

Legacy Forest Visions

A newsletter on the science and sustainable management of all forest values

DOG RIVER-MATAWIN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Dog River-Matawin Forest (DRMF) planning team has been busily preparing the forest management plan for 2005-2025. The operations laid out in this plan are scheduled to commence on April 1st, 2005. Forest management plans determine the strategic direction of forest management for a twenty year period, and the operational planning for the first five years of that period, as set out in the *Forest Management Planning Manual* (OMNR 1996). The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources also provides forest managers with a series of guidelines to protect physical, biological, and cultural heritage values at the landscape- and stand-level. These guides play a vital role in determining how Ontario's forests are managed.

In December 2003, the planning team gained a new member, Quentin Snider, a representative of the Lac des Milles Lacs First Nation, whose traditional territories lie within the DRMF. Quentin is a great addition to the team. Not only does he

provide a new perspective and additional insight, he is assisting in the documentation and protection of Native values on the unit. Quentin joins Laird Van Damme from KBM Forestry Consultants Inc., who is the plan author and is representing Bowater, John MacGillivray, also representing Bowater, Shannon Rawn from Buchanan, OMNR's Senior Forest Management Technician Ron Strey, Shebandowan Area Forester Peter Wiltsey, Shebandowan Area Biologist Jamie Mucha, Spatial Analyst Scott Hole, and Jim Vibert, a representative of the Local Citizen's Committee. Together, they address such issues as up-dating the yield curves and Forest Resource Inventory, the provision of marten habitat, natural disturbance pattern emulation, and other aspects of sustainable forest management planning.

The planning team also divides into several task teams to address specific issues, such as roads planning and non-timber forest values. These task teams incorporate advisors from the OMNR Regional office, Bowater staff, and independent experts in the field, such as John McNicol, a wildlife and ecology specialist.

On December 3rd and 4th, 2003 the first information centre was held in Thunder Bay and Upsala. This provided an opportunity for stakeholders and interested members of the public to view the preliminary preferred management alternative and the strategic direction for the 2005-2025 plan. The Legacy Forest also presented a display at this information centre to let people know about the research going on in the forest.

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The first information centre non-timber forest values station. Photo credit: J. McNicol.

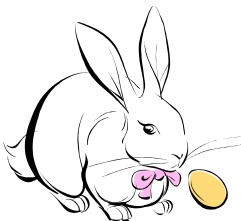
PRESENTING...



Neville Ward graduated with a Bachelor of Science from McMaster University and a Masters Degree in Natural Resources Management from the University of Manitoba.

Neville spent more than 25 years as a fisheries biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in Northwestern Ontario. Much of his Ontario work experience was directly related to fish habitat management, especially with forestry activities and water crossings, which facilitated Neville's move to Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) Ontario-Great Lakes Area, Thunder Bay & Kenora District, in June 2001.

Neville supervises the district's Fish Habitat Program with the assistance of another fish habitat biologist (Jody Willis) out of the DFO Coast Guard base at Keefer Terminal in Thunder Bay, and two habitat biologists (Earl Jessop, Lyndon Kivi) based in Kenora.



NEW PARTNERS JOIN THE LEGACY FOREST

At the February 24th Steering Committee meeting, the topic of new partners was an item on the agenda. The Committee is happy to announce that Buchanan Forest Products Limited and Lac Des Milles Lacs First Nation have become partners in the Legacy Forest. Both groups were asked to identify a representative to sit on the Steering Committee. Buchanan Forest Products identified Jeff Mundy and Lac Des Milles Lacs First Nation identified Tracy Morrison to sit on the Steering Committee. The Legacy Forest Steering Committee welcomes its two new members and looks forward to working with them.

Buchanan Forest Products Limited

Buchanan Forest Products Ltd. (BFPL) is a Thunder Bay based company with sawmills in Thunder Bay, Dubreuilville, Atikokan, Longlac, Nakina and Hudson, Ontario. BFPL has been active as a logging company in Northwestern Ontario since the 1960's and as a sawmill company for the past 25 years. BFPL is one of the top 25 lumber producers in North America and is a significant supplier of fibre to regional pulp and paper mills.

The majority of the wood supply for the company's mills comes from eight Sustainable Forest Licenses managed and operated

on by BFPL, and from BFPL harvesting operations on numerous other management units including the Dog River-Matawin Forest.

Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation

The Lac des Mille Lacs (LDML) First Nation is located west of Thunder Bay, Ontario in the Upsala area. Its land area is made up of two separate and distinct parcels of land referred to as the Lac des Mille Lacs Reserve 22A1 and the Seine River Reserve 22A2. Reserve 22A1 is situated on the shores of Lac des Mille Lacs at Reserve Bay near the northeastern end of the lake and the Seine River Reserve 22A2 is located approximately 20 km southwest of Upsala, Ontario. Reserve 22A1 is 1518 ha in size while Reserve 22A2 encompasses 3432 ha.

The LDML First Nation has a membership of some 460 band members; the majority of who live in the Thunder Bay, Kenora, Atikokan and Fort Frances areas. The First Nation is represented by a duly elected three-member Council who are responsible for the administrative and financial affairs of the Band. At the present time, the LDML First Nation has a committed leadership that has increasingly become involved with water and forest management activities within its Traditional Lands.



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The second information centre for this plan will be held in Thunder Bay and Upsala in May 2004. The second information centre will present the allocations associated with the selected management alternative, the finalized marten core areas, and other operational planning components, including secondary and tertiary road alternatives and Area of Concern prescriptions. Announcements regarding the times and locations of this information centre will be posted in local newspapers and on the DRMF webpage at www.dogmatforestplan.ca.

This webpage features an interactive map of the unit, the Terms of Reference for the plan,

the Report of Past Forest Operations and its associated maps, the plan objectives and strategies, and other relevant documents. It also provides a forum for members of the public to submit their comments and concerns, which will be addressed by the planning team.

Recently submitted comments and their responses are also available for viewing on the webpage. All comments are handled in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and no personal information submitted by members of the public will be available for viewing.

The planning team would like to encourage you to visit our webpage and come to the second information centre. This is your

opportunity to contribute to the management of your local forests and to voice your opinion about the strategic direction of forest management planning and the proposed locations of operations. This is also an opportunity to identify values or concerns that may have been missed during plan preparation.

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UPCOMING LEGACY FOREST AND ULERN WORKSHOP

The title and agenda of the Legacy Forest's next strategic planning workshop have been finalized. The workshop is entitled, "Challenges for Adopting New Knowledge and Models in Forest Management," and is co-hosted by the Legacy Forest and the Upper Lakes Environmental Research Network (ULERN).

Plan to attend the workshop and register early, as limited space is available. The goal of the workshop is to provide a comprehensive and useful dialogue to discuss the challenges of adopting new and innovative forest modeling tools into forest management planning and adaptive management frameworks.



Challenges for Adopting New Knowledge And Models in Forest Management

Date: Wednesday, May 12th to Thursday, May 13th, 2004

Times: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (May 12th) and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (May 13th)

Location: Lakehead University (ATAC Building)

Facilitator: Ken (Mac) Brown

Registration Fee: \$60.00 plus G.S.T. (Limited space available)

Meals: Meals and refreshments will be provided throughout the workshop, starting with breakfast on May 12th.

Workshop Agenda

Wednesday, May 12th, 2004

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 8:00 a.m. | Welcome and introductions - Reino Pulkki, Lakehead University |
| 8:15 a.m. | Workshop Goals, Objectives and Agenda - Ken (Mac) Brown, Lakehead University |
| 8:30 a.m. | The Legacy Forest - Dave West, Bowater Forest Products Division |
| 9:00 a.m. | Forest Research Partnership - Al Stinson, Canadian Ecology Centre |
| 9:30 a.m. | Innovation in a Regulated Environment - Riet Verheggen, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources |
| 10:00 a.m. | Coffee Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | The British Columbia Perspective - Tim Bogle, British Columbia Ministry of Forests |

- 11:00 a.m. Biodiversity Assessment Project: A cornerstone of Millar Western Forest Product's detailed forest management plan – Jonathan Russell, Millar Western
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion – West, Stinson, Verheggen, Bogle and Russell
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. From Models to User Tools in Forest Management – Ajith Perera, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- 1:30 p.m. Models and Decision-making in Forest Management Planning – Dirk Kloss, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- 2:00 p.m. Lessons Learned from New Zealand and the Southern United States – C. T. (Tat) Smith, Texas A&M University
- 2:30 p.m. New Benchmark Growth and Yield Curves for Ontario – Margaret Penner, Forest Analysis Ltd.
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:30 p.m. Break-out Session
- 5:30 p.m. Ice Breaker
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner (provided)
- 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker – George Stankey, United States Forest Service Innovation, Knowledge Diffusion, and Adaptive Management in Regulated Settings: pushing string uphill?
- 7:30 p.m. Social

Thursday, May 13th, 2004

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Letting Go of Certainties: policy development, ecosystem models and junkyard wars – Michael Gluck, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

- 8:30 a.m. Forest Management Planning Side Effects – Dave Martell, University of Toronto
- 9:00 a.m. Spatially Modeling and Forecasting of Songbird Habitat – Rob Rempel, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- 9:30 a.m. The Adoption of New Tools and Data – Wayne Bell, Ontario Forest Research Institute
- 10:00 a.m. Working Coffee Break for Groups
- 10:45 a.m. Group Presentations
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion – Gluck, Martell, Rempel, and Bell
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. An Overview of Management Planning Models – Glen Armstrong, University of Alberta
- 1:30 p.m. Woodstock Stanley – Ugo Fuenekes, Remsoft
- 2:00 p.m. Patchworks – Tom Moore, Spatial Planning Systems
- 2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Armstrong, Fuenekes, and Moore
- 3:00 p.m. Evaluation and wrap-up – Dave West
- 3:30 p.m. Adjournment

For more information or to register, please contact:

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