

**Registration Pursuant of Part 10, Environmental Assessment,
Section 49 of the Environmental Assessment Act
June 27, 2002**

- Name of Undertaking:** Oxfords Grade Amendment (Amendment to Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Five Year Operating Plan. FMD 09 (Springdale) for Operating Period Jan 1, 2001 - December 31, 2005.)
- Proponent:** Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods
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Springdale, NF A0J 1T0
The Crown, upon approval of this Amendment assume Forest Management responsibilities and monitoring of operations in this area.
- Chief Executive Officer:** Mr. Allan Masters, Deputy Minister, P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, Nf. A2H 6J8, 637 - 2627
- Contact Person:** Mr. Ivan Downton, Director of Ecosystem Management, P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, Nf. A2H 6J8, 637 - 2285
- Nature of Undertaking:** Amendment to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper's Five Year Harvesting Plan
- Purpose/Rationale:** To harvest 2,500 m³ of hardwood from 150 ha of mature and overmature hardwood stands left from previous softwood operations as outlined on attached map. This amendment is necessary to provide an operating area and employment to local sawmillers and loggers in the Springdale area. This amendment is being submitted by the Forest Service on behalf of Crown operators seeking to harvest hardwood sawlogs in support of value added sawmills. A road infrastructure is already in place so no additional road building is planned.
- Geographical Location:** Approximately 1 km south of the TCH and 7 km west of Baie Verte Junction(Route 410) (see location attached) . National Topographic Series Maps 12H7 and 12H8
- Physical Features:** The topography in the area is undulating with some steep slopes. The hardwood stands to be harvested are all mature and overmature and were left behind when the softwood stands were logged some years ago. These softwood stands are now "greened up" and have regenerated to sufficient stocking levels to be classed as free to grow.

Operation: Conventional 2.5 meter and tree length timber harvesting using forwarder and/or skidder. All operations and buffer requirements will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management and The Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of undertaking and continue yearly until 2005

Occupations: Loggers, equipment operators, truckers and sawmillers

Documents: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Five Year Operating Plan for FMD 09

Schedule: August 2002 - December 2005

Other Comments: Commercial hardwood sawlog and fuelwood operating employing 4-6 people harvesting 500 m³ annually. All access will be by existing primary and secondary forest access roads. There are no known resource conflicts for this area. Larger hardwood logs will be used to make core boxes for the mining industry. Material not suitable for sawlogs will be used as fuelwood. Commercial operators will be operating under a Crown land cutting permits and as such will be bound by its conditions.

Date

Chief Executive Officer

**AMENDMENT BY CROWN TO
CORNER BROOK PULP & PAPER
5-Year Operating Plan
January 1998 to December 2002**

Harvesting Area Name:	Oxfords Grade Hardwood Area
Harvest Area Number:	N/A
Map Reference Numbers:	NTS maps 12H7-34; 12H8-31
Gross Volume (m³):	10,000 (hardwoods)
Area Size (ha):	150
Proposed Harvest (m³):	2,500 m ³ (sawlog material and residual fuelwood from tops)
Percent Dead:	10-15%
Terrain Constraints:	Some steep slopes; hardwood stands are broken
Type of Operation:	Hardwood harvest for sawlog material
Non-Timber Resource Concerns:	None expressed
Other Comments:	This amendment is required to provide hardwood timber for local sawmills involved in the value added industry