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RE: Review of Draft Contingency Plan – Wabadowgang Noopming (Formerly the Armstrong Portion of the Amalgamated Lake Nipigon Forest) 2021-2023 Contingency Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)**, **NorthWinds Environmental Services (NWES)** and the **Armstrong Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2023 Draft Contingency Plan (CP) for the **Wabadowgang Noopming Forest**.

Why is a Contingency Plan Required?

The Contingency Plan (CP) is required to ensure the continuity of forest operations between April 01, 2021, and March 31, 2023, when the new 2023-2033 Forest Management Plan is expected to be completed. The purpose of this notice is to invite you to review and comment on:

- the draft CP, and;
- contribute to the background information

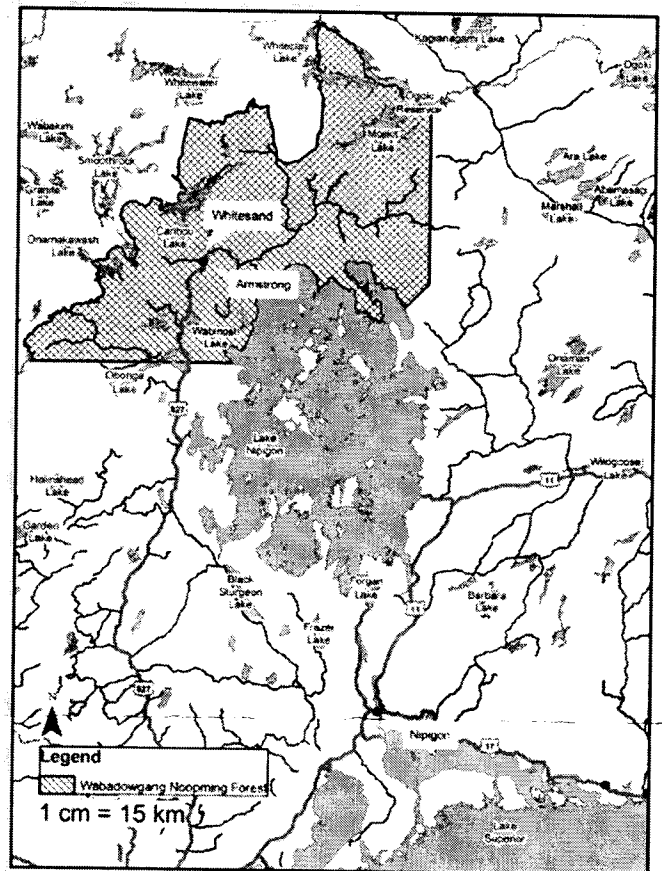
Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft CP.

How to Get Involved

The Draft CP and the Draft CP Summary will be available electronically on the Ontario government website at

www.ontario.ca/forestplans (click the link at the bottom of the webpage labelled "Other Approved FMP Products and Materials for Public Review") or on the Natural Resources Information Portal – **<https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>**, and can be made available by contacting the NorthWinds Environmental Services contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days from **December 22, 2020 to February 19, 2021**. Comments on the draft CP for the Wabadowgang Noopming Forest must be received by Robin Kuzyk of the planning team, by **February 19, 2021**.

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 CP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft CP Summary.

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 contacting 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:

- **Robin Kuzyk**, R.P.F. MNRF Thunder Bay District Office 435 James Street South, Suite B001 Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7 email: robin.kuzyk@ontario.ca
- **Jeffrey Cameron**, R.P.F. NorthWinds Environmental Services 195 Park Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1B9 Tel: 807-631-8744 email: jcameron@northwindsenv.ca
- **Don Plumridge** c/o MNRF - Thunder Bay District Office 435 James Street South, Suite B001 Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7

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 **March 1, 2021**.

The tentative approval date of the CP is tentatively scheduled for **March 15, 2021**. There will be one more formal opportunity for you to be involved. This stage is tentatively scheduled as follows:

- **Stage Five** – Inspection of the MNRF-Approved CP **March 2021**

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Robin Kuzyk at robin.kuzyk@ontario.ca.

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 NorthWinds Environmental Services, 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 Alyson Dupuis at 807-475-1512.

Sincerely,



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District Manager