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Nipissing Forest (2019-2029) Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.** and the **Nipissing Forest Local Citizens Committee (LCC)** invite you to participate in the development of the 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Nipissing Forest**.

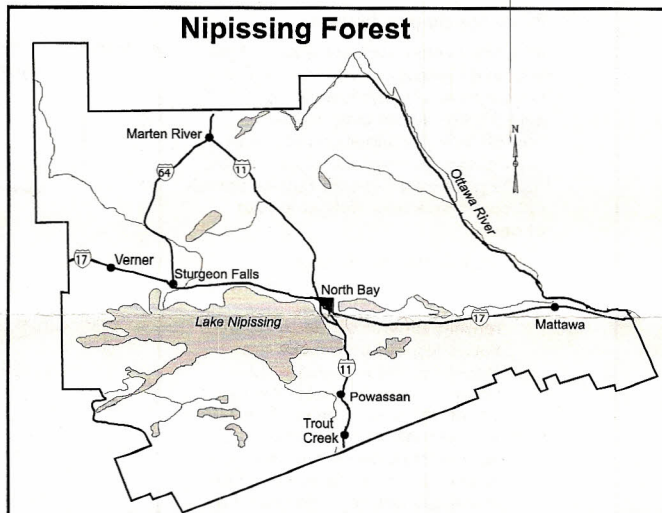
The Planning Process

The FMP will take approximately two years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public and Aboriginal involvement are provided. This first stage notice is to advise you that preparation of the plan has started and to request:

- Your contribution to background information, particularly information relating to natural resource features, land uses and values that may be affected by forest management activities, and
- Your view of the desired forest condition and desired benefits which can be obtained from the forest.

How to Get Involved

Please provide any comments or information to the MNRF office listed below or if you wish to meet and discuss your interests and concerns with the planning team, plan author and/or the LCC, please contact the individuals identified below.



Background information and sources of direction that are available for you to view includes the following:

- Description of the management responsibilities on the forest and of the forest industry that is supplied from the forest;
- Values Maps showing natural resource features, land uses and values;
- Description of the historic forest condition;
- A map of existing roads and their use management strategies;
- Management unit annual and audit reports and provincial audits and reports pertaining to forest management;
- Sources of direction for the forest such as past plans, land use plans, habitat regulations made under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*, MNRF's provincial goals, objectives and policies for natural resource management, etc.

The background information will be available for the duration of plan preparation.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice, will be available at the Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. office and at the MNRF North Bay District Office, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours. Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Anytime during the planning process you may make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the plan author, the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2009 *Forest Management Planning Manual* (Part C, Section 6.1.4).

Stay Involved

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

Stage 2 -	Review of the Proposed Long Term Management Direction	- August 2017
Stage 3 -	Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations	- January 2018
Stage 4 -	Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan	- August 2018
Stage 5 -	Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan	- December 2018

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Guylaine Thauvette as noted above.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Guylaine Thauvette, Management Forester, at 705-475-5539.

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