

DOG RIVER-MATAWIN FOREST
2015 INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT
MANAGEMENT UNIT ACTION PLAN

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Introduction

In June 2015, an Independent Forest Audit was conducted on the Dog River-Matawin Forest by Arbex Forest Resource Consultants Ltd. for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015. The final audit report was accepted by Forestry Futures Committee (FFC) on October 15, 2015. Although the action plan is due within 2 months of acceptance of the final audit report by the FFC, the SFL holder and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Thunder Bay District did not receive the report from MNRF Integration branch until November 3, 2015.

The final audit report for the Dog River-Matawin Forest includes 5 recommendations: 3 recommendations (#2, #4 and #5) directed to the SFL holder and/or the MNRF Thunder Bay District and 2 recommendations (#1 and #3) directed to the MNRF Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch (CFLPB). This action plan outlines the actions required, responsibility, timelines, and method of tracking progress of actions for the management unit recommendations. Recommendations directed to the MNRF CFLPB will be addressed in a separate 2015 Provincial Action Plan.

Recommendations

Principle 4: Plan Assessment and Implementation

Recommendation #2:

Resolute FP should assess all area treated with aerial herbicide applications between 2011 and 2013 to ascertain if silviculture interventions are required to release crop trees and/or ensure that the SGRs are met.

Action(s) required:

1. Resolute Renewal Staff will reassess all the areas treated with aerial herbicide applications between 2011 and 2013, during the 2016 field season. Areas requiring a re-treatment will be scheduled in the 2017-2018 AWS and reported in the 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Organization and position responsible:

1. Resolute FP Canada Inc., Renewal Forester and Planning Coordinator.

Deadline date:

1. November 15, 2018 – (Annual Report for 2017-2018).

Method of tracking progress:

1. Completion of reassessment surveying by the end of the 2016 field season, retreatment areas identified and scheduled in the 2017-2018 AWS, and completion and submission of the 2017-2018 Annual Report by the submission date.

Principle 8: Contractual Obligations

Recommendation #4:

The MNR District Manager must ensure that the Action Plan is prepared in accordance with the schedule specified in the Independent Forest Audit Process and Protocol.

Action(s) required:

1. MNR Thunder Bay District, Resolute FP Canada Inc., and MNR Northwest Region will develop an Action Plan production and review schedule beginning with the Draft Final Audit Report to ensure the Action Plan is submitted prior to the deadline (within two months of acceptance of the final audit report by the FFC. While the final audit report was accepted by FFC on October 15, 2015, it was not sent to/received by the SFL holder and MNR Thunder Bay District until November 3, 2015.

Organization and position responsible:

1. MNR Thunder Bay District, Management Forester; Resolute FP Canada Inc., Planning Coordinator; and MNR Northwest Region, Regional Planning Forester.

Deadline date:

1. Completed October 6, 2015 and updated November 3, 2015 after receipt of final audit report.

Method of tracking progress:

1. Actual production/review schedule and submission of Action Plan by submission due date.

Recommendation #5:

Resolute FP and the MNR District must retain the signed AWS approval page on file in their offices.

Action(s) required:

1. MNR Thunder Bay District and Resolute FP shall work collaboratively to ensure the signed AWS Title, Certification and Approval Page is properly documented and retained on file at both District and Resolute FP offices as per requirements outlined in the FMPM and FIM. The original and an electronic copy of the Title, Certification and Approval Page will be filed at the District office with the approved AWS. District staff will also ensure a signed copy of Title, Certification and Approval Page is sent to the SFL holder electronically for their internal files upon MNR approval of the AWS.

Organization and position responsible:

1. MNRF Thunder Bay District, Management Forester and Resolute FP Canada Inc., Planning Coordinator

Deadline date:

1. Commencing with the 2016-17 AWS and ongoing annually.

Method of tracking progress:

1. Copies of signed AWS Title, Certification and Approval Page on file at the Thunder Bay District MNRF and Resolute FP offices.