## REGISTRATION FORM PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

Name of Undertaking:		Amendment to the Forest Management District 2 2007-2011 Five Year Operating Plan: Harvest Blocks 216, 223, and 236 Amendments.
Proponent:	(i)	<b>Newfoundland and Labrador Forest</b> <b>Service</b> P. O. Box 8700 St. John's, NF AlB 4J6
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The Undertaking:	(i)	Nature of Undertaking
		Amendment to Crown Five Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 2 for commercial timber harvesting.

# (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

As described in the EA-approved 2007-2011 Five Year Operating Plan for District 2, the harvest strategy for the District requires a focus on the harvest of old and decadent balsam fir stands before they pass the point of commercial viability. Consequently, commercial timber harvesters in District 2, operating under a Crown cutting permit, are required to harvest 25% of their annual allocation in these "priority" stands of older balsam fir as well as 10% of their annual allocation in disturbed and/or remnant stands. These amendments are required to access such priority and remnant stand areas as these (Operating Areas 216, 223, and 236).

Harvest Block 216 will be accessed via the Dark Hole Brook resource road approved through a previous amendment (file# 1345, September 2007) At this time we are requesting to harvest the timber, which has been made accessible by this road, in the forest stands to the north of Long Lew Pond.

All of these harvest blocks are proposed for harvested during the planning period (2007-11). The District's sustainable harvest level will not be exceeded and any wood harvested in these areas will be offset by reduced harvesting elsewhere in the District.

**Description of Undertaking:** 

Geographic Location

(i)

Forest Management District 2 generally comprises the Bonavista Peninsula, as well as areas on both sides of the Trans Canada Highway from the Eastern entrance of Terra Nova National Park to the community of Sunnyside.

**Operating Area 216** is located on unalienated Crown land approximately 7 km west of the town of Clarenville. The proposed harvest area amendments are located immediately east of the approved operating area. **Operating Area 223** is located on unalienated Crown land approximately 6 km west of the town of Bloomfield on the Bloomfield access road. The proposed harvest area amendments are located 2 km east of the approved operating area.

**Operating Area 236** is located on unalienated Crown land approximately 2 km east of the town of Burgoynes Cove. Block 236 does not presently exist in the 5 year ( 2007-2011) Operating plan for District 2.

The attached 1:50,000 and 1:12500 scale topographic maps identify the geographic location of the amendment areas.

### (ii) **Physical Features**

## (iii) Operation

(a) Road Development/ Reconstruction:

1.0 km of new secondary access road will be constructed to access Harvest Block 236. The proposed route will be accessed directly from the Slate Mine Road.

One bridge will be required on the proposed secondary access road to Harvest Block 236. The bridge will be installed at the western end of Nut Cove Pond.

Road and bridge construction will be carried out with excavators and manual labour.

(b) Harvesting

#### **Amendment to Harvest Block 216**

As noted above, the new road will provide access to an additional 9,130 m<sup>3</sup> of harvestable timber in previously isolated

forest stands north of Long Lew Pond. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fibre. The timber will be felled mechanically and conventionally forwarded to roadside.

## **Amendment to Harvest Block 223**

This amendment will allow harvesting of 180 m<sup>3</sup> of remnant timber in previously harvested forest stands west of South West Brook on Bloomfield Access Road. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fibre. The timber will be felled by manual cutters and conventionally forwarded to roadside.

### **Amendment to Harvest Block 236**

This amendment will allow harvesting of 3340 m<sup>3</sup> of timber in disturbed forest stands northwest of Nut Cove Pond. All timber will be harvested to utilize the maximum amount of fibre. The timber will be felled by manual cutters and conventionally forwarded to roadside.

#### (iv) Occupations

These operations will create approximately 100 person weeks of employment as well as help sustain approximately 300 year round jobs in the timber harvesting / sawmilling / pulpwood industries.

#### (v) **Project Related Documents**

Upon approval, this proposal will become part of the Crown's Forest Management District 2 Five-Year Operating Plan, January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011.

(i) Commercial operating permits from the District 2 (Clarenville) Forest Management Office.

Approval of the Undertaking:

- (ii) Stream/River crossing permits from Water Resources Division, Dept. of Environment and Conservation.
- (iii) Stream/River crossing permits from the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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

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**Chief Executive Officer** 

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