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SUDBURY FOREST 2010 - 2020 FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Vermilion Forest Management Company Ltd. (VFM) and the Sudbury Forest Local Citizens Committee (LCC) invite you to participate in the development of the 2010 - 2020 forest management plan for the Sudbury Forest (see map). The purpose of this notice is to announce that work has started on the new plan and to encourage you to get involved at this early stage of planning. This forest management plan will outline the long-term management strategy and provide details of where harvest, planting and tending operations and access road construction will take place for the first five-year term 2010 - 2015. The plan will also identify, in a more general manner, the proposed areas of operations for the second five-year term 2015 - 2020.

At this stage of the planning process, we want you to tell us what kind of forest and benefits the plan should strive to provide in the short and long term. As well, we want you to know that background information that will be used during the preparation of the plan will be available for review by the public throughout the planning process. Any additions that you can provide to the background information will be appreciated. Your comments and information will help us to make balanced, well informed and fair decisions as we proceed through the planning process.

Summary maps showing information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g. lake trout lakes, heronries), parks and protected areas, tourism facilities as well as many other features on the Sudbury Forest are available on request. These maps, known as "values maps", will be useful for anyone with a general or specific interest in this management unit.

The plan will be prepared by the following planning team members:

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The planning team members, the MNR District Manager and the local citizens committee are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and any issues or concerns that you may have. A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2004)*, is available on written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten-year plan.

In addition to this invitation to participate, there are four other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Review of the Long Term Management Direction
Public Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Public Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
Public Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

December/January 2008/2009
March/April 2009
August/September 2009
January 2010

If you would like to be added to our mailing list and be notified of these public consultation opportunities, please contact Jesse Leverre at 705-564-7867.

Public comments are collected and documented as part of the public consultation process for forest management planning as required under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* or FIPPA, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input for other resource management initiatives. For further information regarding FIPPA, please contact Don Mark at 705-564-7360.

The information described in this notice, as well as general information regarding the forest management planning process, will be available at the Vermilion Forest Management Company Ltd. office and at the MNR office, at the locations shown below, during normal office hours. As well, an appointment with the ministry's Sudbury District Manager or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 705-564-7823. For further information, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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