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Dear Stakeholder or Interested Party:

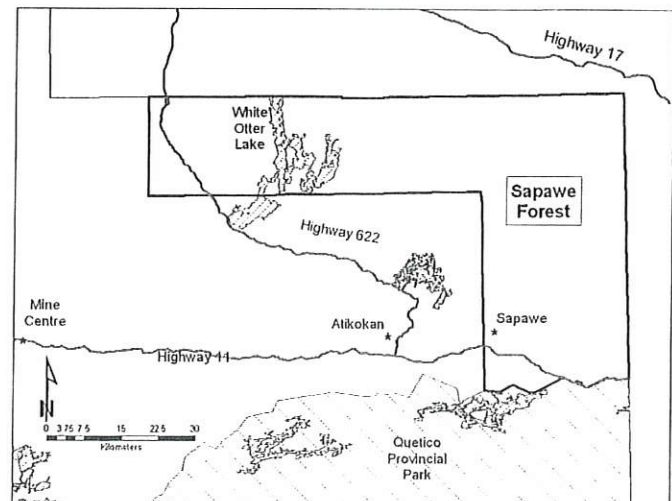
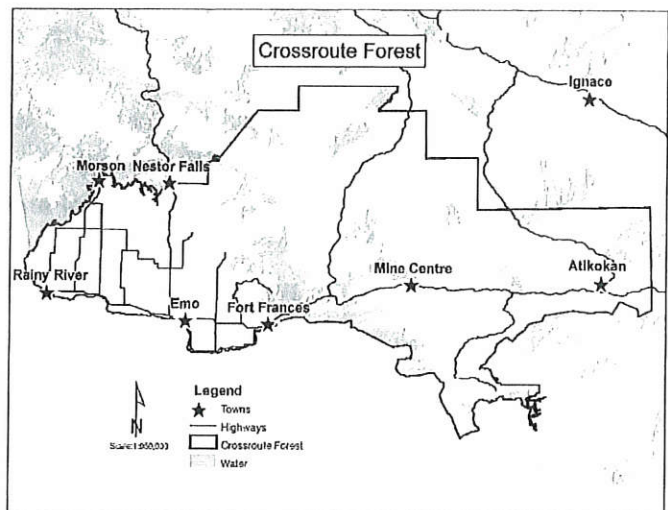
**Re: REVIEW OF LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT DIRECTION
CROSSROUTE-SAPAWA FOREST 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan**

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)**, **Resolute Forest Products Canada Inc.**, **Rainy Lake Tribal Resource Management Inc.**, **Fort Frances Forest Natural Resource Advisory Committee** and **Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee** invite you to participate in the development of the 2020-2030 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Crossroute-Sapawe 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 first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on October 17, 2017 when the public was invited to "Participate" in the development of the plan. This **'Stage Two'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest



- operations, during the 10-year period of the plan; and,
- o the analysis of alternative one kilometer wide corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years.
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest can be obtained on the Ontario Government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans). A summary map(s) of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan and alternative corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years, will also be available.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available:

- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Environmental analysis, including use management strategies of the alternative corridors for each new primary road;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizen's committee to date.

The above information is available at the Company and MNRF office identified below during normal office hours for a period of 30 days from **December 17, 2018 - January 16, 2019**.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Crossroute-Sapawe Forest must be received by Philip Cooze, R.P.F. of the planning team at the MNRF Fort Frances District Office by **January 16, 2019**.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the advisory committees can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

Stay Involved

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

Stage Three - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations **March 18, 2019**

Stage Four – Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan **August 19, 2019**

Stage Five - Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan **February 9, 2020**

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Philip Cooze at 807-274-8639.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Tanis Williamson at 807-274-5337, extension 8638.

Renseignements en français: John Coady at (807) 934-2255.

Sincerely,



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