

Invitation to Participate

White River Forest 2028-2038 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Nawiingnokiima Forest Management Corporation (NFMC) and the White River Forest Local Citizens' Committee invite you to participate in the development of the 2028-2038 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the White River Forest.

The Planning Process

The FMP will take approximately three years to complete. During this time, four formal opportunities for First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation and public consultation are provided. This first stage (**Stage 1**) notice is to advise you that preparation of the plan has started and to request:

- Your involvement as early as possible in the planning process;
- Your contribution to background information, particularly information relating to values and important ecological features that could be affected by forest management activities, and
- Your view of the desired forest and benefits which can be obtained from the forest.

How to Get Involved

Please provide any comments or information to the MNR Office contact listed below or if you wish to meet and discuss your interests and concerns with the planning team, plan author and/or the LCC, please contact the individuals identified below.

Background information and sources of direction that are available for you to view are described in the *2024 Forest Management Planning Manual FMPM (Part A, Section 2.3.3.1)* www.ontario.ca/files/2024-05/mnrf-cflpb-planning-manual-2024-05-16.pdf.

The background information and further information about the forest management planning process will be available for the duration of plan preparation.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice, can be made available by contacting NFMC and the MNR Management Forester listed below, during normal office hours. Virtual or In-person meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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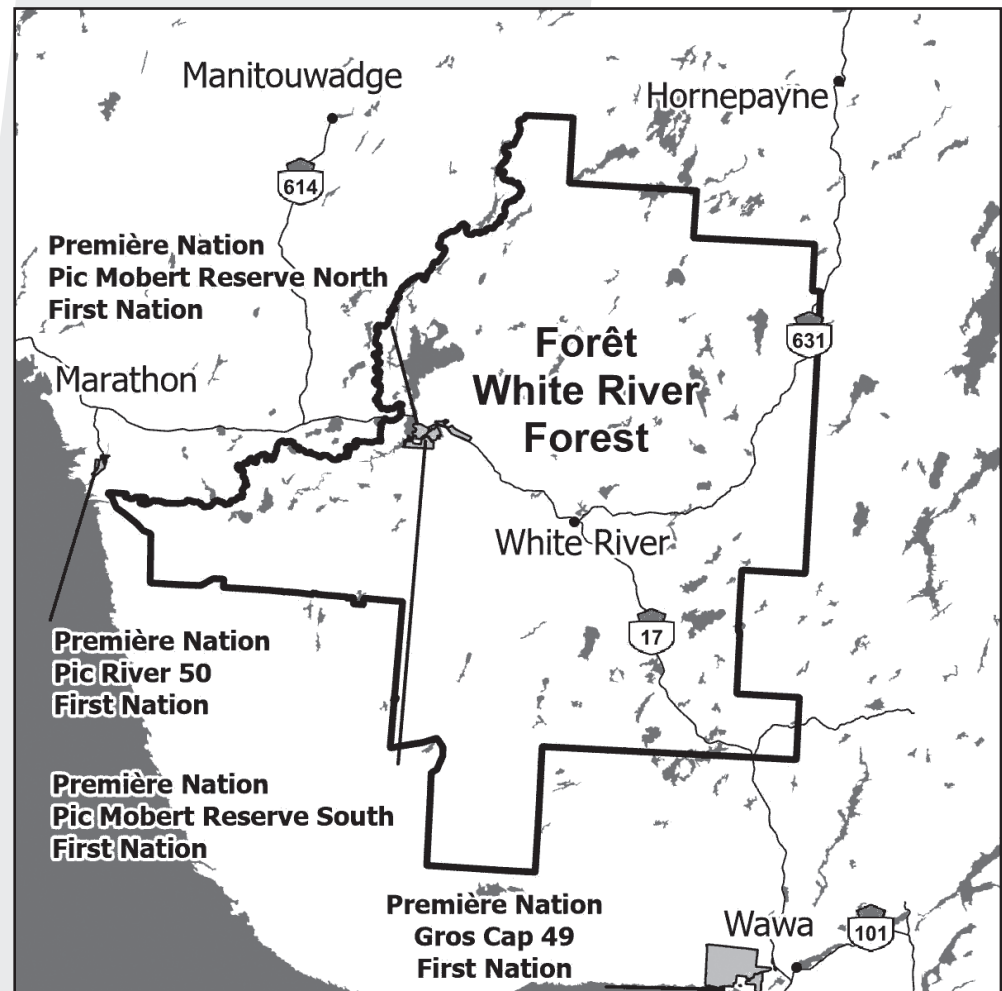
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Anytime during the planning process, you may make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNR District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *2024 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*. www.ontario.ca/files/2024-05/mnrf-cflpb-planning-manual-2024-05-16.pdf.

Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

ontario.ca/ForestManagement



There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Two: Review of Proposed Management Direction **October 2026**

Stage Three: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan **June 2027**

Stage Four: Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan **December 2027**

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Brian Harbord at 705-255-8515, brian.harbord@ontario.ca.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the *Forest Management Planning Manual, 2024* approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or e-mail address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNR and/or NFMC to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNR to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Brian Harbord, Management Forester, Ministry of Natural Resources at brian.harbord@ontario.ca, 705-255-8515.

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