelwood collection that are located close to communities.	These areas should be included in the allocation strategy.	Y	Liability will need to be addressed.
Modelling needs to reflect the potential impacts of BBD.	What is the impact of BBD on wildlife habitat? Dead beech affected by BBD could be used for coarse woody debris or fuelwood. Is there a strategy for BBD? What are we putting in place and where is the funding coming from?	Y	The FMP will include a strategy. It will discuss issues and management strategies for loss of species on the landscape. Modelling is difficult to do, but it will be included where it can be. Part of scoping analysis - adjust yield curve, natural disturbance succession, post harvest succession rules.
Maintain poplar supply to keep the Trenton mill.	The tolerant hardwood may be at risk if the mill closes.	Y	Will be addressed in harvest levels. Community well being is also a mandatory objective.
Indigenous Communities will benefit economically through partnerships, employment opportunities, and business relationships.		Y	Objectives to promote employment or businesses during plan implementation.
Provide a balance of accessible and remote areas in the Bancroft-Minden Forest		y	- objective for remote areas
Roads/Road Use Management Strategy			
Lack of funding for maintenance and access of roads.	There is potential to create partnerships with other users and cost sharing.	N	The road use management strategy can be used to address this.
Develop RUMS that reflect / balance operations, wildlife protection, recreational use.	Conduct a review of the current RUMS at a landscape level. Indigenous communities should be involved in the review and development of RUMS.	Y	The road use management strategy can be used to address this. Could have objective(s) to ensure values are addressed during RUMS development.
Primary and branch roads planning.	priority should be given to road alternatives that go through Crown Land.	Y	Consider criteria for new roads.

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2 Table 4. Desired forest and benefits meeting items that were deemed out-of-scope.

DFB Item Identified	Supplemental Information	Notes	Theme
Out of Scope			
Education with the public.	Make the Open House materials more accessible for a layman person. Suggestions include: maps with annotations, and areas of clearcut highlighted.	Info center material should be easier to understand and more applicable to what the stakeholders want to see.	Public Education & Communication
FMP training as conducted today does not serve well for all audiences.	Participate in woodlot conferences to speak about forestry on Crown land. There may be potential for field tours.	-Different levels of education / training makes it difficult. The FMP is a technical document and people need to understand that it is.	
There is need for more transparency to the public when actual operations change from those planned.	Need to ensure that changes are communicated.	The company follows all requirements and employs a good neighbor policy. Improvements to the eFMP website is stressed.	
Other means of communication for planning material.			
Adopt an interactive / modern approach to operations information delivery.	Dissemination of information to the general public in order to keep people informed.		
Due to the seasonal aspect of forestry, it is difficult to find workers and pay back equipment and/or investment bank loans.	Operations planning needs to look at ways to accommodate demands making timing of operations difficult.	It is acknowledged that this is an issue, but nothing can be done.	Economic Feasibility of Forestry
Eliminate / simplify process for approvals (Work Process Improvement is a book that provides direction).		Conduct streamlining Test process outside of the FMP.	Improve Process for Issuing Approvals
Expeditious process for approval of salvage amendments.		MNRF responsibility.	
Ensure the identification of forest values within FMP approved operating areas prior to the approval and implementation of each years AWS.		Values collection is MNRF responsibility. This would make operating impossible. The forest industry does walk every allocation prior to harvest and identifies values.	MNRF Values Collection
Acknowledge all industries as key economic drivers. Tourism and forestry are the top two industries in this area; it is important to establish proper protection for tourism values in order for both industries to operate, thrive and prosper.		There are AOC's to protect tourism and recreation values.	Tourism
Aim for winter harvests near tourism/cottage areas and use selective harvests in these regions in order to maintain the wilderness/remote aesthetic aspect tourists are looking for in the summer months.		Not possible of practical.	
Designated Tourism Lakes should be identified as EMAs along with recreational and remote EMAs.			Land-Use Planning
Frost center recreational area implications – to be treated as SMZ.		This is CLUPA direction and is addressed during operational planning. There is a recommendation for a review of policy during the next FMP.	
Integrate / harmonize different land use land plans activities to benefit each other.			

Table 5 Continued.

DFM Item Identified	Supplemental Information	Notes	Theme
Out of Scope			
Snowmobile, ATV, and hiking trails, commonly used canoe/kayaking routes, commercial baitfish operations, and hunting & fishing hot spots should be identified as values.		Part of AOC planning.	Address During AOC Planning
Review the AOC regarding “sky lines” for aesthetics.	Is this AOC worth the trouble? Should there be specific criteria, and this be applied to more lakes (i.e. distance from lake, lake size)? We need more emphasis on recreation values. This could apply for only clearcuts and overstory removals.	More discussion is required at operational task team meetings.	
Government needs to ensure other forest users follow the same strict guidelines as the forest industry.	Roads and water crossing installations by other forest users should follow the same requirements as the forest industry.	The FMP has no control process for this item.	Government Regulations for Other Industries
Silviculture considerations regarding land claims / ownership change.			Algonquin Land Claim
Remove barriers to innovation.	The FMP is too prescriptive and limits one’s ability to think outside of the box. However, the new water crossing review is an example of applying changes for the better. Salvage operations needs to be more innovative.		Adaptive Management
Transfer of local knowledge from previous practitioners.		This is addressed through adaptive management. Transfer of knowledge is not anecdotal and requires a science-based approach.	
Municipal right of way (operational issue) considerations.			UMRAs
Better communication of road use management planning. Develop strategies for consultation and accommodation, mainly for First Nation communities.		Will be considered during FMP preparation, mainly through the communications task team.	Roads
Road maintenance.	Significant cuts to funds for road maintenance. If and ATV run was washed out, the industry fixed it at their own cost. Where is the MNRF portion or contribution? Motorized groups should try to integrate with townships and forest companies to share costs.	Road funding is not part of the FMP.	
How do you maintain a predictable and continuous wood supply with increasing impact from pests?	Is it possible to reduce stumpage fees for beech? The forest industry may decide to harvest on private lands due to species at risk.		BBD

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1 4.0 APPENDIX II – LETTER TO REGIONAL DIRECTOR



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Subject: Public input from Desired Forest and Benefits Meeting to support Forest Management Plan Development – Bancroft Minden Forest

ATTN: Sharon Rew

A number of engaged local citizens' committee members representing a wide range of interests and First Nations representatives attended the Desired Forest and Benefits Meeting facilitated by MNR Regional staff on May 13th 2019. Participants took time off work to attend this important meeting to provide their perspectives on forest management in the Bancroft Minden Forest. All participants were engaged and contributed to meaningful discussions. They shared concerns and explored potential solutions on how local sustainable forest management can be improved. Much of this discussion was 'out of scope' for developing objectives and indicators for the 2021-31 forest management plan, though all of it was important as face-to-face public outreach and engagement opportunities are rare. To honor their participation and commitment, I have taken the time to summarize the valuable input that was gathered at this meeting so that its record won't be lost and can hopefully be addressed by MNR from the appropriate divisions. Topics have been summarized by overall themes:

Public Education and accessibility of information

Many participants commented that major improvements could be made to the following areas which are falling short of their expectations:

- **Increase emphasis on public education:** Forest management planning is very complex. If the government wants meaningful public participation and input, they need to cover some basics of how forest management works and not leave this task up to the industry who has been leading the effort in this area.
- **eFMP website:** The government website that displays provincial forest management plans and related products such as annual work schedule maps is not user friendly and hard to navigate. Many improvements must be made to turn this into a useable product. For example, instead of having an annual work schedule in the format of PDF text and maps, an interactive map could be created for each management unit whereby allocations could become highlighted when they become active (that can be continuously updated).
- **Open house materials:** materials presented at information centers should be more accessible for a lay person e.g. maps with annotations and more representative of what the stakeholders want to see.



- **FMP training sessions:** these sessions do not serve well for all audiences with varying degrees of background understanding and knowledge. Method of delivery is poor and feels more like an intensive information session with packed agendas that place too much emphasis on technical powerpoint presentations, leaving participants overwhelmed or frustrated.

Streamline and optimize processes

There are many practices that are overly bureaucratic where MNRF should explore reducing redundancy and improving efficiency as they come at the cost of sustainable forest management or are borne at the expense of the industry. Examples of these include:

- **Bills of Lading program:** There is redundancy in this process and it should be examined to find efficiencies. For example, multiple paper copies need to be filled out for each load and stored in various locations which are hard to keep track of.
- **Forest Information Portal:** This archaic platform is the only official way to exchange information between industry and the MNRF. Our office has to have its own separate computer 'dumbed down' to be able to run it. A lot of staff time is wasted attempting to work with a platform that is fraught with problems.
- **Salvage permits:** The method by which salvage harvest permits are issued is overly complex and results in delays that degrade merchantable material, often resulting in loss of opportunity to recover revenue.
- **Issuing approvals:** Currently the SFL must request approvals to be issued for approved harvest allocations in the Annual Work Schedule in-year which causes delays to operators and in some instances, compliance issues. Approvals should be issued in concert with publishing the Annual Work Schedule.

Road and road use planning:

- **Consultation and communication or road use planning:** The First Nations representatives and other stakeholder groups felt there was a lack of communication surrounding road use planning and would like to see a strategy developed to better serve their needs.
- **Funding for maintenance:** Industry representatives raised concern over their responsibility to maintain a significant number of roads and trails even when they are not in use for logging operations. For instance, if an ATV trail washes out, often the industry will fix it at their cost. They would like to see a better collaborative strategy for cost-sharing that involves the government and other forest users like motorized enthusiast groups.

Beech Bark Disease:

- **Reduction in stumpage fees to incentivize harvest and lessen the economic pressure on operators:** Industry representatives expressed concern that due to the degraded nature of beech in the local area, they are losing money when trucking the beech out of the forest. Local mills in Bancroft are finding less than five percent of the beech they receive is of sawlog quality with the remainder as pulp or worse, degraded to the point that

pulp mills will not accept it. There has been no province-wide adjustment to the stumpage price for beech since beech bark disease became a force in our forest and it is time it is re-evaluated to reflect the status of the disease.

Land use planning:

There was discussion surrounding the former Leslie Frost Center which follows its own land use plan that exceeds the CLUPA direction. This plan is outdated (since 1980's) and should be reviewed or dissolved by policy.

Unopened Municipal Road Allowances:

The planning team and LCC is concerned about the new requirement to code all unopened municipal road allowances (UMRAs) as private land in the 2021-31 FMP. This will have the highest impact to the Bancroft-Minden Forest which has the largest amount of production Crown forest within UMRAs, accounting for 6,298 hectares (or 2.5%). Additionally, there is a combination of 17 municipalities, townships and cities with administrative boundaries that intersect the administrative management unit boundary of the Bancroft-Minden Forest; there has been no collaborative discussion about how to go about negotiating local agreements surrounding UMRAs under their jurisdiction or which tier of municipal government should be involved. Therefore, it is unrealistic to expect the SFLs to develop local agreements with Municipalities to consider UMRAs and there is concern that some municipalities may take advantage of this situation and create issues which could result in plan delays. The planning team and LCC would like to see a strategy developed for considering UMRAs in forest management planning in a timely fashion so that it has no impact on the current ongoing development of the 2021-31 Forest Management Plan for the Bancroft-Minden Forest.

Thank you for taking these concerns and suggestions seriously and directing them to the appropriate divisions of MNRF where they can be meaningfully addressed to improve sustainable forest management. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further or would like clarification on any of the input above.

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5.0 APPENDIX III – NEW OBJECTIVES DEVELOPED FOLLOWING THE DFB MEETING

FMP-10: ASSESSMENT OF OBJECTIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Proposed/Potential NEW Objectives

						LTMD - Projections			
Management Objective	Indicator	Plan Start Level (2021)	Desirable Level	Timing of Assessment	Target (how much, when)	Short (10 years)	Medium (20 years)	Long (100 years)	Assessment
CFSA Criterion: Maintaining and enhancing Ontario's framework for sustainable forest management									
CFSA Objective Category: Healthy Forest Ecosystems									
In a changing climate, maintain or improve the ability of forests to resist pests & pathogens.	Communication with forest operators to ensure new information on science and process is disseminated to be applied in the field		Bi-annual operator training to educate operators about emerging invasives & mitigative strategies	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	Bi-annual operator training to educate operators about emerging invasives & mitigative strategies				
	Maintain or restore hydrology through proper installation of water crossings.	Compliance with water crossing protocol and installation and removal of water crossings		Fully compliant with water crossing protocol.	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	<5% incidences of non-compliance related to water crossings.			
CFSA Criterion: Accepting social responsibility for sustainable development									
CFSA Objective Categories: Social and economic - harvest levels and community well-being									
To ensure that enough roads are in place to allow for effective and efficient forest operations while also limiting company and ministry liability for roads that are no longer required.	Kilometres of Primary/Branch road (all ownership/responsibility) per square kilometre of Forested Managed Crown	0.23 km of Primary and Branch road on per km2 of Crwon Forest.	Consistent with plan start levels.	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	Less than 5% increase in plan term.				
	% of upgraded or new operational roads decomissioned after operations are complete.		All with the exception of those left to accommodate other forest users.	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	All with the exception of those left to accommodate other forest users.				
To minimize loss of Crown productive forest thereby maintaining harvest levels & related community well-being.	Managed Crown forest area available for timber production	219, 538 hectares	<2% of production forest area harvested used for raods, landings & aggregate pits	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	10 year target for <2% of production forest and harvested used for roads, landings and aggregate pits.				
Identify, protect & share information about values of interest with local First Nation communities.	Offer & deliver upon request a presentation on annual operations to interested First Nation communities to keep them informed on annual activities & seek input on values.		Annually to all interested communities who have made the request.	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	Annually to all interested communities who have made the request.				
	Train Operators and Contractors on identification of First Nation values of interest so they can recognize them during operations and relay information back to communities and ensure protective measures are taken.		Deliver training or updates at bi-annual operator training depending on desired participation from First Nation communities & availability of instructors.	Year 5 and Final Year Annual Reports	Deliver training or updates at bi-annual operator training depending on desired participation from First Nation communities & availability of instructors.				