

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

**Name of Undertaking:** Forest Management District 21 Five Year Operating Plan 2017-2021

**Proponent:**

- (i) Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agrifoods  
Forest Service of Newfoundland and Labrador
- (ii) Assistant Deputy Minister  
  
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**The Undertaking:**

- (i) Nature of Undertaking  
  
To conduct forestry activities (harvesting, silviculture and primary road construction) from 2017 to 2021 in Forest Management District 21.
- (ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking  
  
This undertaking will enable the Forest Service to harvest approximately 243,000 m<sup>3</sup> of softwood timber and construct approximately 14 kilometres of primary forest access road the District;  
  
This undertaking is necessary to maintain and/or expand the existing commercial industry and allow domestic harvest for home heating.

**Description of Undertaking:**

**(i) Geographic Location**

The planning zone consists of only one District and is a large area (approximately 1.9 million ha) of boreal forest situated on the South Coast of Labrador. Forest Management District 21 (FMD21) is bounded to the north by Hawke Bay and Hawke Brook with the boundary following a general westerly direction along the District 20 boundary until it meets the Paradise River, to the west along the Paradise and St. Pauls Rivers and the Quebec – Labrador border to the Strait of Belle Isle, to the east and south by the Labrador Sea including all islands to Hawke Bay. The overview and operational maps in the plan outline the general and exact locations of the zone.

**(ii) Physical Features**

District 21 contains a diversity of terrain types. Generally most of District 21 consists of an undulating landscape including upland topography and coastal plains. As well, the area is represented by flat to rolling upland plateaus with a few eskers and shallow river valleys traversing the plateau. Coastal areas include exposed headlands with sheltered inlets and numerous islands

**(iii) Operation**

Commercial harvesting will be carried out manually and with shortwood harvesters and forwarders and domestic harvesting will be done by chainsaw with extraction by snowmobile and ATV. Roads will be constructed using excavators. All operations and buffer requirements and operations will be carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Ecologically Based Forest Resource Management and the Forestry Act. Operations will commence upon approval of undertaking and continue yearly until 2021.

**(iv) Occupants**

**Loggers, equipment operators, truckers, sawmillers, silviculture workers and domestic cutters.**

**Approval of the Undertaking:**

**Commercial and domestic cutting permits as well as operating permits will be required from the Forest Service Office in Port Hope Simpson.**

**Schedule:**

**This plan is scheduled to commence upon approval and end on December 31, 2021.**

Oct 31, 2016  
Date

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