

## **Invitation to Participate – Algonquin Park Forest 2010 – 2020 Forest Management Plan**

**Algonquin Nation Kijicho-Manito Community members are encouraged to get involved in the upcoming Forest Management Planning Process for the Algonquin Park Forest.**

**What is a Forest Management Plan (FMP)?** The FMP 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.

**Who is involved in the writing of the FMP?** There is an FMP made up of Ontario Parks (MNR) staff, Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) staff, Algonquin First Nation Community members, and a representative of the Local Citizen's Committee who will participate directly in the planning process, But, everyone can get involved in the planning process, including you.

**How can you get involved in the FMP Process?** An important part of the FMP is an Aboriginal Background Information Report and Values map that contains information from each community with an interest in Algonquin Park. This report helps to protect Algonquin values during the planning and implementation of forest operations. The report and values can be held confidential at the request of the community. You can help by offering your knowledge of the Park including:

- The use of natural resources in Algonquin Park by your community, in particular hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering.
- Forest management-related problems and issues your community faces.
- Areas of significance to your Algonquin community, such as areas used for traditional or recreational activities
- Boundaries of trapline management areas of your community (i.e. All registered trapline areas associated with your individual community).
- Reserves and Algonquin boundaries
- Areas that have been identified as being required as Reserve lands as for the economic or capital development projects of your Algonquin community.
- Areas used by your community for fuelwood or building materials
- Sites of local archaeological, historical, religious and cultural heritage significance to your community, including cemeteries, spirit sites and burial sites.
- Areas of archaeological potential as a result of Aboriginal involvement in the archaeological predictive modeling.

The planning team members, the Park Superintendent 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.

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 **Sept. 15, 2008**  
Public Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations **January 15, 2009**  
Public Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan **July 15, 2009**  
Public Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan **December, 2009**

Also, all general background information used in the FMP process and values maps associated with forest values will be available at AFA office in Huntsville and at Ontario Parks offices in Pembroke and Whitney, during normal office hours. A special information centre for your community is available upon request. As well, an appointment with Algonquin Park's Superintendent or with a planning team member may be made by calling 613-732-5415. For further information, please contact one of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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Please see your local newspaper in upcoming weeks for more details.