

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Ministerial Order

Lakes South

ORDER TO AMEND OBJECTIVES 2 AND 3 (OLD GROWTH FOREST RETENTION OBJECTIVES)

LAKES SOUTH SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2003

Pursuant to Section 93.4 (1) of the *Land Act*, objectives 2 and 3 listed in the Lakes South Sustainable Resource Management Plan, June 2003, are cancelled and replaced with the following objective. The objective applies to the area shown on the attached Map 1 dated March 20, 2007.

Old Growth Forest Objective:

Manage for old growth forests by retaining Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs), as identified on Map 1, and subject to the following:

Timber harvesting and boundary adjustments are not allowed in OGMAs, except as necessary under a) or b) and only where these activities will not diminish the overall effectiveness of old forest conservation.

- a) Timber harvesting may be allowed for one or more of the following purposes, provided that a similar alternate area or areas is identified and reserved from harvesting in the same Landscape Unit/BEC variant unit as in the original OGMA, and provided that interior forest conditions are met:
 - i. New road development and maintenance where no practicable alternatives exist, and subject to these roads being deactivated once operational activities are complete; or
 - ii. To address a substantiated forest health factor within an OGMA, where this poses a significant and substantiated forest health risk to forests outside the OGMA and where harvesting constitutes an appropriate and effective control action; or,
 - iii. To address a public or industrial safety concern, or an environmental hazard where no practicable alternative exists.

- b) Boundary adjustments to the OGMA's may be allowed, provided that a similar alternate area or areas is identified and reserved from harvesting in the same Landscape Unit/BEC variant unit as in the original OGMA, and provided that interior forest conditions are met.

Application of this order

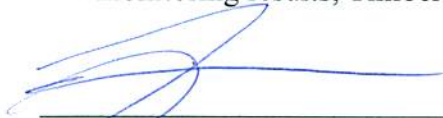
This order and the land use objective in this order take effect on the date that notice of this order is published in the Gazette.

Pursuant to section 16(2) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the objectives amended by this order apply despite this subsection.

Pursuant to section 8(2) (b) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* the holder of a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) must propose and submit for approval amendments to the FSP within four months of the date that the order takes effect.

Map 1 attached to this order provides the general geographic location to which the objective applies. The actual location of operational activities in the immediate vicinity of these boundaries may vary from the boundaries shown on the map in order to adjust for inaccuracies in the boundaries, or to reflect better information on the presence or absence of old growth values, provided that the overall intent of the objective is achieved.

Objectives for old growth may be amended in the future to incorporate new information arising from issues identified by the Implementation and Monitoring Committee, Morice and Lakes Innovative Forest Practices Agreement holders, monitoring results, Timber Supply Review or other relevant information.



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