2012 Nadina District FREP Summary: Cultural Heritage Resources (CHR)

Cultural Heritage assessments help determine if, as a result of forest practices, cultural heritage values are being conserved or protected for First Nations cultural and traditional use.

This report summarizes key findings and provides recommendations to improve on-the-ground resource management practices and decision making.

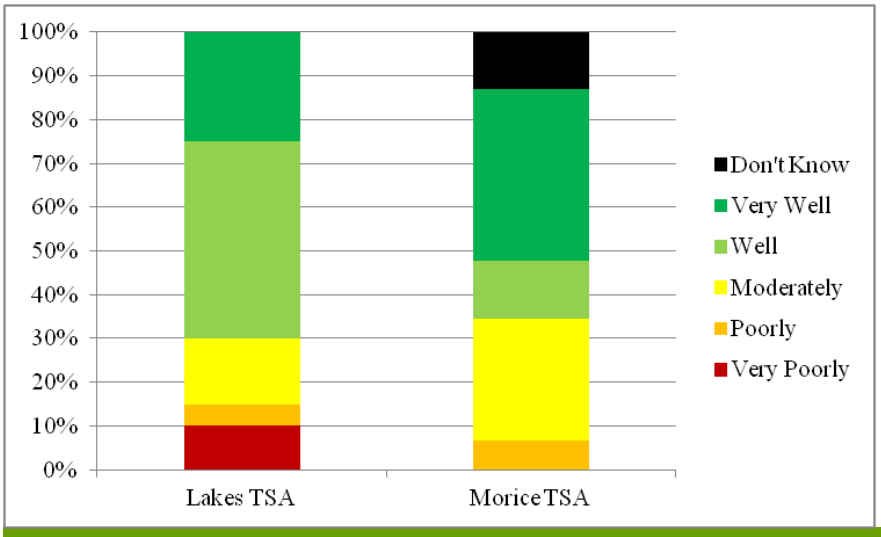
Key Findings:

- A total of **37** forestry sites were assessed between 2009 and 2012
- Sites had a CHR feature on site, or directly adjacent to the harvest boundary (avoidance was used)
- Features found included (cultural) trails, pre– and post-1846 CMTs (cambium stripping, kindling, trail markers), depressions, rocky knolls, archaeological sites (lithics, hearth features, pole shelter), areas of importance, traditional use areas, and cabins.
- First Nation attendance rose slightly in 2012: 0 sites visited in 2009, 3 in 2010, 2 sites in 2011 and 4 in 2012
- Protection and conservation worked well where Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) recommendations were followed, features were buffered, features were within a reserve (e.g. Wildlife Tree Patch), boundaries were modified (avoidance), or CMTs were stubbed above the scar.

Recommendations for Continued Improvement of Cultural Heritage Resource Management:

- Greater First Nation involvement, from planning and AIAs to post-harvest assessments (*FPPR* compliance)
- Manage for individual features as a group i.e. connectivity with other values/features (eg. community use areas)
- Communicate management actions (verbally and with maps) to operators prior to harvest and carrying through to planting is imperative
- Avoid trail bed disturbance via debris and windthrow, and avoid crossing trails
- Ensure proper documents referenced for harvest activity guidance (AIA may not have post-1846 data)
- Alter management strategies in Mountain Pine Beetle areas
- Place burn piles away from CHR features

Figure 1. Cultural heritage resource monitoring results showing extent to which (%) practices on feature(s) maintained resource values.



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