

# **Appendix 2**

**Public Consultation**

## Forest Management Districts 10-13 Planning Team Committee

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<b>Eric Osmond</b>	Osmonds Sawmill Ltd.
<b>Frazer Butt</b>	Concerned Citizen
<b>Fred Kirby</b>	DNR (Mines Branch)
<b>Fred Parsons</b>	ERMA
<b>Godfrey Oake</b>	Concerned Citizen
<b>Graham King</b>	Concerned Citizen
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<b>John Kennedy</b>	Land Management
<b>Jonathan Grandy</b>	Land Management
<b>Kevin Regular</b>	Springdale Forest Resources
<b>Merle Lingard</b>	Concerned Citizen
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<b>Nehmiah Pinsent</b>	Concerned Citizen
<b>Onslow Vardy</b>	Concerned Citizen
<b>Randy &amp; Mary Parsons</b>	Notch Mountain Outfitters/ Town of Buchans
<b>Reg Robinson</b>	Central Outfitters
<b>Reginald Hodder</b>	Stoneville Forest Products
<b>Roger Mercer</b>	Concerned Citizen
<b>Roland Winter</b>	Nfld & Labrador Lumbers Producers Assoc.
<b>Ron Hicks</b>	Snowshoe Lake Hunting & Fishing
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<b>Stephen Rideout</b>	Cottles Island Lumber
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<b>Terry Mills</b>	Sple'tk First Nations
<b>Tony Bouzane</b>	Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans
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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  
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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,

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CC: Honourable Minister Dunderdale  
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Honourable Minister Sullivan

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**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*  
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**From:** Derm Corbett [mailto:[dcorbett@nf.sympatico.ca](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