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**ADDENDUM**

The following addendum to the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM), 2024 has been approved in accordance with Section 68(10) of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994* (CFSA) and Section 26.1 of Ontario Regulation 167/95. The addendum is required to support the implementation of Section 8 (1.1) of the CFSA which provides the opportunity to prepare a single forest management plan over multiple management units.

Forest management plans will continue to be prepared in accordance with the FMPM, and the approved terms of reference will document the roles and responsibilities for the preparation of the Forest Management Plan (FMP) (Part A, Section 1.1.2.1). The project plan for the FMP will also identify roles and responsibilities for planning team members, task team members, and plan advisors (Part A, Section 1.1.2.2).

**General References**

The term *Endangered Species Act*, *2007* is deleted and replaced with "*Endangered Species Act*, *2007* or any future legislation which may replace it including the *Species Conservation Act, 2025* once in force”.

The term *Forest Fire Prevention Act* is deleted and replaced with *Wildland Fire Management Act*.

**Introduction, Page ix, lines 17-23 are deleted and replaced with the following paragraph:**

The managed forest is divided into geographic areas known as management units. Management units provide for the effective and efficient administration and delivery of forest management planning, forest operations and forest resource licensing. Forest management plans may be prepared for an individual management unit, or multiple management units which are adjacent to each other. Forest management plans will be prepared for designated management units, with the exception of the southern Ontario management unit, in accordance with the requirements of the FMPM. Forest management plans set out the forest management activities, including road access, timber harvest, forest renewal, and maintenance (that is tending and protection) that may occur on management units.

**Part A, Forest Management Planning Process, page A - 7, the following paragraphs are added before the Phase - in Provisions:**

Part A of this FMPM may apply to the preparation of a FMP for multiple management units. Where a single FMP is proposed to be prepared for multiple management units, the sustainable forest licensee(s) will prepare a proposal. A proposal to prepare a single FMP for multiple management units shall include:

a) the name of the management units, the current planning schedule for each management unit and the proposed new planning schedule;
b) a description of the approach to harmonize existing planning schedules, if applicable (for example, early plan renewal, FMP extension, contingency plan);
c) rationale for the proposed planning approach and identified benefits of preparing one forest management plan;
d) identification of the plan author for the FMP;
e) a description of how forest management planning information will be handled (for example, planning inventory production);
f) a description of how forest classification, modeling inputs and management objectives (for example, forest diversity objectives) will be harmonized for the geographic area covered by the FMP as a whole;
g) a description of how landscape guide indicators will be assessed in the preparation and implementation of the FMP;
h) a description of how the operational planning portions of the FMP will be harmonized for the geographic area covered by the FMP as a whole (for example, silvicultural ground rules, operational prescriptions, compliance plans, roads planning);
i) a discussion on identified risks and contingencies with the proposal (for example, plan extensions or contingency plans); and
j) signatures from senior officials from each sustainable forest licensee involved.

The Ministry regional director will review the proposal considering the following:

a) adjacency of the management unit(s);
b) support from all sustainable forest licensees involved;
c) identified benefits for forest industry and the ministry;
d) submission of a complete description of the proposed approach for the preparation and implementation of the new FMP for the multiple management units;
e) any other matters the MNR regional director considers necessary in the circumstances.

The Ministry regional director will produce a written decision on the proposal with rationale for the decision. Upon approval, the requirements of the FMPM will apply to the geographic area covered by the new FMP as a whole (that is, as though the management units were amalgamated and designated as one new management unit).

**Part A – Forest Management Planning Process, page A – 19, lines 27 – 29 are deleted.**

**Part B – Forest Management Plan Content, page B – 3, the following paragraph is added (new lines 15 - 17):**

Part B of this FMPM may apply to the preparation of a Forest Management Plan for multiple management units.

**Part C – Amendments, Contingency Plans, Early Plan Renewals, and Forest Management Plan Extensions, page C – 3, the following paragraph is added (new lines 10 – 13):**

Part C of this FMPM may apply to Forest Management Plans prepared for multiple management units.

**Part D – Annual Operations, page D – 3, the following paragraph is added (new lines 23 - 26):**

Part D of this FMPM may apply to Forest Management Plans prepared for multiple management units. Where a Forest Management Plan has been prepared for multiple management units, one Annual Work Schedule will be prepared for the entire geographic area subject to the Forest Management Plan.

**Part D – Annual Operations, page D – 11, lines 17 - 19 are deleted and replaced with the following:**

The AWS will identify the resources available to carry out annual fire prevention and suppression operations. The Ministry's Modifying Industrial Regulations Protocol as amended from time to time will be used in preparing:

**Part E – Management Unit Annual Reports, page E – 2, the following paragraph is added (new lines 16 - 19)**

Part E of this FMPM may apply to Forest Management Plans prepared for multiple management units. Where a Forest Management Plan has been prepared for multiple management units, one Annual Report will be prepared for the geographic area subject to the Forest Management Plan.

**Glossary of Terms**

For the purposes of this addendum, the following terms are deleted and replaced with the following:

**Desired Forest and Benefits**

The forest structure and composition and the goods and services which are desired from the forest to achieve a balance of social, economic and environmental needs. The strategic and tactical planning decisions for the management unit(s) are developed to achieve the desired forest and benefits.

**First Nation Community**

A First Nation community that is in or adjacent to the management unit(s) as determined by the district manager(s) in accordance with Part A, Section 3.1.1 of this manual.

**Forest Management Plan**

A document of that name prepared in accordance with the CFSA, for a management unit or management unit(s) in accordance with the Forest Management Planning Manual. A forest management plan sets out the forest operations that may occur on a management unit or management unit(s) by a holder of a forest resource licence while having regard for plant life, animal life, water, soil, air, and social and economic values, including recreational values and heritage values.

**Habitat**

An area on which the species depends, directly or indirectly, to carry on its life processes such as reproduction, rearing, hibernation, migration, or foraging and includes places in the area that are used by members of the species such as dens, hibernacula or other residences.

**Management Objective**

A statement of quantitative or qualitative desired future benefits or conditions, developed specifically for the management unit(s), that are to be achieved through the manipulation of forest cover.

**Métis Community**

A Métis community that is in or adjacent to the management unit(s) as determined by the district manager in accordance with section 3.1.1 of this manual.

**SARO List is replaced with Protected Species in Ontario List** (at such time as the Species Conservation Act, 2025 comes into force).

The Protected Species in Ontario list means the regulation made under subsection 14(1) under the *Species Conservation Act, 2025*.

**Silvicultural Ground Rule**

Specifications, standards, and other instructions that direct silvicultural activities on the forest during the period of the forest management plan.

**Spatial Analyses**

Use of spatial forest estate models to schedule proposed forest management activities (for example, road construction and harvest) to meet the social, ecological, and economical objectives for the management unit(s).

**Species At Risk**

Any species listed on the SARO list, or Protected Species in Ontario List (at such time as the *Species Conservation Act, 2025* comes into force) and fish species and migratory birds protected under the federal Species at Risk Act.