

REVIEW

Review of Proposed Insect Pest Management Program Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Missinaibi, Northshore, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish and Timiskaming Forests

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

How to Get Involved

To assist in your review, the following information can be obtained at a virtual information forum and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>:

- 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 units in the MNR districts;
- 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 the MNR to the email address listed below by **February 8, 2024**.

Virtual 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 meet with 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 the program area below.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program, please contact:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNR 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, 2024**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) 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 MNR 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 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 NERBudworm@ontario.ca.

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