

REVIEW

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Pic Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Nawiinginkoima Forest Management Corporation (NFMFC)** and the **Pic Forest Public Consultation Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Pic Forest**.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred on September 24, 2019 to November 24, 2019 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten year period of the FMP. This 'Stage Four' notice is to invite you to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP; and
- contribute to the background information.

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

How to Get Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available electronically on the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans and can be made available by contacting the Nawiinginkoima Forest Management Corporation (NFMFC), contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days **September 15, 2020 to November 13, 2020**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Pic Forest must be received by Brian Harbord of the planning team, by **November 13, 2020**.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans) to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary;
- Final Report on Protection of Identified First Nation and Métis Values (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree).

The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *2020 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **November 28, 2020**.

Stay Involved

The MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for the 10-year duration of the FMP **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP is tentatively scheduled for **December 2020**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee, NFMFC, to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Jen Lamontagne at 705-856-4747.

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