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## 8.11 Planned Operations Summary

### 8.11.1 Introduction

Forest Management Plans (FMPs) are prepared for a ten-year period with two five-year operational terms. The planning process for the two terms are outlined in Part A, section 1 and 2 of the 2009 Forest Management Planning Manual. This is a summary of the planned operations for the second five-year term for the Spanish Forest.

A FMP establishes long-term direction and identifies the short-term operational goals for managing forest resources. FMPs determine how much area is available for harvest as well as an estimate of available harvest volume. A FMP is intended to provide the opportunity for desired economic, social, and environmental benefits.

### 8.11.2 Location

The Spanish Forest Management Unit is located along Highway 144, north of the city of Sudbury (46°29'N, 80°59'W), and south of the town of Gogama (47°40'N, 81°43'W). The town of Sultan (47°35'N, 82°45'W) is located at the northwest corner of the Forest, at the end of Highway 667. The towns of Cartier and Bicoasting are located within the Forest, as well as the hamlet of Benny.

### 8.11.3 Management Responsibility

Under the terms of the Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL), EACOM Timber Corporation is responsible for all forest management activities, including: forest management planning, the functions of harvesting, silviculture, renewal, delivery of fibre, proactive management of policy issues and key relationships with forest stakeholders. EACOM is also responsible for monitoring and reporting on compliance, and gathering information for the area covered by the licence in accordance with the current Forest Information Manual. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is responsible for FMP review and approval, auditing reports to ensure that forest operations are in compliance with the approved plan, and for maintaining consultation with First Nations communities involved in the planning process.

### 8.11.4 Public Contacts

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Bob Cecchetto	LCC Representative	Contact MNRF Sudbury District

### 8.11.5 Local Citizens Committee Participation

A Local Citizens Committee (LCC) member was involved throughout the preparation process of the planned operations as a planning team member. The draft planned operations was presented to the LCC and input was requested.

1 The following statement was prepared by the LCC:

2 *Part of the roles and responsibilities of the Spanish Forest LCC is to monitor the*  
 3 *approved Forest Management Plan. The LCC since the approval of the 2010 FMP*  
 4 *(Approved in April of 2010) have been carrying out that role. The 2010 Independent*  
 5 *Forest Audit found that Phase I planning process met all the planning requirements.*

6 *The planning team in preparation of the Phase II plan has made presentation of the Area*  
 7 *of Concern prescriptions, Third Year Annual Report, and Proposed allocations to the*  
 8 *LCC.*

9 *The Spanish Forest Local Citizens Committee has been consulted and kept informed as*  
 10 *participants in the preparation of the Phase II draft plan. As previously stated in our letter*  
 11 *of agreement for Phase I planning, It is our view that planning has followed the format*  
 12 *and requirements of the Forest Management Planning Manual (2004) and that the*  
 13 *planning team and plan author have made a concerted effort to produce a sustainable*  
 14 *and acceptable plan and to follow the direction set in Phase I of planning.*

15 *Both the draft and final plan was presented to the LCC*

16  
 17 *The planning team dealt with three issues since the presentation of the draft plan; the*  
 18 *LCC has no concerns with the approach of the planning team. The LCC will look at*  
 19 *consultation notification and whether the method can be enhanced to encourage more*  
 20 *participation by the public.*

21  
 22 *The Spanish Forest Local Citizens Committee is in general agreement with the Final*  
 23 *Phase 2 Planned Operations for the Approved Spanish Forest 2010-2020 Forest*  
 24 *Management Plan.*

25 *Spanish Forest Local Citizens Committee*<sup>1</sup>

26 The LCC report can be found in supplementary documentation section 8.9.8 of the  
 27 planned operations.

28 **8.11.6 Planned Forest Operations for the Second Five-Year Term**

29 **8.11.6.1 Planned Harvest Operations**

30 The selection of areas identified for harvest during the second five-year term was based  
 31 on criteria such as the available harvest area (AHA) for each age-class and forest unit  
 32 combination; NDPEG requirements for disturbance frequency and distribution; residual  
 33 forest planning; and social, economic and environmental considerations. Planned  
 34 harvest areas for the second five-year term broken down by major silvicultural systems  
 35 are summarized in the table below.

<b>Silvicultural System</b>	<b>Planned Phase 1 Harvest Area (ha)</b>	<b>Planned Phase 2 Harvest Area (ha)</b>
Clearcut	45,883	59,220
Selection	951	503
Shelterwood	776	1,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,610</b>	<b>60,811</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Final Plan LCC Report

1 The lower level of harvest area during Phase 1 is a direct result of market driven mill  
 2 downtime and a lack of demand for some species, most notably poplar, tolerant  
 3 hardwood, and white and red pine. Low demand for intolerant hardwoods exists across  
 4 the management unit and results in the movement of harvest operations into the purer  
 5 conifer dominated forest units.

6 **8.11.6.2 Harvest Volumes**

7 Estimated merchantable volumes associated with harvest areas planned for the second  
 8 five-year term are summarized in the table below.

Planned Harvest Area Category	Area (ha)	(m <sup>3</sup> )							Total Volume
		PRW	SPF	Larch	Cedar	Poplar	White Birch	Other Hardwood	
Phase 1 - Actual and Forecast Depletions	47,610	345,141	3,534,096	6,778	23,968	1,275,671	680,609	118,416	<b>5,984,679</b>
Phase 2 - Phase 1 and 2	60,812	389,170	4,504,351	10,088	45,288	1,679,876	843,349	109,899	<b>7,582,022</b>
10-yr Total Volume	<b>108,422</b>	<b>734,311</b>	<b>8,038,447</b>	<b>16,866</b>	<b>69,256</b>	<b>2,955,547</b>	<b>1,523,958</b>	<b>228,315</b>	<b>13,566,701</b>

9 **8.11.6.3 Planned Forest Renewal and Tending Operations**

10 Planned renewal and tending operations required to meet plan objectives are  
 11 summarized in the table below. These renewal activities will be carried out on currently  
 12 planned harvest areas as well as areas harvested during past plan terms. Artificial  
 13 regeneration refers to tree planting and seeding.

Renewal Activities	Phase 2 Forecast Treatment Areas (ha)
Natural Regeneration	27,271
Artificial Regeneration	32,270
Site Preparation	32,270
Aerial Tending	30,656
Pre-commercial Thinning	3,750

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#### 8.11.6.4 Planned Road Access

Planned road construction estimates for primary and branch roads required during the second five-year term of operations is summarized in the table below. The construction lengths in the table below represent new road construction.

Road Classification	Phase 2 Planned Road Construction (km)
Primary Roads	33
Branch Roads	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

The majority of road construction projects were completed during term 1 or are upgrades to existing roads. Some planned road corridors were not constructed during term 1 and have been carried forward for construction during term 2. Road construction and use management strategies for primary and branch roads are summarized in Table FMP-18. Additionally, road use management strategies for primary and branch roads are summarized in planned operations supplementary documentation sections 8.9.5.1 and 8.9.5.2 respectively. Road use management strategies are consistent with direction presented in the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA).

#### 8.11.7 Operational Prescriptions

A value is a known natural resource feature, land use or value which may be affected by forest management activities. An Area of Concern (AOC) is a geographic area associated with an identified natural resource feature, land use or value that may be affected by forest management activities. A detailed AOC prescription for each identified value is developed to prevent, minimize or mitigate adverse effects of forest management operations on the value(s) in question. A forest value may include but is not limited to: active bald eagle nests, canoe routes, archaeological potential areas, and high potential sensitivity streams.

Many AOC prescriptions designed for the protection of wildlife values were developed in accordance with the *Forest Management Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Level*. This document is also referred to as the *Stand and Site Guide (SSG)*. Where species at risk are involved, prescriptions will be consistent with standards identified in the *Endangered Species Act*. Other AOC prescriptions were developed by the planning team and based on prescriptions applied in past forest management terms. Area-specific prescriptions (*i.e.*, cottages and/or residential lakes) were developed with input from the affected groups. Prescriptions for Archaeological Potential Areas (APA) as well as other cultural heritage values are based on direction set forth in the *Forest Management Guide for Cultural Heritage Values (2006)*.

#### 8.11.8 Conditions on Regular Operations

Conditions on Regular Operations (CRO) are developed to protect on-site values that are not addressed by AOC prescriptions. CROs include retaining wildlife trees and downed woody debris, maintaining rich lowland hardwood patches, minimizing soil rutting and compaction, maintaining residual forest areas, and protecting woodland pools.

### 1 **8.11.9 Major Issues**

2 At the final plan stage for the submission of planned operations there were two (2)  
3 issues that may be considered “major”, since they required Regional Director Issue  
4 Resolution. The issues are as follows:

#### 5 Rice and Rush Lakes

6 Resource-based Tourism access, audio, and aesthetic issues with forestry operations in  
7 the Rice and Rush Lake areas of the Spanish Forest. The issues were first brought  
8 forward at the Regional Director Issue Resolution stage. The issues raised by the RBT  
9 operator were the same as the issues addressed in the term 1 issue resolution process  
10 (refer to Section 6.1.17 of the FMP).

11 The term 1 issue resolution decisions remained in place for term 2, and there was  
12 progress towards the implementation of the initial decisions. The Regional Director’s  
13 decision for term 2 clarified term 1 decisions for planned operations and prescriptions.

#### 14 Metagama Road, Spanish River, Larkin Lake, Mike Lake, Hybrid Lake, Ostrum Lake

15 Resource-based Tourism operating area (aesthetic), access, and timing of forest  
16 operations issues in the area of the Metagama Road – Spanish River. The planning  
17 team and the RBT operator attempted to reach a resolution up to August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, prior  
18 to the conclusion of the District Manager Issue Resolution stage. On that date the RBT  
19 Operator was advised that, if concerns persisted after the discussions and concessions,  
20 the RBT operator should contact the Regional Planning Forester to discuss the issue  
21 resolution process. Due to the timing of the response the RBT operator was not able to  
22 utilize District Manager Issue Resolution and proceeded directly to the Regional Director  
23 stage.

24 The Regional Director decision directed the planning team to impose additional  
25 viewscape restrictions on planned forestry operations; additional timing restrictions on  
26 planned forestry operations; an additional access control barrier on the term 1 MNR-  
27 approved Branch Road 1-6; and additional notification regarding Annual Work Schedule  
28 development for the RBT operator, initiated by the company in November of each year.

### 29 **8.11.10 Public Consultation**

30 During the planning of the second five-year term of operations, there are three formal  
31 consultation opportunities. In stage 1, the planning team organized a series of  
32 information centres in April 2014. Public comments were welcomed during these  
33 information centres and were considered during the preparation of the draft forest  
34 management plan. In stage 2, following the submission of draft plan, public comments  
35 were accepted for the 30-day period between July 28 and August 29, 2014. During the  
36 stage 2 review period, members of the public could seek formal issue resolution with the  
37 District Manager. Issue resolution could also be sought with the Regional Director for an  
38 additional 30-day period following stage 2.

39 During stage 3, the final stage of public consultation, there is an opportunity during the  
40 30-day period for public inspection of the MNRF-approved Planned Operations for any  
41 person to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment and  
42 Approvals Branch, Ministry of Environment for an individual environmental assessment  
43 of specific proposed forest management activities in the forest management plan (in  
44 accordance with the process described in Part A, Section 3.4.2).

1 See Appendix 1 for the public comment form for this consultation stage.

2 **8.11.11 Summary Map**

3 A summary map of the proposed harvest area, renewal and tending operations, and  
4 locations and names of new and existing roads for the second five-year term of the plan  
5 has been prepared in English and French. The summary maps are submitted as  
6 separate information products and labelled:

- 7 • MU210\_2010\_FMP\_P2\_MAP\_Sum\_00.PDF, and  
8 • MU210\_2010\_FMP\_P2\_MAP\_SumFR\_00.PDF.



# Appendix 1: Comment Form

**2010 – 2020 SPANISH FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN  
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**COMMENT SHEET**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____ _____
<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Telephone #:</b>

<b>Interests:</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Angler	<input type="checkbox"/> Bait Harvester	<input type="checkbox"/> Cottager	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Parks Associations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fur Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Organizations (non-MNR)		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Mining Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipalities	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreationalists	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Tourism	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Accessed Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Associations		<input type="checkbox"/> ATV		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (List here):					

<b>Comments:</b>