

Operating Area: Ten Mile Lake Domestic Cutting Block **Operating Area #:** C1701

NFS Inventory Map #: 10-12 & 14-42 **NTS Map # :** Brig Bay 12 P 2
Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Ten Mile Lake Domestic Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a large block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that rises in elevation to 100-150 meters and is highly visible from Routes 430 and 432. However the slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts. The clearing and salvage of bug killed timber has created a number of small clearcuts that are highly visible from the Viking Trail Route 430.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the Newfoundland Forest Service (NFS) will harvest approximately 9,207 m³ of softwood and 1,230 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. All white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs through this block. The NFS has established a 30 meter no cut buffer for standing live trees along this trail.

The Viking Trail is an active tourist route, the NFS will use landscape design techniques to design harvest blocks, which minimizes the negative visual effects of clear cuts.

This area encompasses a section of the Bird Cove Protected water supply. The NFS will obtain a permit from the Water Resources Division and abide by the conditions. The boundary of a privately owned Day Use and Recreational Park is also

the boundary for this domestic cutting area. This NFS will work with the Park Owner and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

There are a number of water bodies, and at least one salmon tributary (i.e. Kelly Pond Brook) within this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters to protect identified spawning areas.

Operating Area: St. Margaret's Bay Domestic Cutting Block **Operating Area #:** C1702

NFS Inventory Map #: 10-11, 14-41 **NTS Map # :** Brig Bay 12 P 2
Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The St. Margaret's Bay Domestic Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a large flat block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that rises from the coastline to an elevation of 50-100 meters. It borders on and is highly visible from Routes 430, the Viking Trail. The slow progress of winter harvesting combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts. However, the clearing and salvage of bug killed timber has created a number of small clearcuts that are highly visible from the Viking Trail Route 430.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 7,128 m³ of softwood and 792 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. All white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs through this block. The NFS has established a 30 meter no cut buffer for standing live trees along this trail.

The Viking Trail is an active tourist route, the NFS will use landscape design techniques to design harvest block, which minimizes the negative visual effects of clear cuts.

This area encompasses a section of the Bird Cove Protected water supply. The NFS will obtain a permit from the Water Resources Division and abide by the conditions.

his area is within the Bird Cove Town Limits. This NFS will work with the town council and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

Operating Area: Castor River Domestic Cutting Block **Operating Area #:** C1703
NFS Inventory Map #: 14-42 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Castor River Domestic Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a relatively small domestic block of mostly balsam fir softwood. The slow progress of winter harvesting combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 693 m³ of softwood and 77 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. All white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: The boundary of a privately owned day use and recreational park is also the boundary for this domestic cutting area. This NFS will work with the park owner and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

Operating Area: Otter Pond Domestic **Operating Area #:** C1704
Cutting Block

NFS Inventory

Map #: 14-31 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area:

The Otter Pond Domestic Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This area is approximately 2 kilometers east from the community of Castor River South. It is a relatively small domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. Progressive small patch cuts have intersected to form fairly large clearcuts intermixed with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees. It is only marginally visible from the Viking Trail (Route 430).

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by domestic and commercial operators for fuelwood, pulpwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 1,620 m³ of softwood and 130 m³ of hardwood in this area. There will also be approximately 4,000 m³ of commercial softwood harvested in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested domestically, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block within ten years and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white or black spruce. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white and black spruce on most cutovers.

Roads:

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:

The Viking Trail is an active tourist route the NFS will utilize landscape design techniques to minimize the negative visual effects of clear cuts.

There is one major salmon river (i.e. Castor River) that borders on this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters depending upon the density of forest cover and intensity of recreational use.

Operating Area: Squid Cove Domestic Cutting Block **Operating Area #:** C1705

NFS Inventory Map #: 14-21, 31 & 13-24 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15
St John Island 12 I 4

Description of Area: The Squid Cove Domestic Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone subregion. It is a large block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood rising from the coastline to an elevation 250-300 meters above sea level and is highly visible from the Viking Trail (Routes 430). The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual impact of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 10,098 m³ of softwood and 1,122 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested domestically, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block within ten years and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs through this block. The NFS have implemented a 30 meter no cut buffer for standing live trees along this section of trail.

There is at least one salmon (i.e. Castors River) and a major spawning brook for Brook Trout (i.e. Trout Brook) adjacent to this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters depending upon the density of forest cover to protect high use recreational and identified spawning areas.

There are a number of rare plants within this cutting block. The NFS will consult with the Wildlife Division on mitigative measures.

Operating Area: John Mahars Barren **Operating Area #:** C1706
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18-43 **NTS Map # :**Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area: The John Mahars Barren Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively small domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This block is at the foot of the Long Range Mountains. It rises quickly to an elevation of approximately 300 meters and is marginally visible from the Viking Trail. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 3,663 m³ of softwood and 407 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested domestically, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: The boundary of this block borders on a proposed protected area. The NFS will work with the Parks and Natural Areas Division and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

The Wildlife Division has identified that this block contains rare plants. The NFS will consult with the Wildlife Division on mitigative measures.

The Crown Lands Division has identified issued titles in this block. The NFS will maintain a 20 meter buffer around all issued titles.

Operating Area: Middle Arm **Operating Area #:** C1708
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18-22,23,32,33 **NTS Map # :** Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area: The Middle Arm Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This block is between the communities of Port Saunders and Hawkes Bay. It rises quickly from the shoreline to an elevation of approximately 300 meters and is highly visible from the Routes 430 and 428. This area suffered heavy mortality to the Hemlock Looper in the early 1990's, and large sections were cleared and planted. A combination of natural regeneration and planted seedlings has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of these large clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 1,386 m³ of softwood and 154 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: This area is within the Port Saunders and Hawkes Bay municipal planning zone. The NFS will work with the town councils and develop mitigative measures to address whatever issues may arise.

This area contains a natural historic site (i.e. old whale factory), a private farm, and a local swimming area (i.e. Rapes Pond). Rapes pond is also part of the Hawkes Bay Wildlife Stewardship Zone. This block has several kilometers of coastline which is used for commercial and recreational activity. The NFS will work with individual stakeholders to address issues as they arise.

Operating Area: Little Brook Pond
Domestic Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1709

NFS Inventory

Map #: 18-21, 22, 23

NTS Map # : Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area:

The Little Brook Pond Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It rises quickly from the shoreline to an elevation of approximately 100 meters and is marginally visible from the Routes 430. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 6,035 m³ of softwood and 670 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

**Roads:
Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

This block borders on the Spirit Cove Wave Forest. The boundary of this reserve has been laid out and painted.

There are a number of water bodies and one salmon river (Little Brook Pond) which are within or borders this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters on this brook depending upon the density of forest cover and intensity of recreational use.

This block has several kilometers of coastline which is used for commercial and recreational activity. The NFS will work with individual stakeholders to address issues as they arise.

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area:

Scaffold Marsh
Domestic Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1710**NFS Inventory****Map #:**

18-11, 12

NTS Map # : Port Saunders 12 I 11**Description of
Area:**

The Scaffold Marsh Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively small domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It rises quickly from the shoreline of River of Pond Lake to an elevation of approximately 100 meters and is marginally visible from a privately owned overnight park in River of Ponds. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

**Harvesting
Activity:**

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 2,970 m³ of softwood and 330 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

**Silviculture
Activity:**

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads:

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

**Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

This area is within the River of Ponds municipal planning zone. The NFS will work with the town council and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

There are a couple of water bodies and one salmon river (i.e. River of Ponds) which are within or borders this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters on this river depending upon the density of forest cover and intensity of recreational use.

This block has several kilometers of coastline which is used for commercial and recreational activity. The NFS will work with individual stakeholders to address issues as they arise.

This block is within the viewscape of a privately owned overnight park.

The NFS will work with park ownership to address any viewscape issues that may arise.

Operating Area:	Burnt Head Domestic Cutting Block	Operating Area #: C1711
NFS Inventory		
Map #:	23-41 18-11	NTS Map # : Blue Mountain 12 I 6 Port Saunders 12 I 11
Description of Area:	<p>The Burnt Head Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively small domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It rises quickly from the shoreline of River of Pond Lake to an elevation of approximately 100 meters and is not visible from the highway. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.</p>	
Harvesting Activity:	<p>This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 1,821 m³ of softwood and 202 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.</p>	
Silviculture Activity:	<p>Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block, areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.</p>	
Roads:	<p>There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.</p>	
Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:	<p>This area is within the River of Ponds municipal planning zone. The NFS will work with the town council and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.</p> <p>There are a number of water bodies and an unprotected water supply (i.e. Community of River of Ponds) which are within or adjacent to this block. The NFS will leave buffers as per the environmental guidelines for protected water supplies.</p> <p>There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.</p>	

Operating Area: Bateau Barrens **Operating Area #:** C1712
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 23-31, 41, 42 **NTS Map # :** Blue Mountain 12 I 6

Description of Area:

The Bateau Barrens Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It borders on the shoreline of River of Ponds Lake and runs south to the Bateau Barrens Forest Access Road. This block is not visible from the highway. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 6,930 m³ of softwood and 770 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block within ten years and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads:

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter No Cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Belburns **Operating Area #:** C1713
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 22-14, 24 & 23-11, 21 **NTS Map # :** Bellburns 12 I 5
Blue Mountain 12 I 6
Harbour Deep 12 I 7

Description of Area: The Belburns Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It borders Route 430 from the community of Bellburns to the Bateau Barrens Forest Access Road. It is visible from Route 430, but a 100 meter roadside buffer, intermixed with agricultural leases, and open grown residual white spruce trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the Department will harvest approximately 7,524 m³ of softwood and 836 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

This block surrounds the protected water supply for the community Bellburns. However, protected water supply is zoned as no cutting.

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter No Cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Daniel's Harbour
Domestic Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1714

**NFS Inventory
Map #:** 26-44 & 27-41

NTS Map # : Indian Lookout 12 I 3
Portland Creek 12 I 4

**Description of
Area:**

The Daniel's Harbour Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It borders the northern shoreline of Portland Creek Pond, and is not visible from the highway. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing residual white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

**Harvesting
Activity:**

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 495 m³ of softwood and 55 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

**Silviculture
Activity:**

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The Department will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads:

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

**Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

This cutting block is highly visible from Portland Creek Pond. This is a high use recreational boating, fishing and cabin development area. There is also a privately owned Recreational Park on the western end and an outfitting camp on the southern end of Portland Creek Pond. A 100m buffer will be left on Portland Creek Pond to protect the viewscape.

Operating Area: Portland Creek
Domestic Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1715

**NFS Inventory
Map #:** 26- 23 & 27-33, 34

NTS Map # : Portland Creek 12 I 4
Indian Lookout 12 I 3

**Description of
Area:**

The Portland Creek Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This block is not visible from the highway. The slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

**Harvesting
Activity:**

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 2,970 m³ of softwood and 330 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

**Silviculture
Activity:**

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and, areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads:

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

**Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

There are a couple of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Feeder Ridge **Operating Area #:** C1716
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 26-13, 14, 23, 24 & 31-44 **NTS Map # :** Portland Creek 12 I 4
St Paul's Inlet 12 H 13

Description of Area: The Feeder Ridge Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It borders on the shoreline of Parsons Pond and runs north to within one kilometer of the Five Mile Forest Access Road. This block is not visible from the highway. The slow progress of winter harvesting combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 5,940 m³ of softwood and 660 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: There are a couple of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Parsons Pond Head
Domestic Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1718

NFS Inventory

Map #: 31-44

NTS Map # : St Paul's Inlet 12 H
13

Description of Area:

The Parsons Pond Head Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a small domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It is on the south side of Parsons Pond Head near Two Mile Pond. This block is on the side of a hill and is visible from Route 430. Given the number of individuals requesting this block, progressive small clearcuts will soon intersect to form fairly large clearcuts intermixed with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 3,366 m³ of softwood and 374 m³ of hardwood out of this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

**Roads:
Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

There are a couple of approved cabins adjacent to this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

This block borders the boundary of Gros Morne National Park. The NFS will work with park officials and develop mitigative measures to address any issues that may arise.

This area is within the Parsons Pond municipal Planning Zone. This NFS will work with the town council and develop mitigative measures to address whatever issues may arise.

Operating Area: Cow Head/ St Pauls **Operating Area #:** C1719
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 31-22, 32, 33 **NTS Map # :** St Paul's Inlet 12 H 13

Description of Area: The St Pauls/Cow Head Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This block is basically the St Pauls/Cow Head enclave. It encompasses the community of Cow Head, follows the boundary of Gros More National Park, and is highly visible from both sides of Route 430. The slow progress of winter harvesting combined with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 10,593 m³ of softwood and 1,177 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be seeded or gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: This area is within the Cow Head and St Pauls community municipal planning zone. The NFS will work with the town councils and develop mitigative measures to address whatever issues may arise. Upon request from the community of St. Paul's, the NFS has already suspended domestic cutting on Foxes Road.

There are a number of water bodies, estuaries, salt water coastline and an protected water supply(i.e. Community of Cow Head) which are within or adjacent to this block. The NFS will leave buffers as per the environmental guidelines for protected water supplies.

This block borders the boundary of Gros Morne National Park. The NFS will work with park officials and develop mitigative measures to address

any issues that may arise.

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Mooney **Operating Area #:** C1720
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18-14, 23-44 & 24-41 **NTS Map # :** Port Saunders 12 I 11
Blue Mountain 12 I 6
Harbour Deep 12 I 7

Description of Area: The Mooney Domestic Cutting Block is within the Northern Long Range Subregion. This is an extremely large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It encompasses the whole eastern shoreline of Eastern Blue. This block is not visible from the highway. Over the past twenty years, this block has been subject to a number of disturbances from large commercial clearcut, to small domestic cutovers and large areas of insect defoliation and mortality. This has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect clear cutting.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 4,158 m³ of softwood and 462 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: There are a number of water bodies (and at least two salmon tributaries where spawning takes place) which are within or borders this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters to protect identified spawning areas.

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area:	Harbour Deep Domestic Cutting Block	Operating Area #: C1721
NFS Inventory Map #:	24-24, 34 & 25-31	NTS Map # : Harbour Deep 12 I 7 Orange Bay 12 I 8
Description of Area:	<p>The Harbour Deep Domestic Cutting Block is within the Eastern Long Range Subregion. This is a large block comprised mostly of balsam fir and black spruce softwood that rises in elevation from the Atlantic Coastline to 300-400 meters and is highly visible from the community of Harbour Deep. However, the slow progress of winter harvesting has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest with residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees that have helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.</p>	
Harvesting Activity:	<p>This area will be harvested by an Adventure Tourism Operator and possibly by a couple of small commercial operators for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon past yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 90 m³ of domestic softwood and 50 m³ of commercial softwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.</p>	
Silviculture Activity:	<p>Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. All white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will rely on natural regeneration to reforest this area.</p>	
Roads:	<p>There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.</p>	
Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:	<p>N/A</p>	

Operating Area: Camp 10 **Operating Area #:** C1722
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18-12, 13, 22, 23 **NTS Map # :** Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area: The Camp 10 Domestic Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This is a relatively large domestic block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It rises quickly from the shoreline to an elevation of approximately 100 meters. It is highly visible from the Routes 430, but the slow progress of winter harvesting, combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees will resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that will help mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon predicted yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 4,950 m³ of softwood and 550 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The NFS will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: The NFS will maintain a 20 meter no cut buffer around the agriculture lease to Mr. Edwin Broaders.

The Viking Trail is an active tourist route, the NFS will use landscape design techniques to design harvest blocks, which minimizes the negative visual effects of clear cuts.

This area is within the Hawkes Bay municipal planning zone. The NFS will work with the town council and develop mitigative measures to address whatever issues may arise.

There are a couple of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Forkie Feeder **Operating Area #:** C1723
Domestic Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18-13 **NTS Map # :** Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area: The Mooney Domestic Cutting Block is within the Northern Long Range Subregion. This is two very small domestic blocks of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. It was established to give cottage owners an opportunity to harvest fuelwood and sawlogs close to a couple of cottage development areas. This operating area contains mostly second growth timber with small patches of bug killed

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by domestic wood cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and all of the extraction will take place during the winter months. Based upon predicted yearly domestic permit sales, the NFS will harvest approximately 2000 m³ of softwood and 200 m³ of hardwood in this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern. In areas harvested, all white spruce not utilized as sawlogs will be left as seed trees. The Department will conduct a visual assessment of this block and areas not adequately restocked will be gap planted with white and black spruce.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: This is a cottage development area and the NFS will work with cottage owners to address any issues that arise.

Operating Area: Angle Pond
Commercial Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1725

NFS Inventory

Map #: 18-13 & 23-43

NTS Map # : Port Saunders 12 I 6
Blue Mountain 12 I 11

Description of Area:

The Angle Pond Commercial Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This block is approximately ten kilometer south from the community of Hawkes Bay. This is a large block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is not visible from Route 430. It encompasses a number of cottages and the access road leading into the block is the main access for cottage owners and is part of the Newfoundland snowmobile federation network.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place during the summer months. This block contains approximately 190,807 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 20,315 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting during this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads:

To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 11.7 kilometers of new C-class forest access road.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

The road accessing this block is part of the main trail network groomed by the Newfoundland and Labrador snowmobile federation. The NFS will try and schedule harvesting operations during the summer months.

Operating Area: Bateau Barrens
Commercial Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1726

NFS Inventory

Map #: 18-23-31, 32

NTS Map # : Port Saunders 12 I 6

Description of Area:

The Bateau Barrens Commercial Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This block is approximately eight kilometer south from the community of River of Ponds. This is a large flat block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is not visible from Route 430.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most harvesting will be conducted by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place during the summer months. This block contains approximately 180,467 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 24,350 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, this Department will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads:

To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 11.6 kilometers of C-class forest access road.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:

There are a number of approved cabins within this block and the Department will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Camp 10 **Operating Area #:** C1727
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 18- 12, 13 **NTS Map # :** Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area: The Camp 10 Commercial Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This block is approximately four kilometer south from the community of Hawkes Bay. This is a large block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is highly visible from Route 430.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most harvesting will be conducted by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 52,814 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 5,638 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on all commercial cutovers.

Roads: To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 8.1 kilometers of C-class forest access road.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: The NFS will maintain a 20 meter no cut buffer around the agriculture lease to Mr. Edwin Broaders.

There are a couple of approved cabins within this block and the NFS will maintain at least, a 20 meter no cut buffer around each cabin.

Operating Area: Squid Cove **Operating Area #:** C1728
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 14-21, 22, 32 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Squid Cove Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a large block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that rises from the coastline to an elevation 250-300 meters and is marginally visible from the Viking Trail (Routes 430). The slow progress of winter harvesting combined with, residual points of younger timber and standing white spruce seed trees has resulted in a multi-aged fragmented forest that has helped mitigate the negative visual effect of patch clearcuts.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be conducted by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 84,762 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 10,040 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 1.0 kilometers of new D-class forest access road.

Non-Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of this block was identified as Core Caribou Habitat. In response to wildlife comments, the NFS reduced the Area 1268 to 909 hectares and Volume 124,817 to 86,250 m³ initially proposed for harvesting.

The Viking Trail is an active tourist route, the NFS will use landscape design techniques to design harvest block, which minimizes the negative visual effects of clear cuts.

There is at least one salmon (i.e. Castors River) and a major spawning brook for Brook Trout adjacent to this block. The NFS will establish an extended buffer of 50 or 100 meters depending upon the density of forest cover to protect high use recreational and identified spawning areas.

Operating Area: Castors River **Operating Area #:** C1729
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 14-41, 42 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Castors River Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This block is approximately two kilometer east from the community of Castors River South. This is a large flat block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This block is marginally visible from Route 430.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 148,300 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 14,830m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white and black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 7.5 kilometers of new C-class forest access road.

Non-Timber Considerations and Mitigations: The Three Mile Lake cabin development area is adjacent to this block. The Department will maintain at least, a 100 meter No Cut buffer around this cabin development area. The Pittman's Pond forest access road will eventually become the main access route to the majority of these cabins.

A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs through this block. The NFS doesn't plan to leave any buffers, but will establish a series of trail markers. This was the practice where trails crossed commercial cutovers in the past.

Operating Area: Raft Pond **Operating Area #:** C1730
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 14-42, 43 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Raft Pond Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a large hilly block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that rises approximately 250-300 metres in elevation. It is not visible from Routes 430 or 432 and will have little impact on the aesthetics of this area.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 23,326 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 2,332 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, this Department will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs along the road that accesses this block. Winter harvesting and trucking will impact the safe use of this section of trail. If winter operations are conducted in this block, the NFS may have to work with the Snowmobile Federation to identify an alternate route.

Operating Area: Country Road **Operating Area #:** C1731
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 10-13 **NTS Map # :** Brig Bay 12 P 2

Description of Area: The Country Road Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This operating area is comprised of three small blocks adjacent to Route 432. It contains mostly overmature balsam fir and black spruce softwood. This operating area is marginally visible from Route 432.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 6,869 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 686 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non-Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of this block was identified as Core Caribou Habitat. In response to wildlife comments, the NFS reduced the Area 134 to 61 hectares and Volume 10,153 to 5,278 m³ initially proposed for harvesting.

Operating Area: East Castor **Operating Area #:** C1732
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 10-13 **NTS Map # :** Castor River12 P 2

Description of Area: The East Castor Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This block is approximately two kilometer south of Route 432. This is a small flat block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is not visible from the highway.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 10,903 m³ of gross merchantable softwood and 1,090 m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, this Department will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of this block was identified as Core Caribou Habitat. In response to wildlife comments, the NFS reduced the Area 155 to 118 hectares and Volume 15,460 to 11,364 m³ from what was initially proposed for harvesting.

Operating Area: Brig Bay **Operating Area #:** C1733
Commercial Cutting Block

NFS Inventory Map #: 14-43, 44 **NTS Map # :** Castor River 12 I 15

Description of Area: The Brig Bay Commercial Cutting Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This operating area is comprised of three separate blocks. This area is not visible from Route 432. The forest is mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood.

Harvesting Activity: This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most of the harvesting will be done by shortwood harvester and forwarder and extraction will take place during the summer months. It is estimated that the NFS will harvest approximately 79,607 m³ of softwood and 6,434 m³ of hardwood out of this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity: Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

Roads: To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 9.5 kilometers of new C-class forest access road.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations: A section of the trail managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation runs along the road that accesses this block. Winter harvesting and trucking will impact the safe use of this section of trail. If winter operations are conducted in this block, the NFS will have to work with the Snowmobile Federation to identify an alternate route.

Operating Area: East River
Commercial Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1734

NFS Inventory

Map #: 18- 33, 34

NTS Map # : Port Saunders 12 I 11

Description of Area:

The East River Commercial Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This block is approximately two kilometer north from the community of Hawkes Bay. This is a small block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is not highly visible from Route 430.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most harvesting will be conducted by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place throughout the year. This block contains approximately 18,627 m³ of gross merchantable softwood, and 1,862 m³ of hardwood out of this area between 2013 and 2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, the NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on all commercial cutovers.

Roads:

To access this area, the NFS plans to construct 1.2 kilometers of C-class forest access road.

Non- Timber Considerations and Mitigations:

This area is currently accessed through the regional waste management road. The NFS work with the waste management committee regarding access and security.

A section of this block was identified as Core Caribou Habitat. In response to wildlife comments, the NFS reduced the Area 271 to 178 hectares and Volume 30,647 to 18,627 m³ from what was initially proposed for harvesting.

Operating Area: Five Mile Road
Commercial Cutting Block

Operating Area #: C1735

NFS Inventory

Map #: 26-23

NTS Map # : Portland Creek 12 I 4

Description of Area:

The Five Mile Road Commercial Cutting Block is within the Coastal Plain Subregion. This block is approximately three kilometers south from the community of Parsons Pond. This is a small flat block of mostly balsam fir and black spruce softwood that is not visible from Route 430.

Harvesting Activity:

This area will be harvested by Commercial Logging Contractors for sawlogs, pulpwood and fuelwood. Most harvesting will be conducted by shortwood harvesters and forwarding and extraction will take place during the winter months. This block contains approximately XXX m³ of gross merchantable softwood and XXX m³ of hardwood, which has been outlined and scheduled for harvesting in this five year period 2013-2017.

Silviculture Activity:

Moose browsing of balsam fir and white birch is a concern on all commercial cutovers. If moose continue to damage and kill advance balsam fir regeneration, this NFS will continue to gap plant at least 1500 white or black spruce on most commercial cutovers.

**Roads:
Non-Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

There is no new road construction planned in this five year period.

The road accessing this block goes through the community pasture. The NFS will maintain a no cut buffer around the pasture.

Operating Area: Mount St Margaret
Silviculture Block

Operating Area #: C1737

NFS Inventory

Map #: 10-13

NTS Map # : Brig Bay 12 P 2

**Description of
Area:**

The Mount St Margaret Silviculture Block is within the Beaver Brook Limestone Subregion. This is a small block on the top of Mount St Margaret that was harvested in 2010. It is not visible from any highway.

**Harvesting
Activity:**

N/A

**Silviculture
Activity:**

This area is known for high quantities of herbaceous vegetation and poor regeneration. This area will be planted with white spruce at a density of 1500 stems per hectare.

Roads:

N/A

**Non- Timber
Considerations
and Mitigations:**

This area is inside of existing core caribou habitat. It will be planted after July 31st.