

**REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO PART 10,  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, SECTION 49  
OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT**

**Name of Undertaking:** Forest Management District 17 Five Year Operating Plan  
(Amendment)

**Proponent:** (i) Department of Forest Resources & Agrifoods

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**The Undertaking:** (i) Nature of Undertaking

Timber harvesting amendment to the Five-Year  
Operating Plan for Forest Management District 17

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

The purpose for this timber harvesting amendment is twofold. Firstly, there is a small area in the Mount St Margaret operating area (D17-03) where timber had been accessed but not harvested from the previous five year operating plan (1997-2002). It was anticipated that this timber would have been harvested prior to the

commencement of the new five year operating plan (2002-2007). However, it was not harvested and now the commercial operator wants this area amended so he can finish harvesting this block of timber. Secondly, the new Annual Allowable Cut is broken into two components (i.e. Base AAC and Partition AAC). A portion of the harvest must come from each component. While there is plenty of timber available in approved areas to harvest the Base AAC, there is not enough timber available in approved areas to harvest the Partition AAC. Partition stands are small, isolated timber stands that are scattered throughout the district. When the current five year operating plan was being prepared, the wood supply analysis had not been finalized and partition stands were not identified. This necessitated that these stands would have to be approved as an amendment.

**Description of Undertaking:**

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management District 17 is roughly the southern half of the Great Northern Peninsula. This harvesting amendment is for one operating area Mount St Margaret D17-03 and small partition stands scattered throughout the whole district. The attached 1:300 000 topographic overview map and 1:50 000 topographic maps outline the general and exact locations.

(ii) Physical Features

The Mount St Margaret amendment will cover 66 hectares and includes harvesting 6,086 m<sup>3</sup> of merchantable softwood volume. Partition stands encompass 200 hectares and includes the possible harvesting of 20,310 m<sup>3</sup> of merchantable volume.

(iii) Operation

This is an integrated sawlog/pulpwood operation. The timber will be harvested manually and with a mechanical harvester and extracted by forwarders. This operation will create approximately 290 direct person-weeks of employment in the harvesting, forwarding and trucking of timber. Approximately another 850 person weeks of employment will be

created through secondary manufacturing of newsprint and sawn lumber.

Commercial harvesting is subject to the regulations laid out by the Forestry Act and other related legislation. As well, operating permits are subject to the Environmental Protection Plan For Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management.

(iv) Occupants

There will be approximately, 2 mechanical harvester operator, 2 forwarder operators, and 4 truck drivers working in these areas.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 17 Five Year Operating Plan; April 1, 2002 - March 31, 2007

**Approval of the Undertaking:**

Commercial operating permit from the District 17 Forest Management Office

**Schedule:**

The Newfoundland Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

*original signed by Ivan Downton, 2002 10 01*

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Chief Executive Officer

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Date

1. (a) Timber Harvesting Area Number: D17 - 03 (amendment)  
 Name of Timber Harvesting Area: Mount St margaret Operating Area  
 Map Reference: Brig Bay 10 - 14

2. Volumes to be harvested and associated operator

Year	Operators	Gross Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Net. Merch. Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> )	Area (ha)	Allocation		
					Sawlogs (m <sup>3</sup> )	Pulp/biomass (m <sup>3</sup> )	Fuelwood (m <sup>3</sup> )
2003/ 2004	Mount St Margaret Logging	3043	1978	33.0	215	989	
2004/ 2005	Mount St Margaret Logging	3043	1978	33.0	215	989	

3. Mortality Classes: 1 (0 - 10%)
4. Roads: (a) Existing Road; N/A  
 (b) New Construction (capital); N/A  
 New Construction (operational); N/A
5. \*Cost of Road per Merchantable Volume \$N/A/m<sup>3</sup>;
6. Major Constraints Taken Out In Landbase Deductions For AAC.
7. Silviculture Forecast: Artificial regeneration 2006-2007
8. No Class III Land Included In Operating Area
9. Type Of harvesting Operation: Combination Manual & Mechanical and extracted by forwarder.
10. Comments:

1. (a) Timber Harvesting Area Number: Partition Stands

Name of Timber Harvesting Area: Forest Management District 17

Map Reference: Northern Peninsula District 17

2. Volumes to be harvested and associated operator

Year	Operators	Gross Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Net. Merch. Vol. (m <sup>3</sup> )	Area (ha)	Allocation		
					Sawlogs (m <sup>3</sup> )	Pulp/biomass (m <sup>3</sup> )	Fuelwood (m <sup>3</sup> )
2003/ 2004	Commercial Operators District 17	5,077	3,300	50.0	359	1,650	
2004/ 2005	Commercial Operators District 17	5,077	3,300	50.0	359	1,650	
2005/ 2006	Commercial Operators District 17	5,077	3,300	50.0	359	1,650	
2006/ 2007	Commercial Operators District 17	5,077	3,300	50.0	359	1,650	

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