

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

Name of Undertaking: District 19 Five Year Operating Plan 2013-2017
(Amendment)

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

(i) Nature of Undertaking

Domestic timber harvesting amendment to the Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest Management District 19 2013-2017.

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

In 2013, Labrador experienced extreme weather conditions which resulted in a number of large forest fires. One of which, was in District 19 and resulted in a significant area of burnt timber. This amendment will open approximately 2500 ha of burnt timber for domestic harvesting.

The area included in this amendment is accessible by the Trans-Labrador Highway. Numerous requests from the public have been received to domestic harvest the burnt timber. This proposed

domestic block will provide residents of Upper Lake Melville with easy access to a supply of fuelwood and sawlogs.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest management district 19 is 7.1 million hectares in size. The district is situated in central Labrador and generally bounded to the north by the Mulligan and Red Wine Rivers, to the east by the height of land that separates the Kenamu River watershed from those flowing into the Labrador Sea, to the south by the height of land that separates the Gulf Watershed from those flowing into the Labrador Sea, and to the west by a line at longitude 61°45'. District 19A falls within the boundaries of lands subject to comprehensive land claims negotiations between Innu Nation, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. District 19 has been further subdivided into Sub-districts 19A, 19B & 19C. The attached maps give a general overview of the area and exact location of the proposed amendments.

(ii) Physical Features

Considering that most of Labrador is only sparsely forested or not forested at all, district 19A contains the majority of Labrador's closed canopy forest. This heavy to moderately stocked spruce-fir forest is mixed within a diverse mosaic of vegetation types, such as open sphagnum forest, lichen woodlands, mixed hardwoods (birch, aspen and poplar), black spruce bogs, and a variety of other wetland types. Although frozen most of the year, a significant portion of the landscape (11.6%) is composed of water. The districts' numerous lakes, rivers, and streams play a critical role in shaping its ecological character. The result is a unique ecological landscape, highlighting an important relationship between climate, topography, hydrology, and vegetation.

(iii) Operation

This 2500 ha area will be harvested by domestic

cutters for fuelwood and sawlogs. Most of the harvesting and extraction will take place by snowmobile during the winter months. Based upon yearly domestic permit sales, the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency estimates that approximately 125,000 m3 of burnt softwood will be harvested in these areas over the duration of this five year operating plan.

(iv) Occupants

There will be approximately 25 domestic wood cutters operating in this one domestic cutting block.

(v) Project Related Document

Forest Management District 19 Five Year Operating Plan; January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2017.

(vi) Public Meetings

No public meetings were held to discuss however the District office has received numerous verbal requests to harvest the previously burnt timber.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Domestic cutting permits and operating permits will be available from the Forestry Services Branch district offices in North West River and Happy Valley – Goose Bay.

Schedule:

If approved, these activities are planned to commence October 1st 2016. The Forest Service Branch requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment and Conservation receives the completed registration form.

Funding:

There is no funding requirement for this undertaking.

June 16, 2016
Date

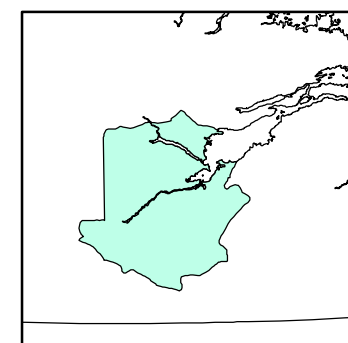
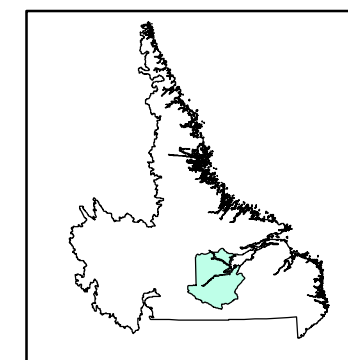
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**Pinus River
Domestic Harvest
Amendment Map**

**Planning Zone: Labrador
FMD: 19**

Legend

- Contour
- Highway
- Streams
- Pinus River Burn
- Bog



Scale 1:50,000
0 0.5 1 2
Kilometers

