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<p>1b) Species diversity is conserved if all native species found on the DFA prosper through time.</p>	<p>1. Landscape level species diversity and abundance <i>(Continued from above)</i></p>	<p>1.2 Maintain flora and fauna on the landbase <i>(continued from above)</i></p>	<p>1.2c. Presence of endangered or threatened wildlife species (“<i>at risk</i>” and “<i>may be at risk</i>” listings) on the FMA area</p> <p>1.2d. Type, amount and location of habitat required for selected indicator species</p>	<p>1.2c.1 To develop management strategies to address the identified endangered or threatened wildlife species on the FMA area</p> <p>1.2d.1 Compile a list of habitat requirements for selected indicator species within Canfor’s FMA area (linked To Critical Element 1b, Objective 1.1b.1)</p> <p>1.2d.2 Review the list of selected indicator species regarding potential addition of an indicator species for amphibians</p>

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(1c) Genetic diversity is conserved if the variation of genes within species is maintained.	1. Genetic diversity	<p>1.1 Conserve genetic diversity of tree species</p> <p>1.2 Maintain conditions that do not negatively impact on genetic diversity of wildlife species</p>	<p>1.1a. The effective number of unrelated genotypes (trees) in the breeding program</p> <p>1.1b. The effective number of unrelated genotypes (trees) maintained in the seed orchard</p> <p>1.1c. The amount of area planted with non-seed orchard stock (bulk seed collection from the FMA area)</p> <p>1.1d. The number of mother trees represented in the bulk seed collections (<i>wild seed collections</i>) over a ten-year period</p> <p>1.2a. Landscape structure</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To maintain between 300 –600 genotypes in breeding program to safeguard long-term diversity</p> <p>1.1b.1 To maintain sufficiently large orchard populations of unrelated trees (20–60 genotypes) to safeguard diversity in a given seed orchard</p> <p>1.1c.1 To plant 30% of the FMA area cut units with the bulk seed collection and 70% with seed orchard stock within the following Natural Subregions: Central Mixedwood, Dry Mixedwood and Lower Foothills</p> <p>1.1d.1 To include cones of at least 400-750 mother trees for the bulk seed collections for lodgepole pine and white spruce, and 50-150 mother trees for black spruce over a 10 year period</p> <p>1.2a.1 To compare current landscape structure to future landscape structure at key points in time and develop management strategies</p>

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<b>2. Maintenance and Enhancement of Forest Ecosystem Condition and Productivity</b> – Forest ecosystem condition and productivity are conserved if the health, vitality, and rates of biological production are maintained.				
(2a) Forest health is conserved if biotic (including anthropogenic) and abiotic disturbances and stresses maintain both ecosystem processes and ecosystem conditions within a range of natural variability.	1. Healthy forest stands	1.1 Conserve forest health	1.1a. Number of occurrences and amount of area impacted by fire, and endemic events of insects, disease, windfall, etc.	1.1a.1 Limit the number of occurrences and amount of area impacted by fire, and endemic events of insects, disease, windfall, etc. (as in Critical Element 4a Objective 1.1b.1)

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<p>(2b) Ecosystem resilience is conserved if ecosystem processes and the range of ecosystem conditions allow ecosystems to persist, absorb change, and recover from disturbances.</p>	<p>1. Ecosystem resilience</p>	<p>1.1 Sustain capability of ecosystem to recover from both natural and human-caused disturbances</p>	<p>1.1a. The amount of area in the regenerated yield group</p> <p>1.1b. The amount of area in each seral stage at present and key points in time</p> <p>1.1c. Timeframe for treating harvested areas</p> <p>1.1d. Soil productivity</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To regenerate 100% of the harvested area as per the regenerated yield group as defined in the DFMP (as in Critical Element 4b Objective 1.2a.1)</p> <p>1.1b.1 Maintain seral stages within the natural disturbance regimes at present and key points in time (as in: Critical Element 1a Objective 1.2b.1, Critical Element 1b Objective 1.2a.1, and Critical Element 4c .1.1b.1)</p> <p>1.1c.1 All harvested sites are treated within 18 months after the end of the timber year (as in Critical Element 4a Objective 1.1a.1, and Critical Element 4b Objective 1.2b.1)</p> <p>1.1d.1 (as covered in Critical Element 3b –Goal 1.1 soil productivity)</p>

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<p>(2c) Ecosystem productivity is conserved if ecosystem conditions are capable of supporting all naturally occurring species.</p>	<p>1. Ecosystem productivity</p>	<p>1.1 Maintain ecosystem productivity</p>	<p>1.1a. Level of suitable habitat for selected indicator species</p> <p>1.1b. Number of ecosite phases distributed across the FMA area</p> <p>1.1c. Measurement of tree growth (site index) based on yield curves (moisture and nutrient regime)</p>	<p>1.1a.1 Maintain habitat conditions required by identified selected indicator species utilizing HSI models (as in Critical Element 1b Objective 1.1b.1)</p> <p>1.1a.2 Maintain habitat conditions required by identified selected indicator species, using habitat constraint modeling. (as in Critical Element 1b Objective 1.1b.2)</p> <p>1.1b.1 Identify ecosite phase distribution objectives for application in the next DFMP</p> <p>1.1c.1 Maintain growth and yield projections for tree species, as stated in the DFMP</p>

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<b>3. Conservation of Soil and Water Resources</b> - Soil and water resources and physical environments are conserved if the quantity and quality of soil and water within forest ecosystems are maintained.				

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(3a) Physical environments are conserved if the permanent loss of forest area to other uses or factors is minimized, and if rare physical environments are protected.	<p>1. Gross landbase</p> <p>2. Rare physical environments (presence of )</p>	<p>1.1 Minimize loss of landbase</p> <p>2.1 Protect the natural states and processes of the rare physical environments</p> <p>2.2 Identify areas to nominate for the Alberta Special Places program</p> <p>2.3. Maintain a combination of managed and rare physical environments on the forest landbase</p>	<p>1.1a. The amount of productive area Canfor utilizes for future permanent roads (LOC)</p> <p>1.1b. The amount of area permanently lost to other industry activities</p> <p>2.1a. The amount of area of lands excluded from harvest, in the DFMP</p> <p>2.2a. Cactus Hills (84-9-W6M) and Peace Parkland (81-7-W6M)</p> <p>2.3a. The amount of area in managed forests and rare physical environments</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To have less than 2% of productive area in Canfor's future permanent roads (LOC) (as in Critical Element 4c Objective 1.1a.1)</p> <p>1.1b.1 To minimize loss of area by working with other parties (linked to Critical Element 4c. Objective 1.3a.1)</p> <p>2.1a.1 100% of identified and validated rare physical environments will not be harvested (as in Critical Element 1a Objective.1.1a.1)</p> <p>2.1a.2 No active reforestation of grasslands</p> <p>2.1a.3 Protect 100% of identified significant wildlife mineral licks (as in Critical Element 1b Objective 1.1c.1)</p> <p>2.2a.1 Nominate Cactus Hills and Peace Parkland areas as candidate sites for the Alberta Special Places program (as in Critical Element 1a Objective 1 1b.1)</p> <p>2.3a.1 A combination of managed and rare physical environments will always be maintained on the landbase</p>





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<b>4. Forest Ecosystem Contributions to Global Ecological Cycles</b> - Forest conditions and management activities contribute to the health of global ecological cycles. This contribution is maintained if.				
(4a) The processes that are responsible for recycling water, carbon, nitrogen, and other life-sustaining elements are maintained;	1. Local contribution to global ecological cycles	1.1 Minimize disturbances that negatively impact carbon cycles	<p>1.1a. Amount of area under forest cover</p> <p>1.1b. Number of occurrences and amount of area impacted by fire, and endemic events of insects, disease, windfall, etc.</p> <p>1.1c. The numbers of equipment in use and amount of technology with low carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions</p>	<p>1.1a.1 All harvested sites are treated within 18 months after the end of the timber year (as in Critical Element 2b Objective 1.1c.1 and Critical Element 4b Objective 1.2b.1)</p> <p>1.1b.1 Limit the number of occurrences and amount of area impacted by fire, and endemic events of insects, disease, windfall, etc. (as in Critical Element 2a Objective 1.1a.1)</p> <p>1.1c.1 To promote use of equipment and technology that minimizes CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions</p>

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<p>(4a) The processes that are responsible for recycling water, carbon, nitrogen, and other life-sustaining elements are maintained;</p>	<p>1. Local contribution to global ecological cycles <i>(continued from above)</i></p>	<p>1.2 Minimize disturbances that negatively impact water cycles</p> <p>1.3 Minimize negative impacts to nitrogen cycles</p>	<p>1.2a. Amount of forest cover removed and its spatial distribution within a defined watershed</p> <p>1.3a. The amount of coarse and fine woody debris on site post-harvesting</p> <p>1.3b. Presence of vascular plant species that can be used to indicate potential nitrogen levels</p>	<p>1.2a.1 To not exceed a range of 20-40% of forest cover removal, above the "H60" line, in relationship to the total vegetated area within a defined watershed as per the DFMP (as in Critical Element 3c Objective 2.1a.1)</p> <p>1.3a.1 To develop a methodology to measure coarse and fine woody debris on site, post harvesting (as In Critical Element 3b Objective 1.1b.1)</p> <p>1.3b.1 To understand, through modelling, the role of vascular plants as indicators of potential nitrogen levels</p>

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(4b) Utilization and rejuvenation are balanced and sustained	1. Sustainable yield of timber	<p>1.1 Maintain harvest level related to the AAC as defined in the DFMP</p> <p>1.2 To reforest every hectare harvested</p> <p>1.3 Maximize utilization of merchantable wood</p>	<p>1.1a. The amount harvested versus the approved AAC</p> <p>1.2a. The amount of harvested area in the regenerated yield group</p> <p>1.2b. Total area harvested annually compared to total area reforested (planting or seeding)</p> <p>1.3a. Amount of merchantable wood (m<sup>3</sup>) left on site</p> <p>1.3b. Amount of industrial salvaged wood brought in on an annual basis</p>	<p>1.1a.1 Operational practices meet the DFMP management strategies that make up the AAC</p> <p>1.2a.1 To regenerate 100% of the harvested area as per the regenerated yield group as defined in the DFMP (as in Critical Element 2b Objective 1.1a.1)</p> <p>1.2b.1 All harvested sites are treated within 18 months after the end of the timber year (as In Critical Element 2b Objective 1.1c.1 and Critical Element 4a Objective 1.1a.1)</p> <p>1.3a.1 To leave less than 1% of merchantable wood on site</p> <p>1.3b.1 To utilize 100% of merchantable industrial salvage wood from permanent land withdrawals</p>

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(4c) Forest lands are protected from sustained deforestation or conversion to other uses.	1. Forests on the landbase	1.1 Maintain forests on the landbase	<p>1.1a. The amount of productive area Canfor utilizes for future permanent roads (License of Occupation (LOC))</p> <p>1.1b. The amount of area in each seral stage at present and key points in time</p> <p>1.1c. The amount of area identified as low productive sites</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To have less than 2% of productive area in Canfor's future permanent roads (LOC) (as in Critical Element 3a Objective 1.1a.1)</p> <p>1.1b.1 Maintain seral stages within the natural disturbance regimes at present and key points in time (as in Critical Element 1a Objective 1.2b.1, Critical Element 1b Objective 1.2a.1, and Critical Element 2b Objective 1.1c.1)</p> <p>1.1c.1 Designate all low productive yield groups as no harvest zones, subject to operational verification.</p> <p>1.1c.2 Delineate all low productive sites (&gt;1 ha) within harvested areas as "no harvest zones"</p>

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<p>(4c) Forestlands are protected from sustained deforestation or conversion to other uses.</p>	<p>1. Forests on the landbase (<i>continued from above</i>)</p>	<p>1.2 Productive lands are restored to productive status (excluding cut units)</p> <p>1.3 Minimize loss of forest on the landbase due to access</p>	<p>1.2a. The amount of productive area regenerated (excluding cut units)</p> <p>1.3a. Degree of access integration</p>	<p>1.2a.1 Track amount of previously withdrawn areas brought back into productive status</p> <p>1.2a.2 Track burned areas to ensure that they have been regenerated (with preference to natural regeneration)</p> <p>1.3a.1 To maximize and promote shared access by all resource users (linked to Critical Element 3a Objective 1.1b.1)</p>

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<b>5. Multiple Benefits to Society</b> Forest provide a sustained flow of benefits for current and future generations. If multiple goods and services are provided over the long-term. Multiple benefits are maintained if				
(5a) Extraction rates are within the long-term productive capacity of the resource base	1. Sustainable yield of timber	1.1 Maintain sustainable harvest levels on the FMA area	1.1a. Long-term harvest level vs. actual extraction rates as per the DFMP	1.1a.1 To harvest at a level less than or equal to the long-term harvest level

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(5b) Resource businesses exist within a fair and competitive investment and operating climate	1. Economic benefit to local communities	1.1 Local communities and contractors have the opportunity to share in benefits such as jobs, contracts and services	<p>1.1a. The economic contribution that Canfor Grande Prairie operations makes to local communities and contractors</p> <p>1.1b. The financial commitments as stated in Section 33, facility operation and FMA renewal commitments, of the Forest Management Agreement 9900037 are met</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To maintain Canfor's contribution to local communities and contractors</p> <p>1.1b.1 Within 60 months of the signed Forest Management Agreement 9900037, the company shall upgrade its sawmill and finger joint as per Section 33 of the Forest Management Agreement 9900037</p> <p>1.1b.2 To submit to the Minister for approval, a forestry project, in accordance with Section 33 subparagraph 4 of the Forest Management Agreement 9900037</p>

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(5c) Forests provide a mix of market and non-market goods and services.	1. Multiple benefits from forests	<p>1.1 Maintain the opportunity for others to use the forest for market and non-market goods and services</p> <p>1.2 To improve the value of the raw timber material from the FMA area</p>	<p>1.1a. Amount of coniferous timber available to locals</p> <p>1.1b. Recreational opportunities</p> <p>1.1c. Communication with Trappers impacted by harvest operations</p> <p>1.1d. Communicate with Outfitters impacted by harvest operations</p> <p>1.2a. To increase lumber recovery of the conifer timber resource during the milling process</p>	<p>1.1a.1 0.5% of the conifer AAC is made available for local use as per FMA Agreement 9900037</p> <p>1.1a.2 Up to a set coniferous volume of 10 000 m<sup>3</sup> is available in the DFA for a community timber use program</p> <p>1.1b.1 Complete a recreational assessment within 5 years after the DFMP is approved</p> <p>1.1b.2 Ensure 100% of Canfor campgrounds are maintained on the FMA area for the use by the public</p> <p>1.1b.3 To promote Canfor campgrounds to the public</p> <p>1.1c.1 To contact all Trappers directly impacted by harvest operations</p> <p>1.1d.1 To contact all Outfitters directly impacted by harvest operations</p> <p>1.2a.1 Increase mill recovery by 14% of the logs at the mill site</p>

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<p><b>6. Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development</b> - Society's responsibility for sustainable forest management requires that fair, equitable, and effective forest management decisions are made. Sustainable forest management requires that</p>				
<p>(6a) Forests are managed in ways that reflect social values, and management is responsive to changes in those values</p>	<p>1. Social values</p>	<p>1.1 To be responsive to the social values identified by the FMAC and other publics</p>	<p>1.1a. Topics in the current Issue List (compiled by the FMAC since inception) are addressed by the Company to the Committee's satisfaction</p> <p>1.1b. The number of Canfor responses to written letters, or public meeting issues</p>	<p>1.1a.1 100% of the topics in the Issue List, as of June 30, 2000 are addressed to the Committee's satisfaction by the submission date of the DFMP</p> <p>1.1b.1 100% of public issues received after November 1999 are tracked and responded to by Canfor</p>

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(6b) Duly established aboriginal and treaty rights are respected	1. Understand and respect treaty and Aboriginal rights	1.1 Avoid infringement of treaty and Aboriginal rights	1.1a. Amount of opportunity for input by Aboriginal peoples	1.1a.1 To provide increased opportunities for input  1.1a.2 To be responsive to Aboriginal input

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(6c) The special and unique needs of Aboriginal peoples are respected and accommodated in forest management decisions	1. Understand and respect Aboriginal special needs	<p>1.1 Effective consultation with Aboriginals</p> <p>1.2 To be open to the development of partnerships and working arrangements with Aboriginals that are based on good, sound business practices and are mutually beneficial</p> <p>1.3 Respect special cultural and historic sites</p>	<p>1.1a. Early consultation prior to decisions being made</p> <p>1.2a. Employment and business opportunities</p> <p>1.3a. Location of special cultural and historic sites</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To develop and implement early consultation</p> <p>1.2a.1 To identify present and future employment and business opportunities</p> <p>1.3a.1 Re-assess the status of the existing Archaeological and Historical Overview Assessment that was completed on the FMA area and update, if necessary</p>

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(6d) The decision-making process is developed with input from directly affected and local interested parties.	1. Public input	1.1 To proactively involve directly affected and local interested parties in the development of the decision-making process	1.1a Approved terms of reference for the FMAC	1.1a.1 To conduct the activities of the FMAC according to the Terms of Reference



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<p>(6f) Collective understanding of forest ecosystems, values, and management is increased and used in the decision-making process.</p>	<p>1 Knowledge of forest ecosystems and processes</p>	<p>1.1 To use adaptive management to improve the knowledge regarding ecological processes and the natural historic and current disturbance patterns for each ecosystem, and to apply this knowledge to management of the resources within the FMA area</p>	<p>1.1a. The degree to which the actual field performance aligns with the DFMP</p>	<p>1.1a.1 To produce a Forest Stewardship Report, every 5 years, as a measure of accountability to the public of management effectiveness</p> <p>1.1a.2 To validate Canfor's assumptions and test new theories to improve our knowledge of forest ecosystems by conducting on-going research</p>