

# REVIEW

## Review of Proposed Insect Pest Management Program for Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Pineland, Romeo Malette and Timiskaming Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) invites you to review, and comment on, the proposed insect pest management program and draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide project to control the spruce budworm infestation on the **Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Pineland, Romeo Malette and Timiskaming Forests** in Chapleau, Cochrane, Hearst, Kirkland Lake and Timmins Districts. Based upon the analysis of the available insect pest management options, the NDMNR is proposing a course of action that includes aerial spraying of insecticide on selected forest stands.

The Information Forum related to the review of the proposed insect pest management program will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by contacting [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca) during the review period.

Remote meetings with representatives of the interdisciplinary team that developed the insect pest management program can also be requested at any time during the review period. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet the program development team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a program development member, please contact [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

### How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>:

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available:

- insect infestation information and population forecasts;
- a portrayal of areas eligible for insect pest management;
- the current version of values information for the affected management unit(s) in the NDMNR district(s);
- the evaluation of management options;
- the selected course of action, with reasons;
- draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide projects, and associated information products (e.g., maps); and
- the results of the district insect pest management program for the same insect species in the previous year (if any)

Comments on the proposed insect pest management program and associated project proposals must be received by NDMNR by **February 8, 2022**.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program, please contact [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the NDMNR District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *2020 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part D, Section 7.5.4)*.

The last day to request issue resolution is **February 23, 2022**.

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between NDMNR and/or the sustainable forest licensee 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 NDMNR 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 [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

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