

Appendix 2

Public Consultation

Forest Management Districts 10-13 Planning Team Committee

Name	Affiliation
Al Hawkins	Town of GFW
Alvin Stuckless	Stuckless & Stuckless Inc.
Craig Parsons	Hydro
Dale Rideout	Concerned Citizen
Dave Evans	Mineral Exploration
Dave Mercer	Crown Lands
Dennis Young	Springdale Forest Resources
Derek Stewart	Tourism
Don Pelley	Twin Lakes Outfitters
Dwight Oates	INTRD
Edward Card	Contractor
Eric Osmond	Osmonds Sawmill Ltd.
Frazer Butt	Concerned Citizen
Fred Kirby	DNR (Mines Branch)
Fred Parsons	ERMA
Godfrey Oake	Concerned Citizen
Graham King	Concerned Citizen
Hallet Winter	Concerned Citizen
James Evans	Concerned Citizen
Jamie Meyer	Meyer Dunsworth Geological Consulting
Jana Fenske	Wildlife Division
Jeanette Goulet	Canadian Wildlife Service
Jeri Graham	Parks & Natural Areas
Joanne Winsor	DNR (Mines Branch)
John Howley	Land Management
John Kennedy	Land Management
Jonathan Grandy	Land Management
Kevin Regular	Springdale Forest Resources
Merle Lingard	Concerned Citizen
Mike Sinnicks	Sutreen Hardwoods
Nehmiah Pinson	Concerned Citizen
Onslow Vardy	Concerned Citizen
Randy & Mary Parsons	Notch Mountain Outfitters/ Town of Buchans
Reg Robinson	Central Outfitters
Reginald Hodder	Stoneville Forest Products
Roger Mercer	Concerned Citizen
Roland Winter	Nfld & Labrador Lumber Producers Assoc.
Ron Hicks	Snowshoe Lake Hunting & Fishing
Sherry Dunsworth	Manathon PGM Corporation (Mining)
Si Thompson	ERMA / Exploits Rod & Gun Club
Stephen Rideout	Cottles Island Lumber
Steve Balsom	Corner Brook Pulp & Paper
Terry Mills	Sple'tk First Nations
Tony Bouzane	Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans
Walwin Blackmore	Concerned Citizen
William Oldford	DNR (Mines Branch)
William Stuckless	Valley Forest Products



Town of Buchans
P.O. Box 190
Buchans, NL A0H 1G0
Tel: 709-672-3972 Fax: 709-672-3702
E-Mail: townofbuchans@nf.aibn.com
Web Page: www.townofbuchans.nf.ca

Mr. Dave Poole
Regional Ecosystems Planner
Department of Natural Resources
Chair Five Year Operating Planning Committee

Dear Mr. Poole,

I would like to take this opportunity to express the deep concerns of numerous residents of my community regarding the nature and scope of forest cutting being carried out in the vicinity of Buchans. Please understand up front, that my community is in no way opposed to job creation in the forest sector or the sustainable, carefully planned exploitation of our natural resources. After all, almost a century of mining has sustained our community for generations. Consequently, we are not opposed to the sustainable harvest of our forest resource. The evidence which we see all around us however has convinced many residents and their council that the nature and scope of the cutting presently being carried on will be to the detriment of our community.

The first evidence of massive cutting which we observed during the past year saw an entire ridge of old growth forest which served as a beautiful esthetic background for our community flattened. Where once the view to the south of Buchans, almost on our doorstep, consisted of a beautiful ridge of spruce and fir, there now exists an environmental scar as far as the eye can see. I have a painting that hangs on my wall by Mr. Henry Schumacher, a former mine manager, depicting the beautiful view of that green ridge from the steps of our local Catholic Church. I am shocked that no one gave a second thought to clear cutting a ridge so close to and so much a scenic part of our community, especially when it was so easily avoidable. I also wonder out loud when we can expect to see a Silva culture program implemented that will allow for the earliest possible remediation of that particular ridge. My council has worked diligently to focus

our efforts on the tourist sector as a growth area for Buchans so the destruction of the forest along one of the beautiful ridges which surrounds our community was very disappointing.

I am also hearing from various groups and individuals who are very concerned about the plans to continue the present cut this spring pushing the harvest deeper into areas that have been used for generations by cabin owners and outdoor enthusiasts. This is moose and caribou country, not to mention pine martin, a threatened species. Local residents, many of whom have a lifetime of wilderness experience in the Buchans region are predicting dire consequences for local wildlife, especially moose and caribou as this habitat is harvested and so far little has been offered to calm their concerns. The consensus within the community is that further exploitation of these forests should be delayed until adequate public consultation can be carried out that might clarify the scope and degree of cutting that will take place especially in close proximity to the community. I understand that plans are presently being made to introduce a new five year management plan for the province in January 2011. Because of the serious nature of the issues involved in the harvest of wood in our region I would respectfully ask that further cutting planned for this spring in our immediate area be delayed until the new management plan can be introduced.

Once again let me assure all parties that my community is in no way opposed to thoughtful job creation and sustainable resource management. I would suggest however that we need to pause and maybe re-think the present harvest plan and hopefully address these serious concerns in the new management plan projected for introduction in January 2011. The view from my community is that ploughing ahead with expanded cutting in this area this spring with no thought to these issues is a recipe for disaster.

Yours truly,

Derm Corbett

Mayor, Town of Buchans

c.c. Honorable Susan Sullivan
 Honorable Charlene Johnson
 Honorable Kathy Dunderdale



Government of Newfoundland and
Labrador
Department of Natural Resources

April 27, 2010

Mr. Derm Corbett
Mayor
P.O. Box 190
Buchans, NL A0H 1G0

Dear Mayor Corbett,

With reference to your email and attached letter dated April 16, 2010 I would like to emphasize the Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Services Branch, is committed to managing the province's forest resources in a responsible manner. To facilitate this objective, Five-Year Forest Management Plans are developed through a public consultation process which considers aspects of biodiversity, wildlife habitat and interested stakeholder values. This public consultation process occurs over a 5-6 month period allowing for meaningful discussions, serves as an educational role and provides a medium for mutual resolution on potential conflicting issues. Then, from an approved five-year operating plan, annual operating plans are realized.

As indicated in your letter, the area on the North Side of Red Indian Lake certainly has the potential for Moose, Caribou and Pine Marten. However, please be assured the Forestry Services Branch has no intention of jeopardizing the continued existence of these (or other) wildlife species. Before any commercial harvesting commences within a given area, written Forest Management Plans are reviewed and approved by various government departments, agencies & organizations. To this effect, when determining the location for any forest harvesting activity, the Forestry Services Branch relies on the expertise, knowledge and experience stemming from this review process. Although harvesting is continuing in the Millertown / Buchans area, we will strive to address the local concerns as we work through the new five-year plan.

As indicated, the Forestry Services Branch is currently undertaking a public consultation process for the development of a new five-year operating plan to commence on January 1, 2011. The meetings for this process are being held in Grand Falls -Windsor approximately every 2 weeks, where the town of Buchans is represented by one of your

councilors. Through ongoing active participation, this councilor has the opportunity to communicate the towns concerns regarding any potential forestry activity occurring within the vicinity of the community. As well, even though the town is represented, you are welcome to attend future meetings of this Forest Management Planning process.

The reforestation of harvested areas is a priority for the Department. With regards to the area harvested adjacent to your town, it will be surveyed this spring by Department staff and an assessment will be made on the best course of action to ensure this area regenerates. We will keep the Town of Buchans informed on what we plan to do with this area.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the planning process or actual operational issues within the Buchans area, please feel free to contact me (709. 256.1416) or Mr. Mark Lawlor (District Ecosystem Manager – 709.673.3821).

Sincerely,

DAVE POOLE, H.Bcs.F, RPF
Regional Ecosystem Planner
Department of Natural Resources
Forestry Services Branch
Box 2222, Gander, NL
A1V 2N9

CC: Honourable Minister Dunderdale
Honourable Minister Johnson
Honourable Minister Sullivan

From: Derm Corbett [mailto:dcorbett@nf.sympatico.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 12:49 PM
To: Poole, Dave C
Subject: Re: Forest management in Buchans area.

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your prompt reply addressing our concerns. My council representative on your committee has told me on many occasions that this body is very reasonable and professional in their approach to forest management and I have found people within that department to be the same. We believe that our concerns regarding harvesting in our immediate area to be very real but I am very confident that department personnel have a good understanding of our issues and my council looks forward to working with you as we move forward.

Regards,

Derm Corbett
Mayor, Town of Buchans

----- Original Message -----

From: [Poole, Dave C](#)
To: [Derm Corbett](#)
Cc: [Dunderdale, Kathy](#) ; [Johnson, Charlene](#) ; [Sullivan, Susan](#)
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 11:30 AM
Subject: RE: Forest management in Buchans area.

Hello Mayor Corbett,

Please find attached correspondence regarding your concerns of forestry activity near the Buchans region. I've sent this through the email process, but if you have any problems opening the attachment, please feel free to give me a call. As well, the original documentation will follow in regular mail.

Regards,

Dave Poole H.BSc.F, RPF
Regional Ecosystem Planner
Department of Natural Resources
Forestry Services Branch
Box 2222, Gander, NL A1V 2N9
(phone) 709.256.1416
(fax) 709.256.1459

From: Derm Corbett [mailto:dcorbett@nf.sympatico.ca]
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 12:03 PM
To: Poole, Dave C
Cc: Sullivan, Susan; Johnson, Charlene; Dunderdale, Kathy; Fred Thorne
Subject: Forest management in Buchans area.

Please see attached correspondence outlining concerns of Buchans residents and council regarding present harvest of forest resource in Buchans region.

Derm Corbett

Mayor, Town of Buchans