

APPENDIX C: Introduction Letters to Aboriginal Communities



MILLAR WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.

WHITECOURT WOOD PRODUCTS DIVISION

November 27, 2006

Carrie Avveduti
Alexander First Nation
P.O. Box 3419
Morinville, Alberta T8R 1S3

Dear Ms. Avveduti:

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Thank you for your consideration. Please call me at (780) 778-2221, ext. 2134, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Yours truly,

Jonathan Russell
Whitecourt Woodlands Manager

5004 - 52 Street Whitecourt, Alberta, Canada T7S 1N2
Tel: 780.778.2221 Fax: 780.778.4631



Date: _____

Jonathan Russell
Woodlands Manager
Whitecourt Wood Products Division
5004 – 52 St. Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1N2

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your recent letter, offering to present details of your 2007-2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan to our council. On behalf of the Alexander First Nation, I would like to formally decline your offer for now; however, we will contact your organization, should we have any questions or wish to enhance our level of participation in your forest management activities at a later date.

Yours truly,

Name and Title

- Please add me to your Stakeholder Registry, so I can receive regular updates on your forest management activities, including invitations to participate in public consultations:

Name, Title, Organization (Please print):

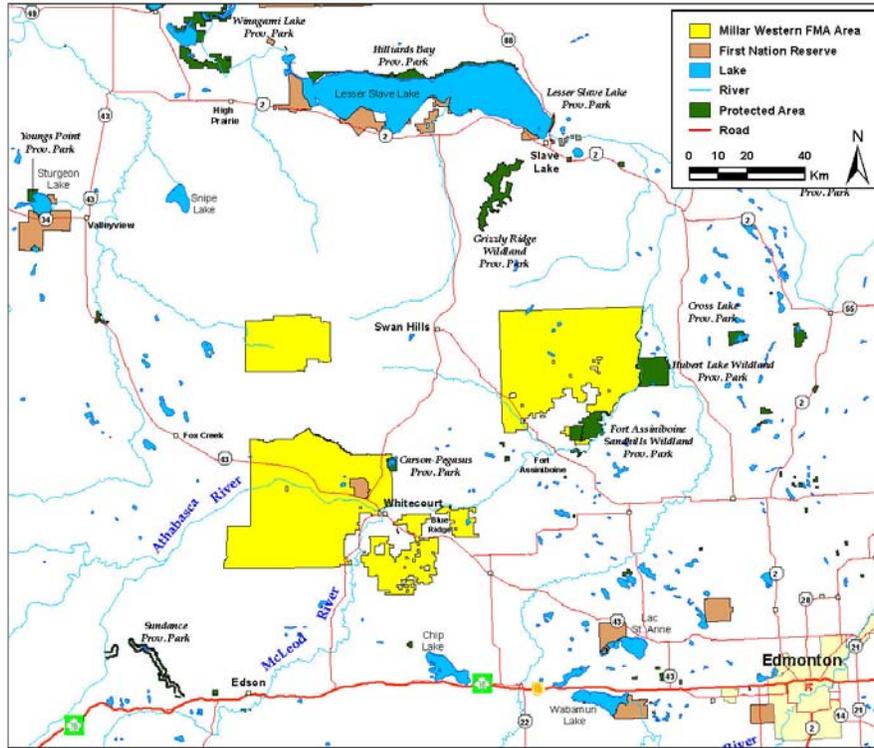
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FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (FMA) AREA





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November 27, 2006

Allen Willier
Chief Executive Advisor
Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council
P.O. Box 269
Slave Lake, Alberta T0G 2A0

Dear Mr. Willier:

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Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your recent letter, offering to present details of your 2007-2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan to our council. On behalf of the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council, I would like to formally decline your offer for now; however, we will contact your organization, should we have any questions or wish to enhance our level of participation in your forest management activities at a later date.

Yours truly,

Name and Title

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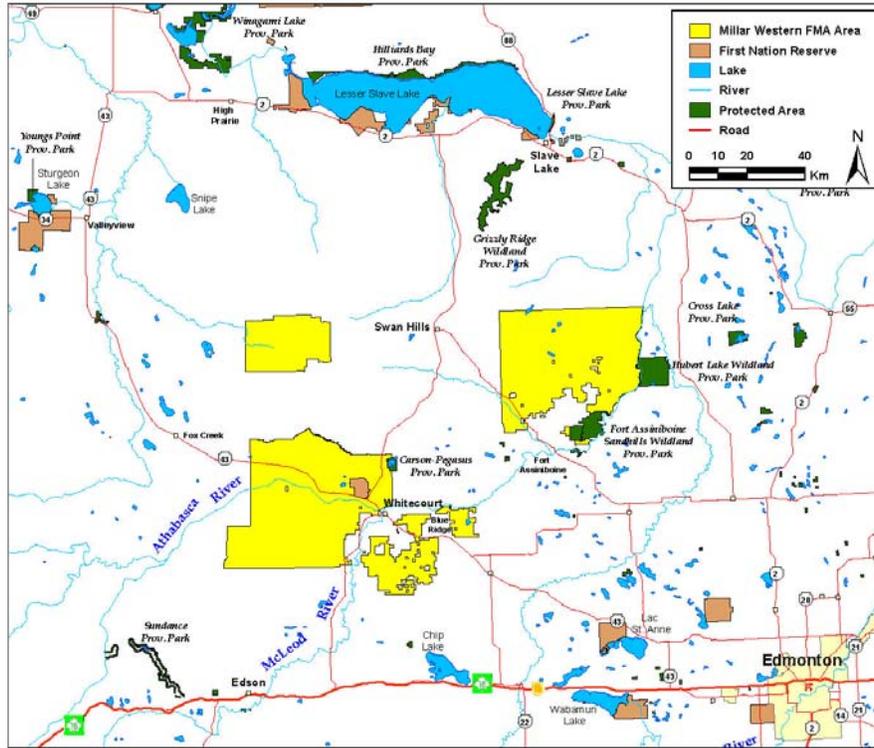
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WHITECOURT WOOD PRODUCTS DIVISION

November 27, 2006

Chief Richard Kappo
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
P.O. Box 757
Valleyview, Alberta
T0H 3N0

Dear Chief Kappo:

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5004 – 52 St. Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1N2

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for your recent letter, offering to present details of your 2007-2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan to our council. On behalf of the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, I would like to formally decline your offer for now; however, we will contact your organization, should we have any questions or wish to enhance our level of participation in your forest management activities at a later date.

Yours truly,

Name and Title

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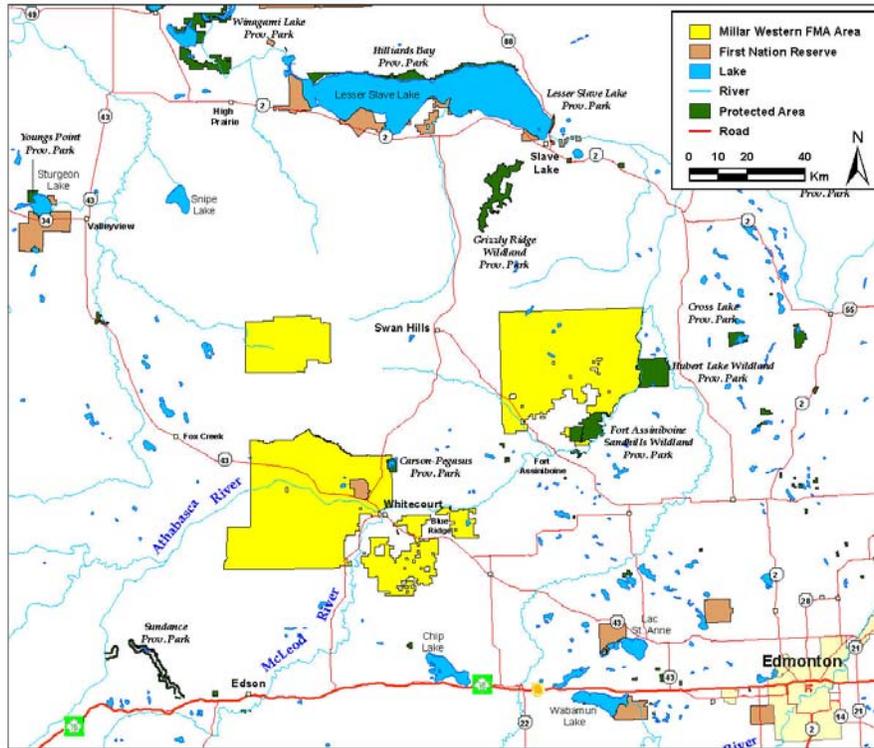
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APPENDIX D: 2004 Open House Brochure



Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.



Sustainable Forest Management

Your Role Your Opportunity Your Voice

"Many forest products companies seek to achieve sustainability by looking at the landscape pattern and intensity of their harvests. Millar Western raises the bar by funding, evaluating and applying a sound basis for sustaining all ecosystem functions in the landscape perspective."

**Dr. Sandy Terry, Research Hydrologist,
U.S. Forest Service**

"I have been impressed by the ambition, professionalism and thoroughness of the Millar Western Detailed Forest Management Plan. Together with their adaptive management approach, the plan puts Millar Western on the front line with respect to long-term, sustainable forest management, encompassing natural, social and economic values."

**Dr. Harald Sverdrup
Professor of Chemical Engineering
Lund University, Lund, Sweden**

"Millar Western is a scientific leader, not only nationally but internationally, in forest management. The company's commitment to integrating watershed processes, as well as biodiversity, social and climate changes, in the planning process is leading-edge work--a source of Canadian pride."

**Dr. Elie Prepas
Canadian Research Chair
in Sustainable Water Management**

A Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) describes a forest company's strategies for managing natural resources within a Forest Management Agreement area over a 10-year period. All plans developed in Alberta must include an analysis of timber supply that incorporates environmental, economic and social objectives for resource management, and must propose practices and harvest levels that are sustainable over the long term.

In preparing its management plans, Millar Western has gone beyond traditional expectations. The company's current DFMP, in effect to 2006, incorporates protection of elements such as biodiversity, soil and water quality, wildlife habitat, recreational uses and heritage values. Its new plan for 2006-2016 will go further, considering the possible impacts of changes in climate, human population, wildfire and multiple resource extraction — considerations that fall outside the direct control of the forest industry, but have long-term implications for forest sustainability.

Pushing beyond the traditional boundaries of land use planning in Alberta, Millar Western has forged new standards for sustainable forest management. Bringing new issues forward through the current planning process will provide important information for public debate, and a platform for changing the way we manage our resources for the future.

Millar Western invites you to join in discussions on how best to sustain forest resources for future generations. Please take advantage of the opportunities provided for public input into our planning process.

Public Open House
November 24, 2004
Whitecourt Travelodge, 3-9 p.m.

Inquiries
To pose questions to our forest managers, call Planning Supervisor Ray Hlits at 780-778-2221 ext 2104.

Access to related documents
The Guide to Millar Western's 1997-2006 DFMP, 1997-2001 Stewardship Report, current issues of our 2006-2016 DFMP Newsletter, and other company information available at www.millarwestern.com under Publications.

APPENDIX E: Alexis Open House Poster



Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.

Alexis and Millar Western: Working together

Alexis community members are invited to
Two Information Sessions
on
January 11, 2006
at
Alexis Hall

**1-3 pm: FEDA
(Alexis/Millar Western Forestry and Economic Development Agreement)**

Come learn more about our partnership agreement, and the employment, training, scholarship and forest management input opportunities it provides. Your participation can strengthen the value FEDA delivers to the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

**3-8 pm: DFMP and AOP
(Detailed Forest Management Plan and Annual Operating Plan)**

Here's a chance to join in discussions about Millar Western's proposed 10-year and 1-year plans for harvest, reforestation and research activities. Your input is needed on decisions regarding the management of timber, wildlife, water and other forest values.

*The forest is a key part of your community — please join us October 17 to learn more about it. Light refreshments will be served, and Millar Western and Alexis people will be on hand to answer your questions. **Let's get together!***

APPENDIX F: 2006 Open House Advertising

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An opportunity like this only comes along once every 10 years.



Public consultation is a main ingredient of our forest management plans. As well as asking for your input into our annual operating plans, we also seek your participation in the development of our 10-year Detailed Forest Management Plans (DFMP). As we prepare our 2007-2016 DFMP, we'd like to hear your thoughts on our proposed spatial harvesting sequences, which outline where we plan to harvest timber over the next decade. To review these plans and talk to the people developing them, come to our open house:

**MILLAR WESTERN
DFMP OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006
6:00 - 9:00 PM
WHITECOURT TRAVELODGE**

It's your chance to have your say.

Or visit our virtual open house:
www.millarwestern.com/openhouse



For more information, contact (780) 486-8270.

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MILLAR WESTERN DFMP OPEN HOUSES

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

SWAN HILLSTOWN OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

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It's your chance to have your say.

Or visit our virtual open house:
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Forests are many things to many people. Millar Western Forest Products work to incorporate all forest values into their 10-year detailed forest management plans. To find out more, attend an open house from 6 to 9 PM at the Council Chambers in the Swan Hills Town Office on March 14th, the Fort Assiniboine Friendship Museum on March 15th or the Whitecourt Travel Lodge on March 16th. An opportunity like this only comes along every 10 years, so don't miss it. For more information, visit millarwestern.com.

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APPENDIX G: 2006 Open House Invitation Letter



MILLAR WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS LTD.

Tel: 780.486.8200 Fax: 780.486.8282

March 7, 2006

Dear Stakeholder:

Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. is developing its detailed forest management plan (DFMP) for 2007-2016. To provide information to and seek feedback from the public, we will be holding a series of open houses this month, to introduce our spatial harvesting sequences, which outline the location of our timber harvesting over the next 10 years. We would like to invite you to attend, to review our plans, talk to the people who developed them, and provide your input. With our last DFMP, Millar Western set a new standard in the province for comprehensive, multi-value forest management planning. To help us make our next 10-year plan even better, and to ensure it reflects your values and priorities, please join us at any of the following venues:

Open House Dates and Locations

- Tuesday, March 14
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Swan Hills, Council Chambers in Town Office
- Wednesday, March 15
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Fort Assiniboine, Fort Assiniboine Friendship Centre
- Thursday, March 16
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Whitecourt, Whitecourt Travelodge

If you're unable to stop by for conversation and refreshments at any of these casual, drop-in events, we suggest that you visit our virtual open house at www.millarwestern.com/openhouse. Starting March 13, you will be able to review open house materials on line, as well as send us your comments and suggestions. Any input received by the end of March 2006 will be addressed within the final submission we make to the Government of Alberta later this year.

On behalf of everyone at Millar Western, I would like to thank you for your interest in the planning that precedes our work in the forest. If you have any questions, please call Jonathan Russell at (780) 486-8227 or Ray Hiltz at (780) 778-2221, ext. 2104. And please feel free to pass this invitation along to others you know who are interested in learning more about forest issues.

Yours truly,

Trevor Wakelin
Director, Fibre Resources

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16640 - 111 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T5M 2S5

Mailing Address:
Bag Service 2200, Edmonton, Alberta
Canada T5J 4W2

APPENDIX H: 2006 Open House Posters

COMPANY PROFILE

ALBERTA-BASED MILLAR WESTERN is one of the largest privately-owned forest products companies in Western Canada. In addition to a fulltime workforce of over 600, the company also employs hundreds of seasonal contractors to carry out logging and reforestation activities, making it a major employer in northern Alberta. Each year, the company harvests approximately 1.3 million m³ of softwood and hardwood to meet the fibre requirements of lumber and pulp operations in Whitecourt and a sawmill in Boyle. Annually, these facilities produce a total of 305 million board feet of dimension lumber and 300,000 air-dried metric tonnes of bleached chemi-thermo mechanical pulp (DCTMP), for shipment to customers in Canada and around the world.

OUR OPERATIONS



Whitecourt Pulp Mill - Opened in 1996, the mill produces approximately 300,000 air-dried metric tonnes of softwood and hardwood pulp annually, using hardwood timber and residual softwood chips from the company's neighboring sawmill.



Boyle Sawmill - Purchased in 1983, the facility was re-opened after extensive upgrades and today produces up to 136 million board feet of SPF dimension lumber each year.



Whitecourt Sawmill - The high-speed, high efficiency sawmill, built in 2001 on the same site where the company has operated a succession of sawmills since 1922, produces about 270 million board feet of spruce-pine-fir (SPF) dimension lumber annually.



Woodlands - Our Woodlands operations in Whitecourt and Boyle are responsible for all forest management activities involved in meeting our timber needs while protecting non-timber values and sustaining a healthy forest for the future.

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FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

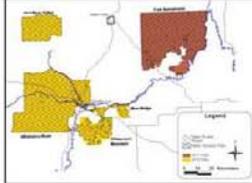
IN THE LATE 1980s, the Alberta Government started granting Forest Management Areas (FMA) more frequently as a preferred form of forest tenure. FMA allocate timber from Crown lands to specific forest companies. These agreements, which are renewable, outline the rights and obligations of both the company and the government in managing the FMA area for a defined period, usually 20 years. The advantage of an FMA over the shorter-term quota system is that it provides a forest company with enhanced security of timber supply, which encourages longer term planning and greater investment both in manufacturing and in forest management. As part of their agreements with the government, FMA holders are responsible for most of the costs associated with managing the land base, including planning, consultation, road building, reclamation, replanting and forest tending. Today, responsibility for forest management on the majority of Alberta's forested land that is publicly owned has been allocated among 20 FMA holders, as shown in Figure 4.

Active in the forest industry since the 1920s, Millar Western was granted its first FMA in 1987. The original FMA, shown in gold on Figure 2, was expanded in 2002 to include the W11 Forest Management Unit north of Fort Assiniboine, shown in brown.

FIG. 1 FMA_s IN ALBERTA



FIG. 2 MILLAR WESTERN FMA



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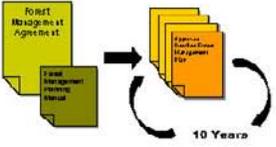
DETAILED FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (DFMP)

ONE OF MILLAR WESTERN'S FMA REQUIREMENTS is that it complete a Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) every 10 years. The DFMP must be developed according to sustainable forest management principles and cover a planning horizon of 200 years. To provide the forest industry with planning direction, the Alberta Government created a forest management planning manual that outlines what must be considered and included in the DFMP. Once a draft DFMP is completed, it is submitted to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development for approval.

What exactly is a DFMP? Simply put, a DFMP describes how much timber a company will harvest, and from where, over a 20-year timeframe. It also indicates how many trees will be replanted, to ensure that the annual allowable cut (AAC) – the amount of timber harvested each year – is sustainable. In its DFMP, Millar Western must demonstrate, through research and computer modeling and analysis, that the land base within its TMA will be able to yield as much timber in 2008 as it does today. As well as timber supply, it must encompass the full range of forest values and characteristics – from soil and water quality to historical artifacts; from wildlife habitat to recreational opportunities. In fact, the DFMP is so comprehensive that it takes two to three years to complete and involves a planning team numbering in the dozens, including foresters, scientists, government representatives and stakeholders like you.



A DFMP outlines all forest management activities, including harvesting and forest regeneration, while considering forest values such as wildlife, historical and recreational.



MILLAR WESTERN 2007-2016 DFMP 

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DFMP - NOT JUST A HARVESTING PLAN

THERE'S MORE TO A FOREST THAN TREES. We know that forests have many characteristics that are important to Albertans – an abundance of wildlife, old-growth tree stands, streams for fishing and trails for hiking... the list goes on. Part of the DFMP development process requires that we identify values that need to be addressed within the forest profile. To accomplish this objective, Millar Western has put together a development team of leading experts and researchers in fields such as water-way management, biodiversity and wildlife habitat to help define, locate and maintain these important forest values.

In addition, we consult broadly with stakeholders such as recreational groups, trappers, other industrial users, aboriginal communities and the general public, to ensure their values also are reflected in the final plan. Given the size and complexity of the land base, this is an extremely labor-intensive undertaking, but one that results in a plan to sustain a healthy, multi-value forest that can generate economic benefits while preserving the other forest characteristics we value as a society.



A TEAM EFFORT



MILLAR WESTERN 2007-2016 DFMP 

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TOWARD A PREFERRED FOREST MANAGEMENT SCENARIO

THE OUTCOME OF ALL THE ANALYSIS AND CONSULTATION is a Preferred Forest Management Scenario (PFMS) that reflects the most satisfactory balance among all the values Millar Western is trying to accommodate within its FMA land base. This scenario sets targets for various forest values (e.g. minimum acceptable level of old-growth forest or the size of buffers along lakes and streams) against which Millar Western will be measured for the next 10 years. The PFMS also includes the Spatial Harvest Sequence (SHS), which specifies where the company will be harvesting over the next 20 years.

Following government approval of the draft DFMP, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and Millar Western will sit down to develop a set of Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules. This document outlines the operational planning and field practices that Millar Western must follow when implementing the PFMS and SHS. The rules are measurable and form the basis for SRD audits.

As well as a 10-year DFMP, Millar Western must also submit an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) to SRD for approval each year. Developed under the auspices of the DFMP, the AOP details all forest management activities that the company will be undertaking over the next 12 months, including tree planting, site preparation, herbicide application, timber harvesting, and stream crossings, and road construction. Each year, Millar Western holds open houses to enable the public to review and comment on these plans, as well.

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MILLAR WESTERN 2007-2016 DFMP

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC CONSULTATION is vital to ensuring that Millar Western's forest management plans reflect community priorities. For this reason, the DFMP process includes several mechanisms aimed at gathering public input, as outlined below. Millar Western strongly encourages the public to take advantage of these opportunities, to help sustain strong multiple-value forests, for all users, for all time.

DFMP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GROUP - Formed in 2004 to assist with the development of Millar Western's 2007-2010 DFMP, the PPG has been instrumental in identifying forest values and raising issues for both Millar Western and the Alberta Government to consider. Composed of residents from in and around Millar Western's Forest Management Agreement (FMA) area (see below), the members have given voice to a wide range of issues, all of which will be addressed in the final DFMP, scheduled for completion in late 2008. Members of the community can make their own questions and issues known to the DFMP Public Participation Group by writing to them care of Millar Western.

Colin Berg - Public Citizen	Ken Porter - Alexander Forest Services
Leann Carson - Woodlands County	Don Price - Burlington Resources
Deb Ethney - Local Logging Contractor	Carmelle Seabrook - Public Citizen
Dale Hobbs - Town of Swan Hills	Trevor Train - Town of Whitecourt
Alex Manweiler - Trailblazers Snowmobile Club	

OPEN HOUSES - Open houses like this one have been scheduled at key stages in the DFMP development process. They are specifically designed to provide information about the forest management planning process and solicit input from the public. Watch your local newspapers, or visit www.millarwestern.com, for details.

OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US - You can contact us through our website or by writing to the DFMP leader:

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 Chief Forester
 Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.
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 Edmonton, Alberta, T6J 4W2
jrussell@millarwestern.com

MILLAR WESTERN 2007-2016 DFMP

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

PPG ISSUES LIST

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GROUP has been a key component of the DFMP planning process. The PPG members, representing various communities and interest groups, have been actively engaged in identifying important forest values and issues, some of which are listed below. Issues raised by the PPG and the public at large will be documented and addressed in the final DFMP submission to the Alberta Government.

- **Overlapping territories** – how can the public know who is accountable for work taking place in areas where many different companies, forest and non-forest, are active?
- **Rules outside of FMA** – what rules apply to Millar Western when its work goes outside of FMA?
- **Monitoring** – how does the Alberta Government monitor and enforce its legislation and regulations?
- **Reporting** – who should the public contact to report land-use problems or Crown lands?
- **Planning time frame** – is the 10-year planning period too long given rapid developments in land use impacts, such as climate change, population growth, oil and gas activity, and wildfire?
- **Mountain Pine Beetle** – how much do mountain pine beetle infestations affect Millar Western's harvesting plans?
- **Old growth** – what is Millar Western doing to sustain old-growth forests? Are our forests sustainable considering pressures to sustain values such as gaming licenses, forest aesthetics, spiritual values and biodiversity?
- **Access management** – how do we balance the right of public access vs. the need to protect wildlife habitat, biodiversity, etc?
- **Herbicides** – why does Millar Western sometimes use herbicides in its forested activities?
- **Buffer management** – what is being done to maintain the riparian habitat of rivers and riparian areas?
- **Scenicization** – what is being done to mitigate negative effects of a pre-planting soil treatment practice on riparian wildlife?
- **Site selection for planting** – what does Millar Western decide when it will plant the downy woodline species?
- **Debris management** – what is Millar Western's strategy for downed woody debris management? Are there any commercial applications for wood waste or biomass chips?



Millar Western's Sustainable Forestry Group members are partners in our commitment to the big picture.

MILLAR WESTERN 2007-2016 DFMP

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

OTHER STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

AB ORIGINAL INVOLVEMENT - In 2004, Millar Western entered into a Forestry and Economic Development Agreement (FEA) with the Alexis Nacota Sioux Nation, agreeing to work together for the responsible development of forest resources. As part of the agreement, an Environmental Co-Stewardship Committee (ECSC) was formed to review and guide Millar Western's operations in the Alexis's traditional territory and to provide input into the development of Millar Western's DFMP. Through the ECSC, the Alexis Nation will view multiple plan levels, working with Millar Western to identify issues that will need to be considered as the DFMP evolves.

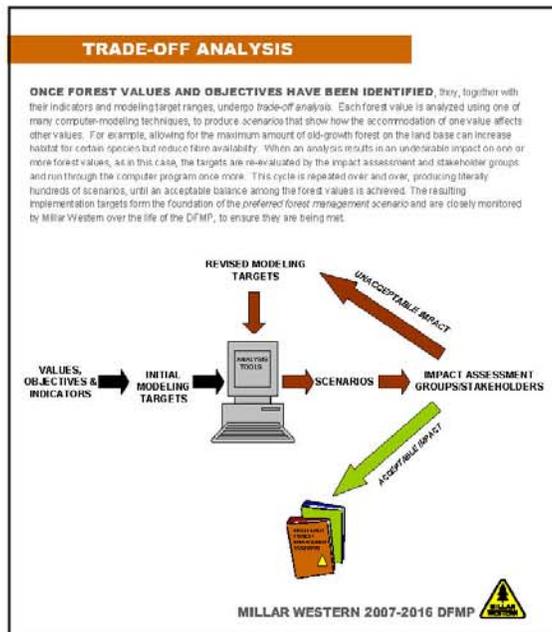
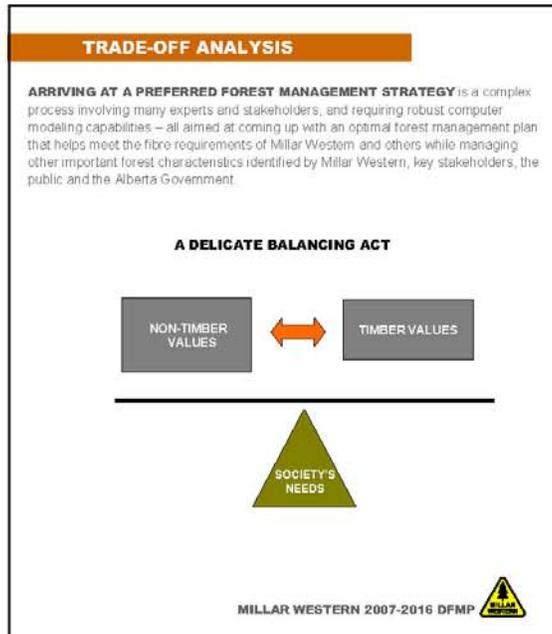


For Sustainable Forestry, Millar Western, Alexis Nacota Sioux Nation, and other partners work together to develop the FEA.

REGIONAL FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Some years ago, forest companies operating around Whitecourt decided to come together to address long term, publicly driven land use issues in a more coordinated fashion. This resulted in the formation of the Regional Forest Advisory Committee (RFAC), which provides input to Blue Ridge Lumber, ANC Timber, Mosbrow Lumber and Millar Western. The RFAC has assisted in the identification of local forest values and served as an important sounding board for Millar Western throughout the DFMP development process.

SWAN HILLS FOREST COMMUNICATIONS GROUP - Like the RFAC, the Swan Hill Forest Communications Group represents a joint forest industry effort to address public concerns about forestry operations in the Swan Hills area. Formed in 2004, the group, which includes representation from several forest companies and Sustainable Resource Development, as well as local residents and interest groups, has become an effective venue for sharing information, identifying forest values, and discussing matters of mutual concern to the forest companies working in the Swan Hills area and the people who live there.

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SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A SCENARIO IS COMPLEX, because so many values are considered. To be included in a scenario, a value must have indicators that are quantifiable – that can be measured – and that can be grouped into one of two categories: land base or yield.

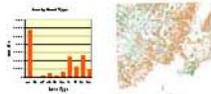
LAND BASE

Land-based characteristics are the static attributes of a specific area that can be mapped. They include, but aren't limited to, the following:

- Forested vs. non-forested lands
- Stand types
- Roads, privately-owned lands, and industrial leases
- Non-forestry industrial sites
- Fire-affected areas
- Lakes, rivers and streams
- Watersheds
- Compartments and other administrative units

The land-base classification process brings together a great deal of information about the FMA and surrounding areas and determines the portion of the land base that is available for forest management activities (managed vs. unmanaged). Areas can be excluded from the managed land base, for several reasons – because they are not forested or because they are protected, adjacent to watercourses or important wildlife habitat, to name a few.

Two examples of land-base characteristics are provided below: a chart showing the amount of forest by stand type and a map showing the distribution of cover groups across the landscape.

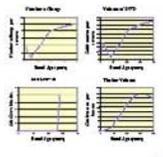


YIELD

Yield characteristics are the dynamic attributes of a specific area that change over time. They include, but aren't limited to, the following:

- Number of snags
- Volume of down woody debris
- Old-growth characteristics
- Timber volume

Whereas land base characteristics are more permanent, yield characteristics are usually rapidly changing and typically associated with the age of a stand. Yield characteristics can be different for different stand types. For example, an area rich with white spruce trees (a land-base characteristic) will have more timber volume (a yield characteristic) than an open pine stand of the same age on dry soil. An aspen stand (land-base) will exhibit old-growth characteristics (yield) at a younger age than black spruce. More examples are provided below.



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SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

...THE REST OF THE SCENARIO INPUTS

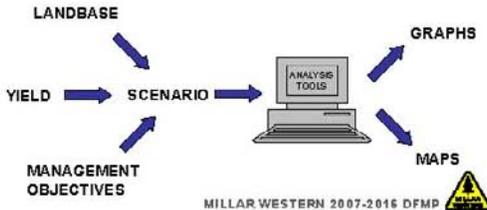
MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES ARE THE THIRD AND FINAL INPUT CONSIDERED and include all of the assumptions that are made to execute the forest value trade-off. Also referred to as the *allowing targets*, these objectives describe what is required from the forest, either as a feature to maintain (e.g. an area of old forest) or a product that is desired (e.g. merchantable timber). Typically, land-base and yield characteristics are manipulated to achieve these objectives.

For this DFMP, Millar Western has divided the FMA into two units based on their location and history: Forest Management Unit (FMU) W11 is located north of the town of Ft. Assiniboine, and FMU W12 is located north, west and south of the town of Whitecourt. Each unit will have its own set of management objectives and must be shown to be sustainable for both timber and non-timber values.

It is the unique combination of land-base, yield and management objectives that form a scenario. With the help of computer modeling, our planners can look far into the future, 200 years in fact, to ensure that the values we're interested in today are maintained into tomorrow.

AND THE OUTPUTS ARE.....

The process produces two main outputs: graphs showing indicator levels for the next 200 years and a listing of the stands selected for harvest for the next 20 years (spatial harvest sequence). The list of stands is mapped to show where forest operations will be occurring. Although only the first 10 years will be harvested under the 2007-2016 DFMP, we look further into the future, to ensure that there will be continuity while the next plan is being developed. When the preferred forest management scenario is finalized, the outputs will become the targets for the next 10 years.



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OUTCOMES

WHILE THE DFMP IS STILL UNDER DEVELOPMENT, we would like to share the results of some scenarios that we are currently working on. With the land-base and yield inputs nearing completion, the focus is on finalizing management objectives. Once the trade-off analysis has been performed, then the preferred forest management scenario will be ready for review. At this open house, we are focusing on the Millar Western Baseline scenario and two scenarios designed to demonstrate the impacts of a potential mountain pine beetle infestation.

MILLAR WESTERN BASELINE SCENARIOS

The Millar Western Baseline is the closest scenario we have today to the preferred forest management scenario. It incorporates the most recent information that has been provided by the researchers and experts, and considers both timber and non-timber values. But there is still a long way to go, with many scenarios yet to be produced before Millar Western is ready to settle on a preferred management scenario. So as you review both the graphs and spatial harvest sequence maps that follow, remember that the results we are sharing with you today represent our best guess as to what our preferred scenario will look like but that the final result could be significantly different.

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE SCENARIOS

Mountain pine beetle is considered the most destructive forest pest in Western Canada. It can, when aided by blue stain fungi, kill pine trees within a few weeks of attack. It is native to western North America and is currently ravaging many forests in British Columbia, with some 8.5 million hectares of B.C. forest in red-attack stage in 2006. The beetle has been found on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, putting Alberta at risk as well. Sustained temperatures of -25 degrees Celsius in the fall and spring and -40 Celsius in the winter are required to control populations, making recent mild winters concerning.

Since pine trees are integral to the Millar Western's FMA, Millar Western is considering proactive strategies for dealing with the threat of mountain pine beetle. In the event of a mountain pine beetle infestation, harvesting activities will focus on mature lodgepole pine stands, to control the spread of the beetle. This is a significant departure from the Millar Western Baseline spatial harvest sequence, which would see pine harvested at a much lower rate.

Maps for two mountain pine beetle management strategies are presented for your review:

MPB Scenario 1 - Maintain the Millar Western Baseline harvest levels, but harvest mostly pine stands.

MPB Scenario 2 - Increase the harvest level for 10 years to remove all the currently mature pine stands. This scenario was necessary for only FMU W13.

Photo courtesy of BC Government



An adult (2/3rd size) bee.



Aerial view of a lodgepole pine forest in British Columbia.



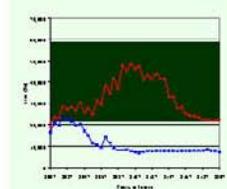
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OUTCOMES

FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT W11

MILLAR WESTERN BASELINE SCENARIO OUTPUTS

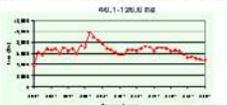
AREA OF OLD FOREST



FOR THE GROSS FORESTED LAND BASE (the red line), there are about 10,000 ha of old forest at the start of the DFMP period in 2007. Until about 2107, the area of old forest increases. Then, due to natural succession, trees within the old stands start to die, leaving room for younger trees to grow. At this point, these stands are no longer considered old forest. Eventually, by about 2107, the area of old forest levels off. Except for the first few years, the total area of old forest is within the natural range of variation, or what you would expect if there were no human intervention.

IT IS WITHIN THE MANAGED LAND BASE (the blue line), that almost all of the old forest area can be found at the start of the DFMP. For about 20 years (2007-2027) the area of old forest increases, but soon more old forest areas are harvested than are growing old. The area of old forest becomes stable around 2027 and is maintained at a relatively constant level until 2207.

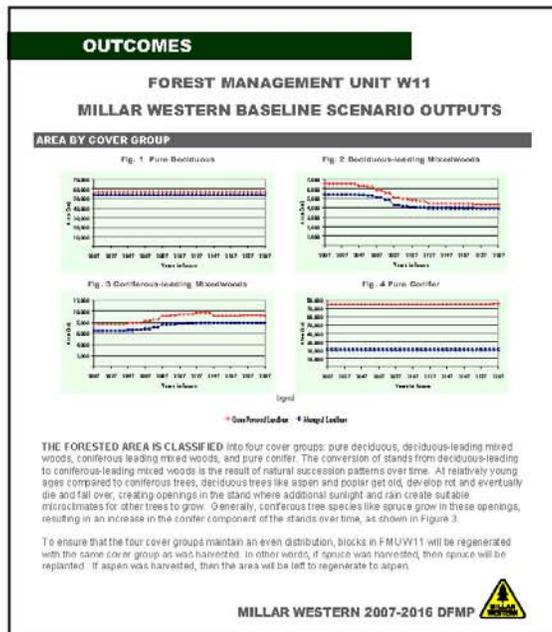
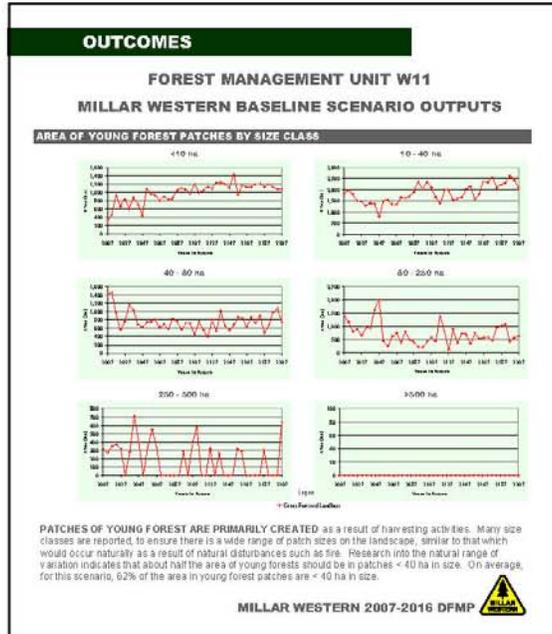
AREA OF OLD FOREST PATCHES BY SIZE CLASS

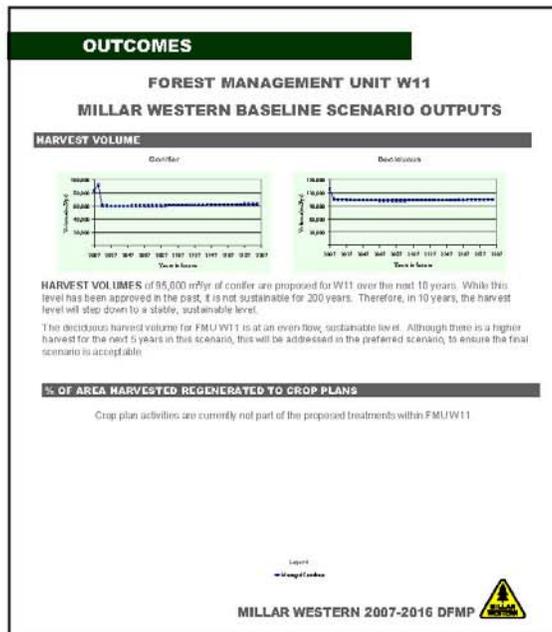
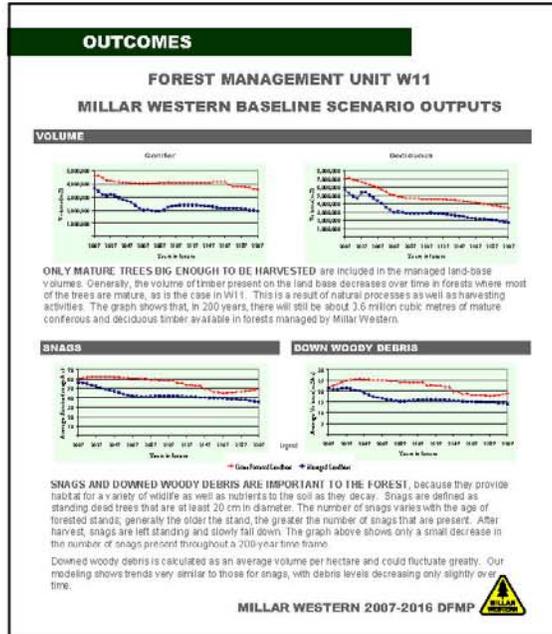


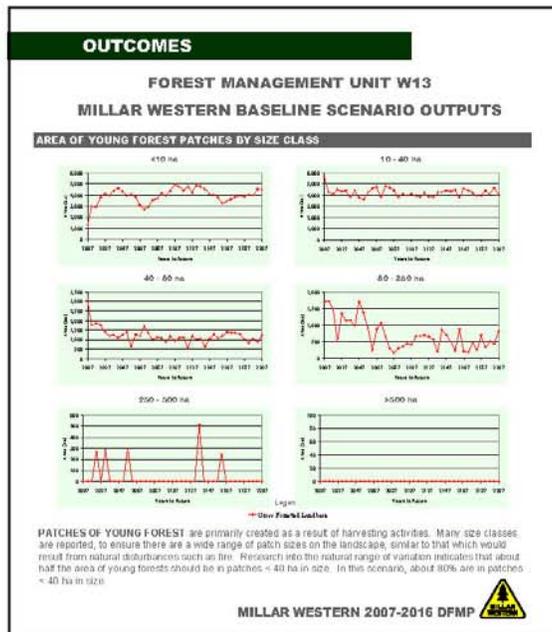
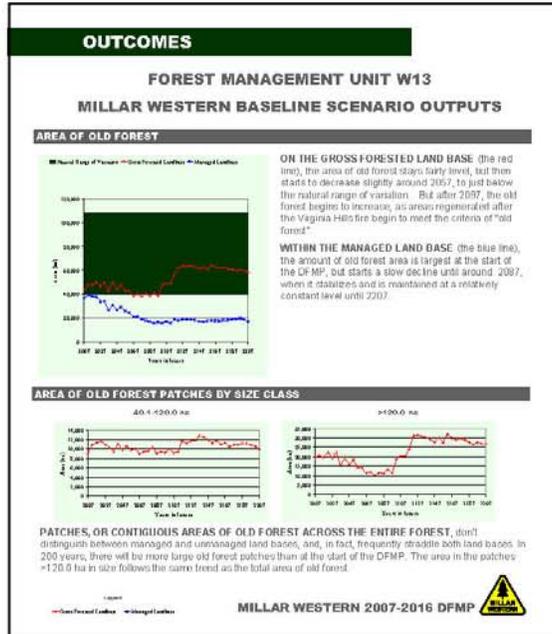


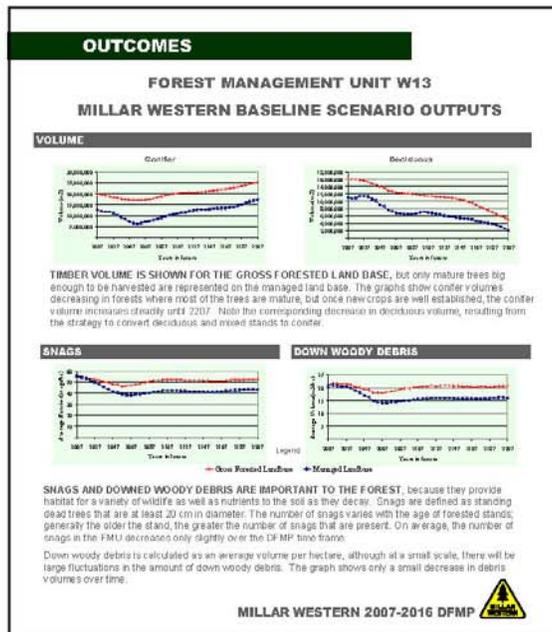
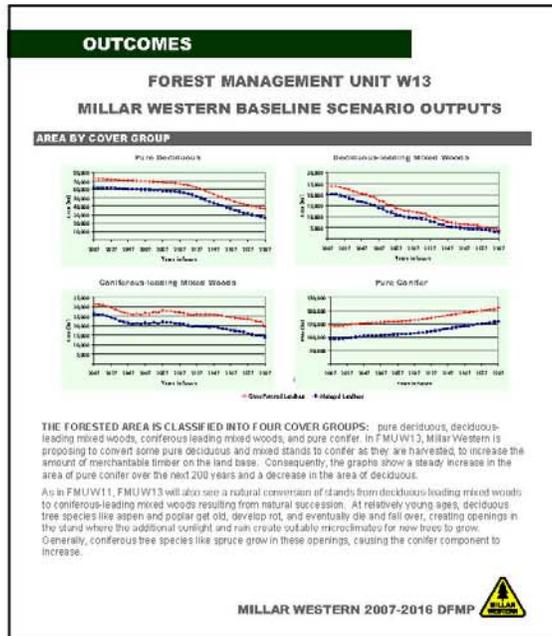
OLD FOREST PATCHES ARE CONTIGUOUS AREAS of old forest that extend across the entire land base. Patches don't distinguish between managed and unmanaged areas; frequently, in fact, a patch will straddle both. Generally, our objective is to try to ensure that the gross land base reflects patch sizes that would occur naturally, without any human intervention. These graphs show that in 2100 years these will be close to the same area of large old forest patches as there are at the start of the DFMP timeframe. The area of patches >120.0 ha in size follows the same trend as the total area of old forest.

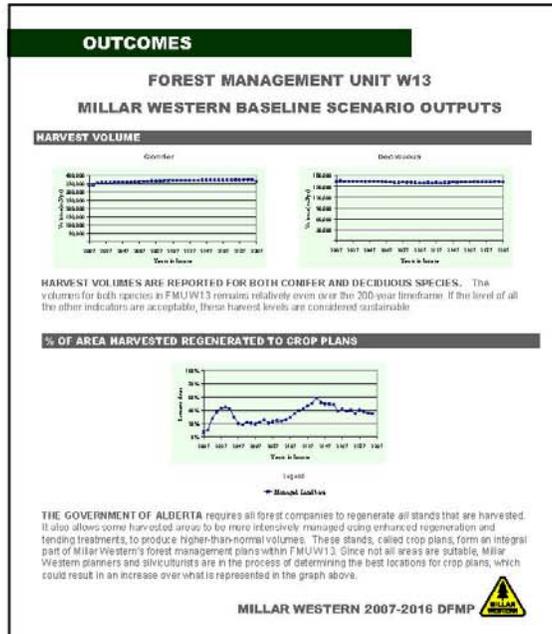
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NEXT STEPS

	<u>TARGET</u>
1. HOLD OPEN HOUSES	MAR 2006
2. FINALIZE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS	JUN 2006
3. CHOOSE PREFERRED MANAGEMENT SCENARIO	AUG 2006
4. SUBMIT DRAFT 2007-2016 DFMP TO ALBERTA GOV'T	NOV 2006
5. SUBMIT FINAL 2007-2016 DFMP TO ALBERTA GOV'T	MAY 2007
6. PRESENT FINAL DFMP TO PUBLIC	SPRING 2007
7. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	MAY 2007
8. PLAN APPROVAL	AUG 2007

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APPENDIX I: Non-advertising Media Submissions



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March 2, 2006

Millar Western seeks public input into 10-year forest management plan

Edmonton—Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. will be holding a series of community open houses in March, to unveil its spatial harvesting sequence plans, which outline where it intends to cut timber over the next 10 years, and solicit public input before the plans are finalized. The harvesting sequences will form part of the company's draft 2007-2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP), which will be submitted to the Alberta Government later this year.

As well as reviewing proposed harvesting sequences, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about the comprehensive DFMP planning process -- hearing from company staff about the issues Millar Western takes into consideration, the forest values it aims to accommodate, the research work being done to better understand forest dynamics, and efforts taken to involve a broad range of area residents and other stakeholders. But the main purpose of the open house, says Chief Forester Jonathan Russell, is to hear back from the community. "We are asking the public to come out, talk to us and tell us what is important to them in terms of forest management, so that we can address their priorities in our plans." Russell noted that, although stakeholder groups such as recreational forest users, other industrial users, First Nations and a public participation group have already been consulted, he feels it is important to give all members of the community a chance to become involved. "The forest industry plays a big role in this region, and we want to ensure our neighbours understand and are on board with the directions we're taking," added Russell. "While we are open to public input at all times, these open houses present an ideal opportunity to lay out our long-term plans and give residents a chance to help us chart a course for the next decade."

The company will be holding a series of three open houses from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on the following dates, and all members of the public are welcome:

- **Tuesday, March 14**
Swan Hills, Council Chambers in Town Office
- **Wednesday, March 15**
Fort Assiniboine, Fort Assiniboine Friendship Centre
- **Thursday, March 16**
Whitecourt, Whitecourt Travelodge

Those unable to attend can visit a virtual open house at www.millarwestern.com, where they can view the open-house materials and submit comments to the development team. All feedback received by the end of March will be considered in the final DFMP submission.

Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. is a diversified, Alberta-based forest products company, with sawmills in Whitecourt and Boyle, and a pulp operation in Whitecourt. It also manages and markets the output of a pulp mill in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

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March 24, 2006

Trapping, sustainability among key issues at DFMP open houses

Edmonton--Trapping, forest sustainability, and the threat posed by the mountain pine beetle were some of the issues discussed at the Millar Western Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) open houses, held March 14-16 in the communities of Swan Hills, Ft. Assiniboine and Whitecourt. The open houses, which sought public input into the company's proposed harvesting plans for the next 20 years, drew over 65 people, making them among the best-attended public-consultation events hosted by the company in recent years.

Millar Western Chief Forester Jonathan Russell noted that, while many issues were raised, the impact of industrial activity on trapping topped the list at all three open houses. "We had a strong turnout from trappers, who are increasingly concerned about the combined impact of industries such as oil and gas, forestry and agriculture on fur-bearer populations," said Russell. "While we have already identified species diversity as a forest value, we will work with our planning team, which includes scientists, experts and stakeholders, to see if we can enhance monitoring of species specifically of interest to trappers." Russell welcomed the comments from trappers, adding that they were just the kind of input the DFMP team was seeking through the open houses, as it heads into the final stages of plan development.

Another area of concern among those who attended was the potential impact of the mountain pine beetle, which has been advancing steadily from the B.C. interior into the eastern slopes region of Alberta. Heading off this devastating pest is quickly becoming the Alberta forest industry's priority, says Russell, especially given the above-average temperatures experienced this past winter. Millar Western presented two pine beetle scenarios at its open houses: one that would have harvest levels stay the same but concentrate on pine rather than spruce, and another that would see harvest levels increase up to 30%, to remove all mature pine stands. The company also presented a harvesting scenario in which the pine beetle was not a factor. Which strategy is ultimately approved by the Alberta government will depend on infestation levels and climate. "While a prolonged cold snap could halt the beetle's progression, we're making contingency plans now, in the event the weather doesn't cooperate," says Russell, adding that the industry has to be prepared to act swiftly and decisively to counter this looming threat.

Commenting on the strong attendance at the open houses, Russell said the high interest level reflected increasing activity in Alberta's forests. "There's a lot going on in the forest today, so people are more motivated to come out and learn about the steps that are being taken to accommodate the forest features that matter most to them, whether that be a berry-picking area, hiking trails, a trap line or grizzly habitat." He said that greater activity heightens the need for more consultation and coordination. "Sustainability cannot be achieved unless all forest users work together to understand their cumulative impact on the forest, which is why we are making a concerted effort to reach out to all forest users, through the open houses and other consultation."

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Given the strong response, Millar Western has decided to extend its virtual DFMP open house at www.millarwestern.com/openhouse until the end of April. Visitors are encouraged to review the open house materials and complete an on-line survey, asking their feedback on the materials provided and the company's forest management efforts. All input received will be documented and addressed in a DFMP draft, which will be submitted to government in the fall of 2006 and, pending approval, implemented in the spring of 2007.

A privately held Canadian company producing dimension lumber and high-yield pulps, Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. is recognized as a responsible manager of forest resources and a leader in the application of advanced technology and environmental controls at its manufacturing facilities. The company owns and operates high-efficiency sawmills in Whitecourt and Boyle and a totally chlorine-free bleached chemi-thermomechanical pulp (BCTMP) mill in Whitecourt.

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APPENDIX J: Final Responses to Open House Inquiries



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WHITECOURT WOOD PRODUCTS DIVISION

September 4, 2007

Mr. Del Durstling
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Dear Mr. Durstling:

As a follow-up to our correspondence of July 14, 2006, I would like to provide an update on the status of our 2007-2016 Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP). While held up for a period in order to accommodate new harvest plans responding to the mountain pine beetle incursion, the DFMP is now nearing completion and should be ready for submission to the Alberta government later this summer.

I wish also to provide a more detailed response to the issues you raised at our DFMP open house in the spring of 2006. Further to your suggestion that we delay harvesting until trees in adjacent cutblocks reach at least 12 feet in height, I would like to share with you some of the measures we currently take, to ensure adequate forest cover for fur-bearers. In developing this DFMP, we established an impact assessment group to provide advice on management strategies that would help maintain biodiversity within our operating areas. Using advanced computer modeling techniques, the group looked at the potential impacts of various management strategies, to determine which would be most effective in protecting the wide array of plant and animal species in our forest management area. Their work was used to establish the best sizes for interior forest patches and cutblocks and advise on the placement of cutblocks in relationship to old-growth forest, to ensure that ample, suitable forest cover is available for a wide range of animals. This information was used to develop our preferred forest management strategy, and to guide our activities on the ground.

In addition to using computer simulations to anticipate our impacts on the environment, we also used field assessments and consultation with stakeholder groups, including trappers, to identify wildlife-sensitive sites such as mineral licks, bear dens and natural springs. This information is vital to ensuring that these areas, important to maintaining animal populations, are protected by buffers during and after harvesting. We are also supporting research on species such as grizzly bears and amphibians, so that we can use the results to improve our management of wildlife habitat needs. Our efforts to establish a pine marten nesting-box research project, involving trappers, our own staff and scientists at Lakehead University, recently earned Millar Western the Alberta Trappers' Association's Habitat Gain Award. The pine-marten project arose out of discussions at our DFMP open houses, and serves as an excellent example of how public consultation is helping to drive our management efforts.

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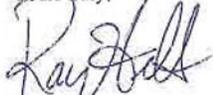


Your last comments had to do with tree utilization, slash loads and understory protection. Tree utilization is dictated by our government-approved timber supply analysis (TSA) that states that all trees must be harvested to a maximum stump height of 30 cm and a minimum stump diameter of six inches, and merchandised to a four-inch top. A merchantable tree must be at least 16 ft in length, and a merchantable log must be at least eight feet and meet the aforementioned diameter standards. While our TSA allows us to take smaller aspen trees on occasion to satisfy the requirements of our pulp mill, this is the exception to the rule. As for slash loads, standards set by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development are written into our operating ground rules, which guide our activities in the forest, to ensure that neither wildlife values nor forest renewal are compromised by heavy debris. These same rules also inform our understory protection measures. Our policy is to protect white spruce understory and, in some cases, balsam fir, which is considered a conditionally acceptable species, in limited quantities, for the purposes of meeting legislated regeneration targets. If you have suggestions on how to improve these measures or see examples where these rules are not being observed, then please call me at (780) 778-2221, ext. 2104, to discuss.

I would like to close by saying that Millar Western takes its role as forest steward seriously and goes to great lengths to assess the landbase and consult with stakeholders. We seek the views of our communities and accommodate their needs where we can, in keeping with our legal rights and obligations regarding harvesting and reforestation, and with the requirements of our mills. There are many instances where we have altered our plans in response to community issues, and we remain open to any thoughts or suggestions any public member may have with respect to our practices

Thank you again for contributing to the DFMP development process. We will add your name to our stakeholder registry, to ensure you remain apprised of our public consultation activities and alerted to future opportunities to provide input.

Yours truly,



Ray Hilts
Planning Manager



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On a related note, we are also involved in a nationally-recognized research project, the Forest Watershed and Riparian Disturbance Project (FORWARD), which is looking at ways in which natural disturbances such as harvesting and fire affect water quantity and quality. Again, this research is critical to understanding the effect we have on riparian areas, so that we can choose management strategies that protect our water bodies, which are so important to maintaining forest health and biodiversity.

As for which harvesting technique we use, we choose from various options, such as clear-cutting, selective harvesting and commercial thinning, based on characteristics of the area and the values we need to protect. We are guided in these decisions by the work of the Biodiversity Assessment Project (BAP) impact assessment group, which uses advanced modeling techniques to determine which harvesting method would be most effective in protecting the wide array of plant and animal species in our forest management area.

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Thank you again for contributing to the DFMP development process. We look forward to your continued contribution through your participation in our newly-formed Public Advisory Committee (PAC), which will play an ongoing role in ensuring that our plans and activities reflect local priorities.

Yours truly,

Ray Hilts
Planning Manager



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Following through on an earlier commitment, I wish also to provide a more detailed response to the issues you raised at our DFMP open house in Swan Hills in the spring of 2006. Millar Western shares your concern about the need to assess not only our own impact on the forest but that of all forest users. For that reason, we coordinate our activities with other forestry companies, as well as with oil and gas firms, grazing lease holders, trappers and others operating in the area. We have also undertaken research aimed at better understanding the cumulative impact of all forest users, and believe we are the first Alberta forest company to have begun assessing the combined effects of population growth, oil and gas, forest wildfire, and small-scale watershed analysis on the forest. The knowledge gained from this research will be used to improve our forest management strategies, as well as to promote an integrated land-use management approach with the Alberta government. And, to be still more responsive to changes on the landbase, we are proposing within our DFMP to recalculate the annual allowable cut each year, rather than every 10 years, primarily in order to incorporate impacts of oil and gas development in our operating plans.

We appreciate your suggestion that we customize open-house presentations to the community, and in future will endeavour to provide more localized information at upcoming events. As to your request for information spanning a 40-year period, Millar Western would be happy to provide these maps to you personally and will also look at making them available at upcoming open houses. Please call me at (780) 778-2221, ext. 2104, to make delivery arrangements.

I would like to close by saying that Millar Western takes its role as forest steward seriously and goes to great lengths to assess the landbase and consult with stakeholders. We seek the views of our communities and accommodate their needs where we can, in keeping with our legal rights and obligations regarding harvesting and reforestation, and with the requirements of our mills. There are many instances where we have altered our plans in response to community issues. If you have any specific concerns you would like us to address, please contact me, and I will do my best to assist you.

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Thank you again for contributing to the DFMP development process. We will add your name to our stakeholder registry, to ensure you remain apprised of our public consultation activities and alerted to future opportunities to provide input.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Hilt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ray Hilt
Planning Manager



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I wish also to provide a more detailed response to the issues you raised at our DFMP open house in the spring of 2006. Further to your suggestion that we implement programs to mitigate negative impacts of harvesting on wildlife, I would like to share with you some of the measures we currently take to protect habitat. In developing this DFMP, we established an impact assessment group to provide advice on management strategies that would help maintain biodiversity within our operating areas. Using advanced modeling techniques, the group looked at the potential impacts of various management strategies, to determine which would be most effective in protecting the wide array of plant and animal species in our forest management area. Their work was used to establish the best sizes for interior forest patches and cutblocks and advise on the placement of cutblocks in relationship to old-growth forest, to ensure that ample, suitable forest cover is available for a wide range of animals. This information was used to develop our preferred forest management strategy, and to guide our activities on the ground.

In addition to using computer simulations to anticipate our impacts on the environment, we also used field assessments and consultation with stakeholder groups, including trappers, to identify wildlife-sensitive sites such as mineral licks, bear dens and natural springs. This information is vital to ensuring that these areas, important to maintaining animal populations, are protected by buffers during and after harvesting. We are also supporting research on species such as grizzly bears and amphibians, so that we can use the results to improve our management of wildlife habitat needs. To further add to our body of knowledge, we have recently established a pine marten nesting-box research project, involving not only trappers but also our own staff and scientists at Lakehead University – an initiative that recently earned Millar Western the Alberta Trappers' Association's (ATA) Habitat Gain Award. The pine-marten project arose out of discussions at our DFMP open houses, and serves as an excellent example of how the involvement of the trappers is helping to drive our management efforts. We would like to extend our thanks to you and the ATA for your efforts in getting this project off the ground.

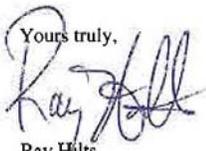
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Knowing that we can learn more from the trapping community, I would like to suggest that we arrange a field tour in the coming months, so that members of the Alberta Trappers' Association can share with us their ideas for improving habitat for fur-bearing animals. We believe that this could serve as a very effective learning tool for our staff and help to strengthen our relationship with local trappers, so they can feel more comfortable in bringing their issues to our attention. If you would be interested in taking part in a field tour, please contact me at (780) 778-2221, ext. 2104.

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Thank you again for contributing to the DFMP development process. We look forward to your continued contribution through your participation in our newly-formed Public Advisory Committee (PAC), which will play an ongoing role in ensuring that our plans and activities reflect local priorities.

Yours truly,

Ray Hjlt
Planning Manager

