

**REGISTRATION FORM
PURSUANT TO SECTION 49 OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Amendment to Zone 8 2023-2027 Five Year Operating Plan

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Name of Undertaking: Forest Management Zone 8 Five Year Operating Plan 2023-2027 (Amendment)

Proponent:

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The Undertaking:

- (i) **Nature of Undertaking**

Commercial timber harvesting amendment to the (2023-2027) Five-Year Operating Plan for Forest Management Planning Zone 8 (Districts 17 & 18).

(ii) Purpose/Rationale/Need for Undertaking

There is a major Spruce Budworm outbreak on the Northern Peninsula. While an insecticide spray program has slowed its progress, the severity and intensity of this outbreak continues to increase. There are thousands of hectares across the Northern Peninsula classified as severe defoliation with mortality.

There is a limited window to access and salvage some of these stands before they are completely killed. The Department has invested millions into silviculture in the region and some of these areas that are under attack need to be salvaged as quickly as possible.

The Department has identified four areas they would like to access and harvest over the next two years: Dawes Pond Commercial Harvest Block CC18056, Rubes Steady Commercial Harvest Block CC18055, Birches Commercial Harvest Block CC17056A, River of Ponds Commercial Harvest Block CC17069. There is no plan to spray these harvest blocks and complete mortality is expected within two years.

Description of Undertaking:

(i) Geographic Location

Forest Management Planning Zone Eight encompasses Forest Management Districts 17 & 18. It extends from Gros Morne National Park in the south to the community of St. Anthony in the north. These salvage areas are additions to (EA 2210) Crown Zone 8 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2023-2027) which was released from EA in 2022.

The Dawes Pond Amendment CC18056 is approximately 5.0 km west from the

intersection of Route 432/433. The Rubes Steady Amendment CC18055 is approximately 15.2 km west from the intersection of Route 432/433. The Birches amendment CC17056 is approximately 4.8 km north from the community of Eddies Cove West. The River of Ponds amendment (new operating area) CC17069 is approximately 370 meters north from the community of River of Ponds.

The attached map identifies the geographic location of the proposed amendments.

(ii) Operation

The Dawes Pond Amendment CC18056 covers 73.75 hectares and contains 4,989 m³ of salvageable timber. There will be 300 meters of road constructed off Route 432 to access this block. The Rubes Steady Amendment CC18055 covers 233.7 hectares and contains 20,071 m³ of salvageable timber. The Birches amendment CC17056 covers 99.4 hectares and contains 4,778 m³ of salvageable timber. There will be 800 meters of road constructed off Route 430 to access this block. The River of Ponds amendment CC17069 is a new commercial operating area. This amendment covers 102 hectares and contains 8,167 m³ of salvageable timber. There will be 300 meters of road constructed off Route 430 to access this block. The plan is to salvage harvest these severely insect infested stands prior to mortality.

This area will be harvested by commercial logging contractors for pulpwood, fuelwood and sawlogs. The plan is to harvest the most of this area over the next two years.

(iii) Occupations

There will be approximately 10-15 individuals working in this area in various positions including 85120, 82010, 73300 and 73400 from National Occupation Classification (NOC) 2021 Version 1.0. If all timber is harvested it will result in 1,868 person days of employment during the harvesting, forwarding and trucking. The planned road construction will result in another 40 person days of employment. The wood will be harvested using short wood harvesters and extracted using forwarders. The road will be constructed with an excavators and dump trucks.

(iv) Project Related Documents

Upon release, this proposal will become part of the Crown Zone 8 Five-Year Forestry Operating Plan (2023-2027) (EA 2210). All applicable conditions and mitigations included in the original Five Year Operating Plan will also apply to this new plan amendment.

Approval of the Undertaking:

Commercial Cutting Permits from the Forestry and Wildlife Branch District Office in Port Saunders.

Schedule:

Upon release from, EA, road construction and harvesting are planned to commence in the Winter/Spring of 2026. The Newfoundland Forest Service requests a decision within 45 days after the Minister of Environment receives the completed registration form.

April 14, 2026
Date


Director - FAL





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5 Year Plan 2023-2027
Commercial Harvest
Overview Amendment Map

Planning Zone : 8
FMD: 17 & 18

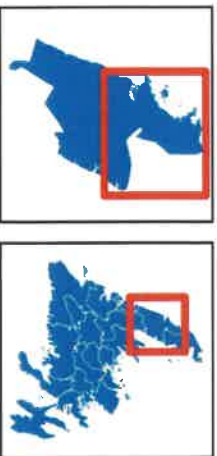
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CC18055, CC18056
Name: Birches, River of Ponds,
Rubes Steady, Dawes Pond

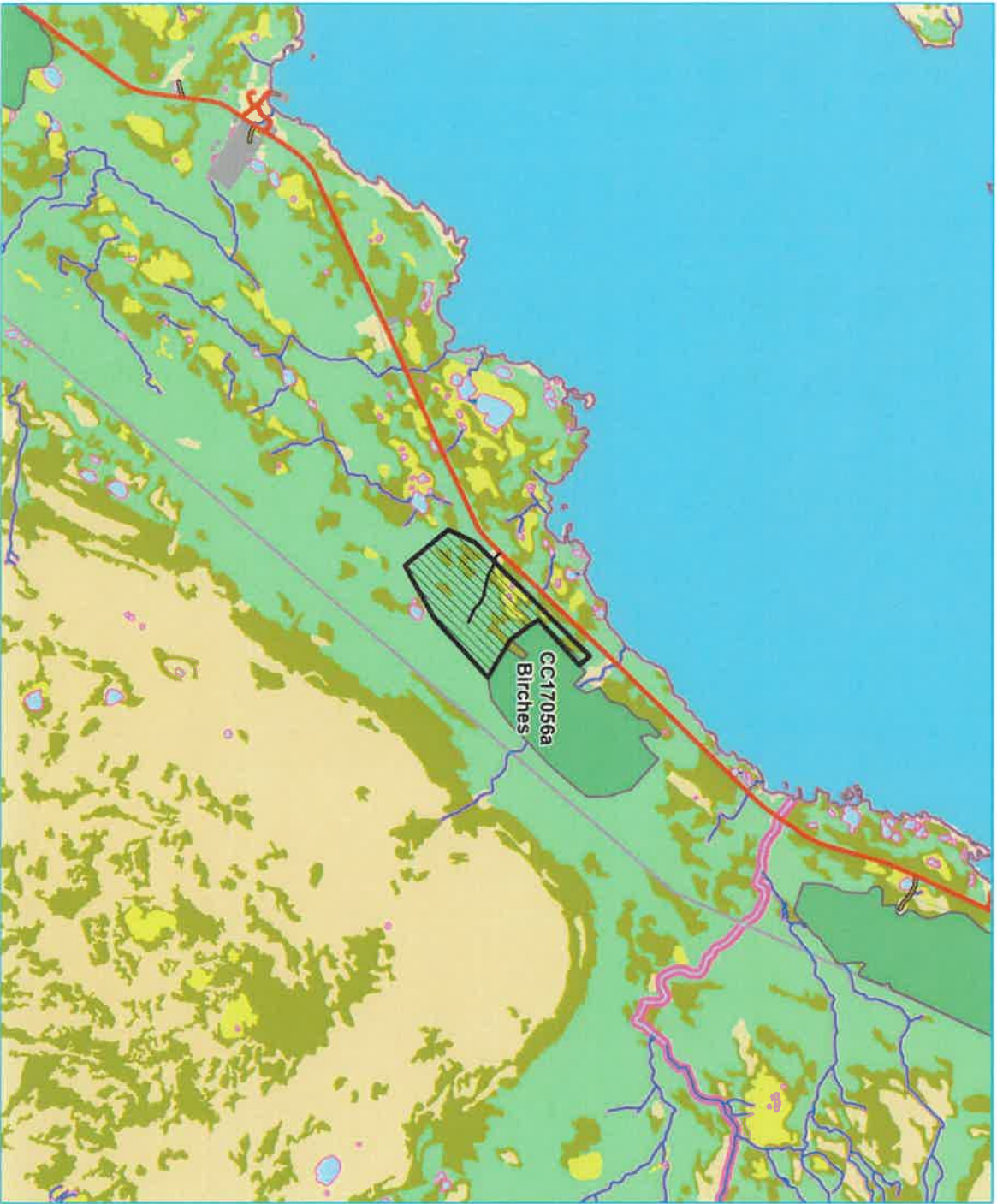
Plan Features

-  5 Year Plan Amendment Area
-  Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

Restrictions

-  Protected Water Supply
-  Regulatory
-  No Cut Buffer







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FMD: 17

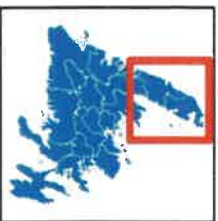
Operating Area No.: CC17056a
Name: Birchies

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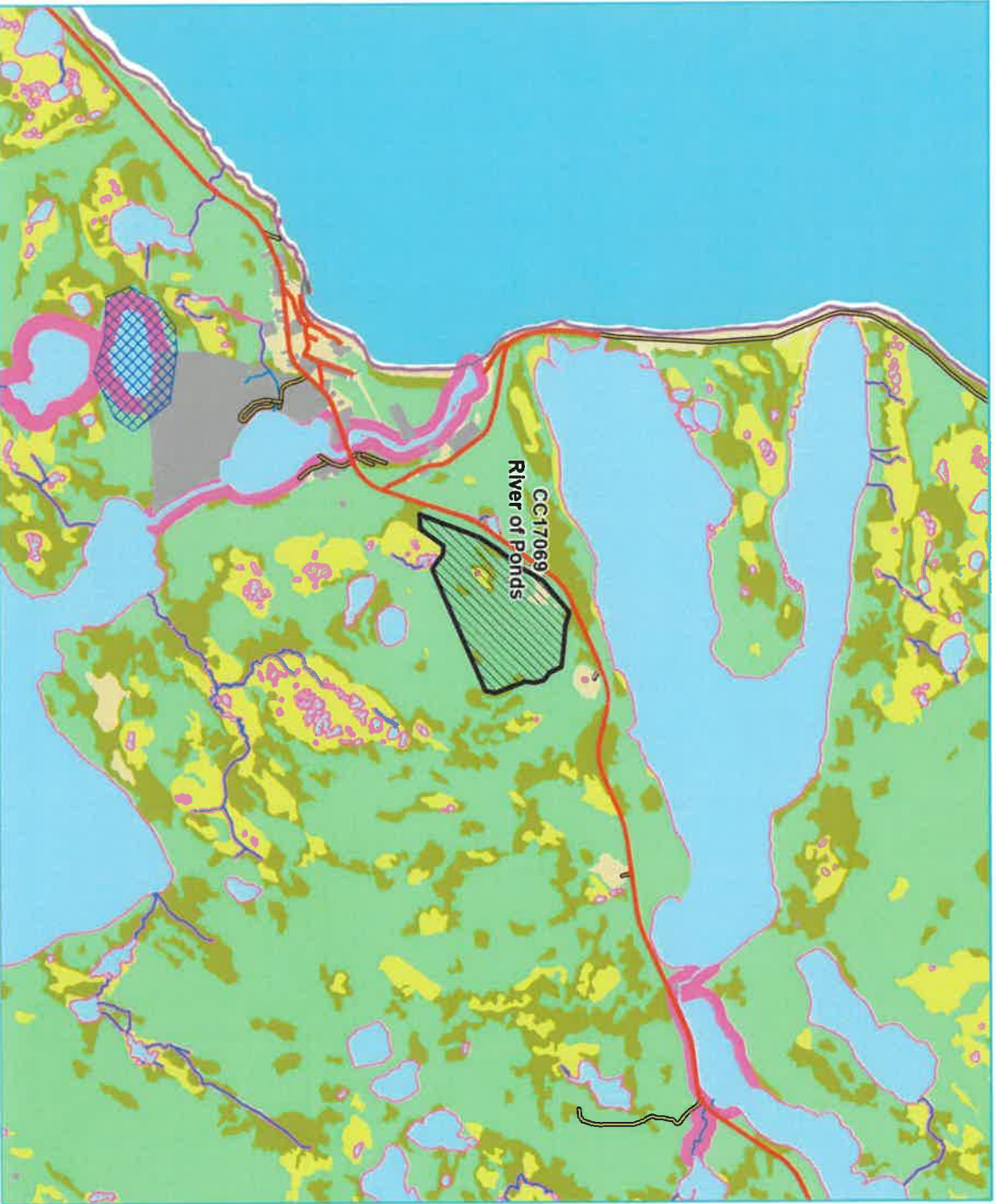
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
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Overview Amendment Map**

Planning Zone : 8
FMD: 17

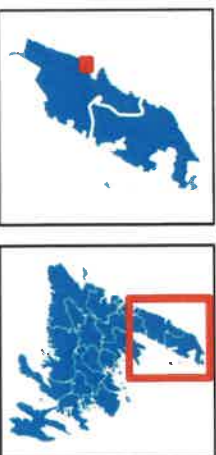
Operating Area No.: GC17069
Name: River of Ponds

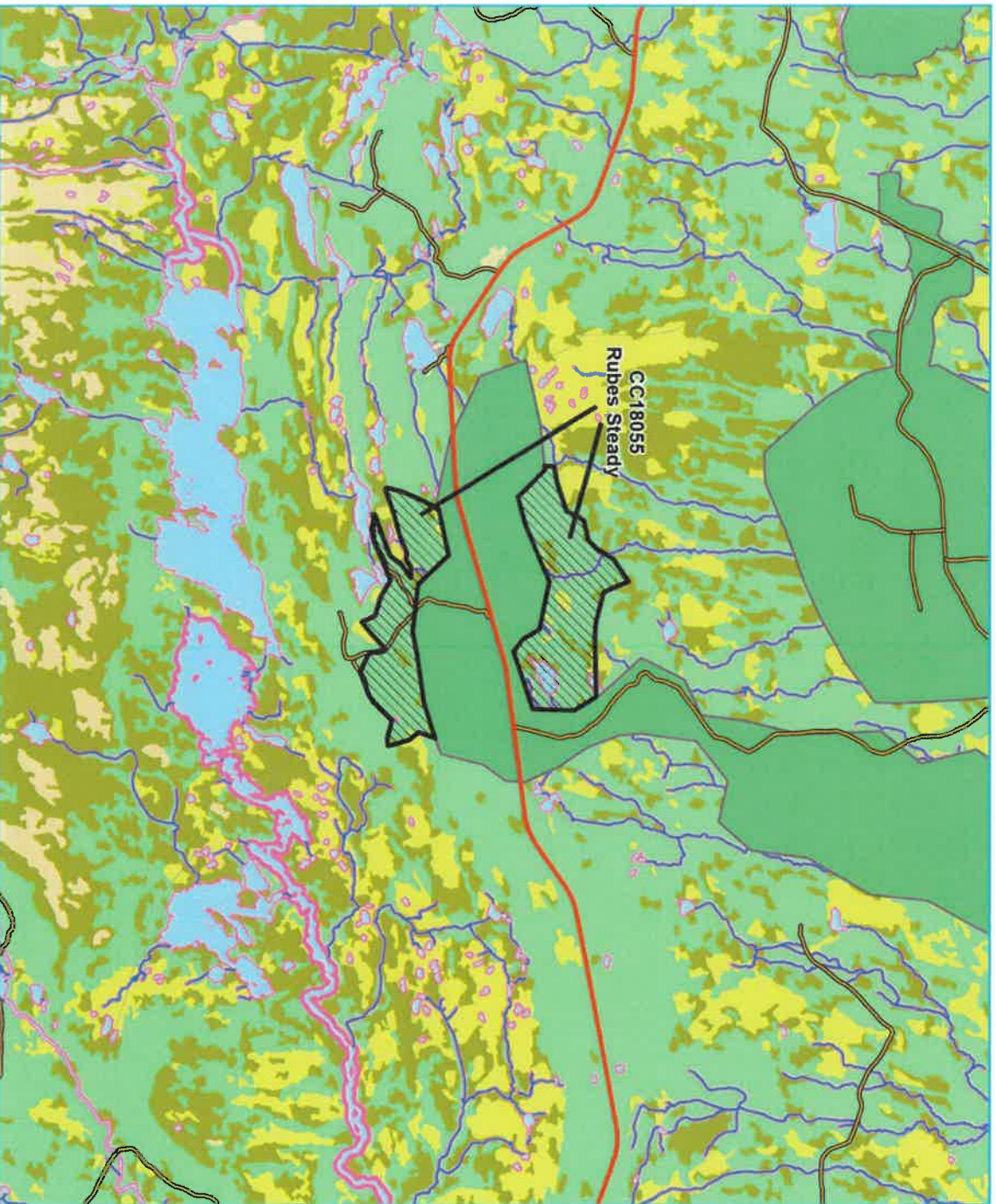
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


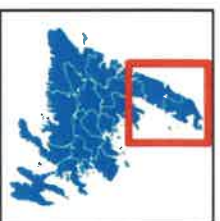


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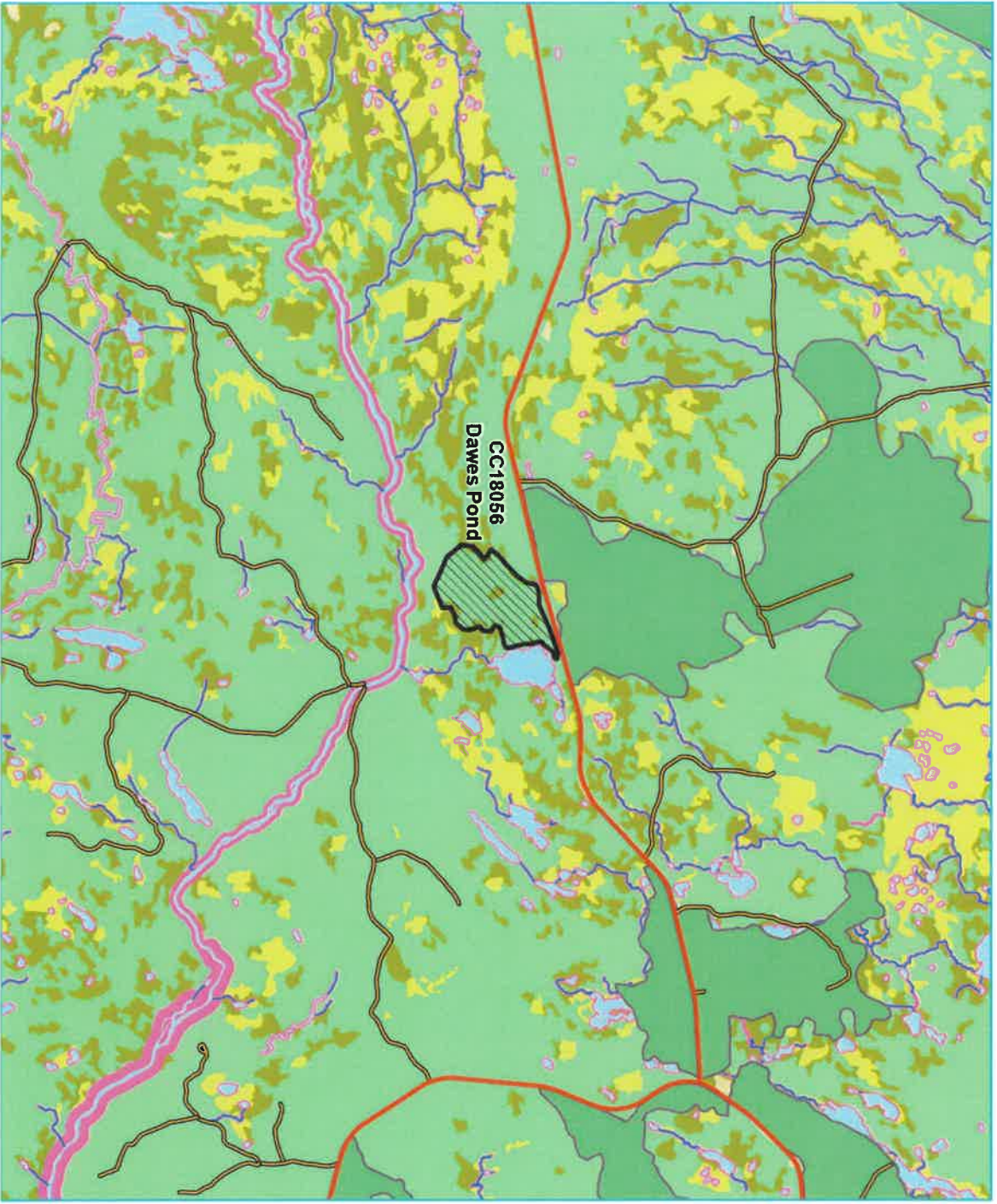
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**5 Year Plan 2023-2027
Commercial Harvest
Overview Amendment Map**

Planning Zone : 8
FMD: 18

Operating Area No.: CC18056
Name: Daves Pond

Plan Features

-  5 Year Plan Amendment Area
-  Current Commercial 5 Year Plan Operating Area

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