

The Enhanced FRI Program

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The Enhanced FRI Program

■ Background

- Enhanced FRI program announced on September 29, 2005 as part of the response to the recommendations from the Minister's Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness
- OMNR responsible for the Forest Resources Inventory
- Objective is to ensure the FRI is current and accurate to help support better forest management decisions including wood supply certainty

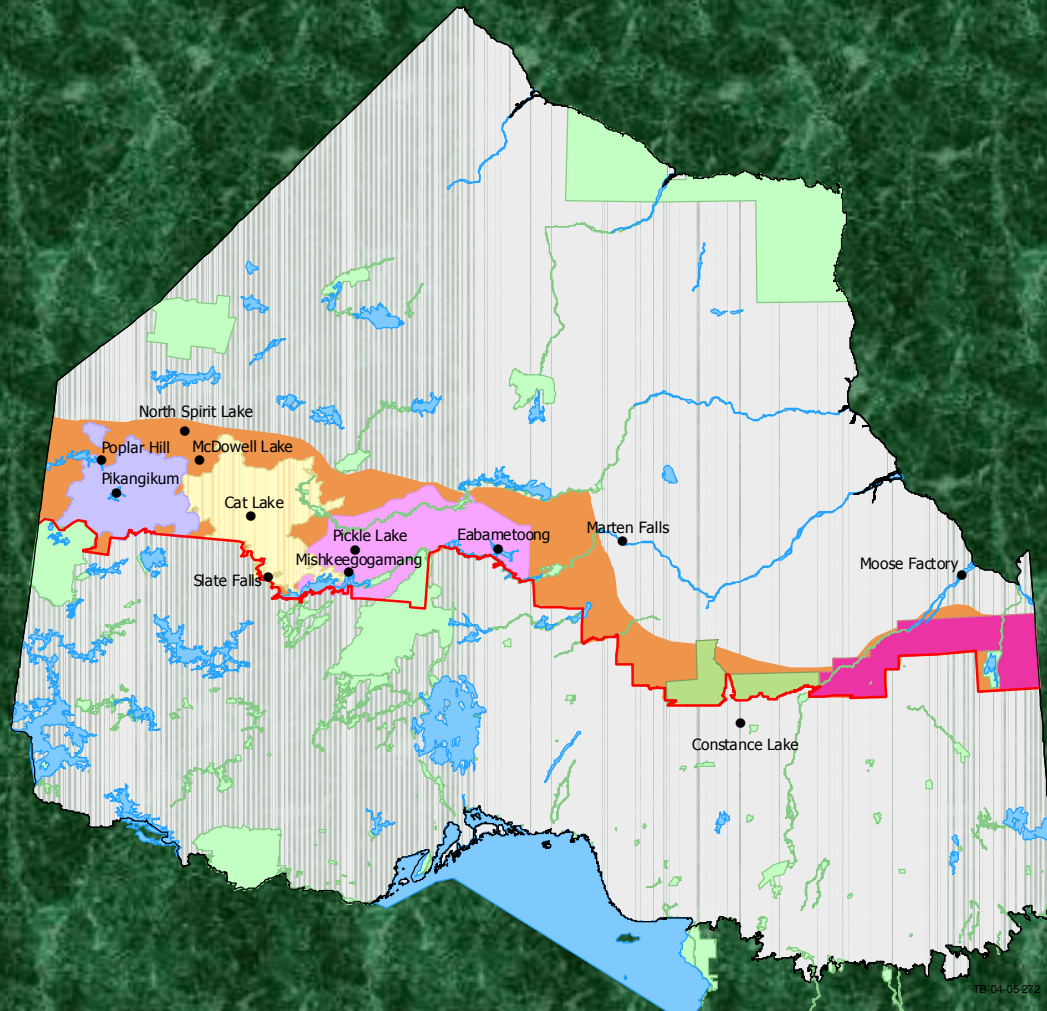
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■ Scope

- All lands within the Area of the Undertaking
 - Approx. 455,000 km²
- All lands within the Northern Boreal Initiative Area
 - Approx. 100,000 km²
- Includes Licensed Areas, Non-licensed Areas within SFLs, Provincial and Federal Parks, and Protected Areas

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Northern Boreal Initiative Area



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■ Scale

- \$7.5 Million per year in 2006/07
- \$10.0 Million per year starting in 2007/08
- Government to cover 100% of the costs of the enhanced FRI program
- Opportunity for Forest Industry (and others) to contribute to go beyond the new standard program

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- Delivery Mechanism
 - MNR oversight of the program
 - Operational program administered by the Forestry Futures Trust Committee
 - Services Contracted Out
 - Photography/Imagery
 - Field Work
 - Interpretation/Classification
 - Automation
 - Quality Control

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■ Governance

- The funding for the program will be administered by the Forestry Futures Trust Committee
- A Provincial Forest Inventory Advisory Committee has been established to advise the MNR on how to ensure the FRI program remains current and accurate
- A technical committee is being considered to provide input on the design of the program
- The MNR will retain the overall stewardship role, policy responsibility, scheduling and priority setting, standard setting, quality control and information management

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■ Enhancements

- Move to a 10-year cycle
- Evolve from a periodic inventory to a continuous inventory
- Expanded scope (Northern Boreal Initiative Area, large parks)
- Inventory will be ecologically based
- Move to a higher quality of information through the implementation of new technologies (e.g. digital imagery)
- Enhance the “field/sampling” component of the program

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■ Process

- Confirm business requirements for the Program (e.g. Forest Management Planning Requirements, Forest Guides, Reporting Requirements)
- Identify information required to meet business requirements (including accuracy, vintage, predicted versus observed, required versus optional)
- Review/Assess sources and costs to provide required information (e.g. different technologies)
- Opportunities for industry and others to further the inventory to meet specific business needs

Provincial Forest Inventory Advisory Committee

■ Purpose

- To advise the MNR Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Information Resources Division, on how to ensure that MNR's forest inventory program remains current and effective to support better forest management decisions (including wood supply certainty) and improved strategic and operational planning.
- The Committee may also advise on other forest inventory matters brought to the Committee by the MNR ADM.
- Periodic updates will be brought to the Provincial Forest Policy Committee.

Provincial Forest Inventory Advisory Committee

■ Roles and Responsibilities

- The Committee shall have an integral role in reviewing and advising on the program priorities and scheduling, and the inventory design and standards.
- Members will provide advice based upon their experience and expertise on related aspects of forest inventory and its use in forest management.
- In considering the program priorities and scheduling and the inventory design and standards, the following factors shall be considered:
 - Vintage of the current inventory
 - Management Planning requirements
 - Geographic scope of the program
 - Provincial, National and International reporting requirements
 - Advances in technology and inventory methods
- To advise on pilot testing, where feasible, to assess the applicability and feasibility of new technologies in the production of forest inventories.

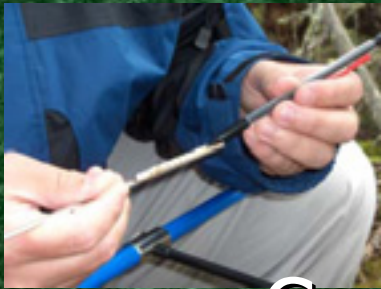
Provincial Forest Inventory Advisory Committee

■ Membership

- The MNR Deputy Minister shall appoint members to this Committee.
- Members shall be appointed from professional disciplines required, in the opinion of MNR, to fulfill the duties of the Committee.
- The term of appointment for each Committee member shall be specified by the Deputy Minister.

Provincial Forest Inventory Advisory Committee

- Membership
 - Mike Willick – MNR - Chair
 - Bob Forbes – Neenah Paper
 - Mark Gillis – NRCAN/CFS
 - Rich Greenwood – MNR
 - Rick Groves – Bowater
 - Frank Kennedy – MNR
 - Jim Krag – Abitibi-Consolidated
 - Michael Martel - Tembec
 - Jim Miller – Clergue
 - Steve Munro – Westwind
 - Brian Nicks – Domtar
 - Ulf Runesson – Lakehead University
 - 2 Vacancies
 - Secretariat – Joe Kapron - MNR



Discussion/Questions

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