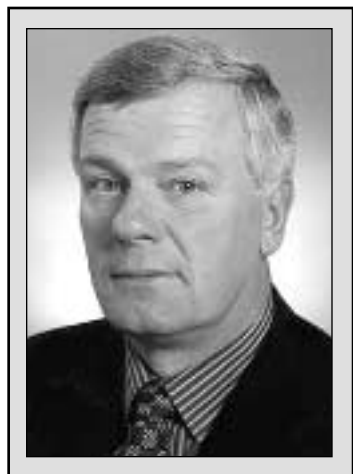


# Forest News

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Mike Willick

## Welcoming Remarks

Welcome to the first edition of the Ministry of Natural Resources Forest News. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

As Assistant Deputy Minister of the newly created Forests Division, it is my expectation that you will have top levels of service and enhanced relations with government. The new Forests Division integrates MNR's Forest Management, and Aviation, Flood and Fire Management branches, and introduces a new branch, Industry Relations. A core component of the new Division's mandate is to support the forest industry while ensuring that the public interest in the ecological sustainability of Ontario's forests is addressed.

While staff members in many areas of the Forests Division are busy

implementing components of Ontario's Living Legacy land use strategy, I am particularly pleased to introduce Riet Verheggen to the position of Director, Industry Relations Branch. Riet began her new role on March 01, 2000.

Riet has had several years of experience with the OPS and MNR. Many of you will know Riet from her position of Manager, Forest Industry Section. I am confident that Riet will continue to make a positive contribution to the ministry's commitment to the forest industry and I look forward to her leadership in this new exciting Branch.

The implications of the Living Legacy strategy are extensive.

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***SFL holders and forest industry workers are an integral part of successful implementation and, as such, need to be involved at every step.***

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As a result, you can expect further efforts to engage you in the process. If the Forests Division can be of further service to you, please contact us directly. I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. •

Mike Willick  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Forests Division



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**Question:**

What is forest certification?

**Answer:**

Certification can be defined as a process that results in a written statement attesting to the origin and the status of the raw material as validated by an independent third party (the certifier). This process allows participants to measure their forest management practices against a set of standards and to demonstrate that they are in compliance with those standards.

Typically, forest certification includes two main components: certification of sustainability of forest management activities; and, product certification.

**Question:**

What is MNR's role related to forest certification systems?

**Answer:**

The MNR is responsible for the sustainable forest management of Crown forests, and aims to provide a policy and regulatory structure that meets and may surpass relevant international standards. MNR will continue to provide technical and policy support to those developing certification systems and to those seeking certification, within our mandate and that of the Forest Management Business Plan. Our involvement in the development of certification systems is to encourage those developing systems to utilize scientific knowledge, sound public policy, maintain efficiency and effectiveness, and continue to provide fair market access. The MNR wants Ontario forest companies to be successful in their efforts to become certified, but MNR itself is not pursuing certification.

**Question:**

Where can I get a copy of the current Crown timber charges (i.e. stumpage, forest renewal, forestry futures, etc.) by forest management unit.

**Answer:**

They can be found on the MNR Website, and you can get there directly by entering [www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/forest/stumpage/matrix/](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/forest/stumpage/matrix/), or by visiting your local district office.

## Update: Ontario Crown Charges (Stumpage) for Timber

The new stumpage system, introduced in 1994 is more responsive to various commodity prices in the absence of a true market for standing timber the stumpage system is designed to react in much the same way as an actual market would.

The previous stumpage system, in place since 1978, used three Statistics Canada indices to vary the price of a base stumpage rate for 5 separate categories of timber.

Prices paid by pulp and paper mills for conifer were usually higher than for sawmills due to a higher base stumpage rate. The stumpage rates were changed quarterly.

Although the stumpage system has had minor adjustments since its inception, the principles remain the same.



intensive silviculture and to aid in the regeneration of natural disturbances, such as those caused by fire and insects.

3. All licensees are required to pay a minimum stumpage charge to the Crown for this timber regardless of market conditions.
4. A residual value charge is applied when the price for forest products

is greater than the cost of production plus an allowance for profit and risk. The residual value charge is calculated on a monthly basis.

In summary, the total stumpage payments consist of the minimum charge, the

residual value charge, the forest renewal trust charge and the forestry future trust charge. •

1. There are no unfunded silvicultural liabilities within the Province. Each cubic metre of timber harvested has the cost of renewal included in the stumpage price. The funds are placed in a trust account until renewal activity has taken place at which time the company who paid the renewal portion of stumpage is eligible to be reimbursed for their costs of renewal. This charge is called the Forest Renewal Trust Charge.
2. The MNR charges 48 cents per cubic metre which is called a Forestry Futures Trust Charge. This money is used to fund

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or e-mail to  
[peter.gagnon@mnr.gov.on.ca](mailto:peter.gagnon@mnr.gov.on.ca).

## Forest Management Planning in the 21st Century. Plans, Plans and More Plans?

Over the past 10-15 years, a key objective for those involved in preparing and reviewing forest management plans in Ontario was to schedule planning efforts in a manner that spread the workload evenly over a five year period. It is a noble objective, considering the workload associated with each forest management plan produced. Despite this objective, the current fiscal year, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, is proving to be one of the busiest years for forest planners ever!

As of April 1, 1999 there were 68 management units. Since it takes a minimum two years to prepare a forest management plan and it must be renewed every 5 years, that means 27 plans, on average (68 divided by five, times two), are in some stage of preparation during each year.

Compare that to the 15 year 2000 plans and 19 plans that are due in 2001.

That totals 34 plans which is 25 per cent over average. In addition, these 34 plans will replace the plans for 46 existing management units as a result



of unit amalgamations. In addition to the efforts related to 2000 and 2001 plans, the planning teams for 2002 plans (there are only four of these) are being appointed, training is being initiated and efforts to assemble background information has begun.

The planning workload that is concentrated this fiscal year is the result of a number of contributing factors

including schedule adjustments relating to historically heavy plan years, judicial review, unit amalgamations and delays in plan preparation (i.e. use of contingency plans to meet short term (1-2 year) plan delay needs).

The next fiscal will have a little lighter workload and fiscal 2001 / 2002 will be a virtual breeze if all things go as planned, offering a bit of a break for forest planners. However, we all know that forest planners can never rest on their laurels for long... the time to start work on the next plan goes by in the blink of an eye.

A wise man once said; "Time flies when you are having fun." He must have had an interesting definition of "fun"!

For information on FMP renewal schedules contact Richard Raper, R.P.F. @ 705-945-6705 (phone), 705-945-6667 (fax) or richard.raper@mn.gov.on.ca (email). •

### F O R E S T   N E W S   R E A D E R   R E S P O N S E

1. What did you like about the newsletter?

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2. What topics would you like to see in future?

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3. How would you rate this Newsletter?

A. very informative   B. somewhat informative

C. not informative   *circle one*

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## Policy and Program Development News

The forest policy and program business process involves the development, implementation and improvement of forestry business and operational management practices. The products and services provided include: strategic direction, legislation and regulations, program policies and strategies, business practices directives and procedures, technical standards and guidelines, and the transfer, interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of these documents in the context of our goal – forest sustainability, regardless of land ownership.

The forest management policy agenda is influenced by a whole range of factors. Some of these include:

- ongoing obligations related to the implementation of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), the Timber Class Environmental Assessment approval and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Statement of Environmental Values; and,
- keeping pace with provincial/national commitments under the National Forest Strategy, the Canadian Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, the Climate Change Convention and the recent Kyoto Protocol.

Recently, MNR's commitments to the Ontario Living Legacy Forest Accord have been added to this list of policy and program development drivers.

In 2000-01:

- The Intensive Forest Management (IFM) and Tenure initiatives, begun in 1999-00 under the Forest Accord, will continue. This work will define IFM including incentives and actions required to ensure implementation in

the field. Basic and applied forest research will continue to contribute to the success of forest sustainability objectives. This process was initiated with the December 7th and 8th IFM Workshop held in Sault Ste. Marie.



- The comprehensive review of the forest management guidelines and the project to test the hierarchical application of the most spatially demanding guidelines under the Forest Accord will be completed. The results of this work will direct the agenda for a major revision of the suite of all forestry technical guidelines for the next several years.
- The emulating natural disturbance guideline will be completed. The development of this guideline will be challenging because it focuses the debate on the need for a range of disturbance sizes/patterns to address certain wildlife habitat requirements, versus the public perception that “clearcuts are bad”. Other guidelines currently under review include: Access Roads Manual, Wildlife Manuals, Boreal Mixedwood Notes, Boreal Mixedwood Silvicultural Guide, Regeneration Assessment Guideline, Aerial Spray Manual, Tourism Values, Moose Habitat, Access Roads & Water Crossings, Fish Habitat, Cultural Heritage, Tree Marking Guide for Partial Cutting Systems, and Caribou Guidelines.
- Pending the outcome of the comprehensive guideline review initiative, the Forest Operations and Silviculture Manual will be updated.

- The Forest Information Manual will be placed into regulation under the CFSA. The Forest Resource Assessment Policy is due for review and update.

- The Conservation Strategy for Old Growth Forest Ecosystems on Crown Lands in Ontario will be finalized and approved. This operational management strategy will provide direction on how MNR plans to maintain old growth forest ecosystems across the forest landscapes in Ontario through time and space. This strategy will:

- build upon the direction contained in “The Conservation Strategy for Old Growth Forest Ecosystems on Crown Lands in Ontario”, released for public review and comment in 1998 prior to the start of the MNR Lands for Life initiative; and,
- address recent Ontario Government commitments for the conservation of old growth forest values contained in documents such as: Canada's National Forest Strategy (1998) and Ontario's Living Legacy (1999) in the context of MNR's recently re-defined core business practices.

In support of this Strategy, a report on old growth definitions for forest ecosystems in Ontario will also be completed. This technical report will also include a description of the science and methodologies used for developing the definitions and identifying these late succession forests.

All of these drivers influence the ongoing effort of this business process to ensure that the MNR forest policy framework (i.e., strategic direction, legislation and regulations, program policies and strategies, business practices directives and procedures, technical standards and guidelines) is up-to-date, maintained and accessible.

## Independent Forest Audits Update

The activities within the policy and program development process ensure that forest management activity is carried out in a sustainable manner. The outcomes of these activities are reflected in the Ministry's performance measures for Ecosystem Health and Socio-Economic Benefits. The latter support the successful implementation of forest-based businesses. •

### COMPARISON OF PRODUCTIVE AREA

*under SFL  
from 1995 to 1999*

|                | 1995<br>CROWN<br>COMPANY | 1995<br>SFL |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| AREA<br>SQ KM  | 128,848.8                | 146,532.7   |
| %              | 46.8                     | 53.2        |
| NO.<br>OF MU'S | 51                       | 28          |

**1995 Total Area 275,381.6  
No. of Mu's 79**

|                | 1999<br>CROWN<br>COMPANY | 1999<br>SFL |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| AREA<br>SQ KM  | 28,11.9                  | 247,269.7   |
| %              | 10.2                     | 89.8        |
| NO.<br>OF MU'S | 11                       | 51          |

**1999 Total Area 275,381.6  
No. of Mu's 62**

The Independent Forest Audit Process and Protocol was designed to address the legal requirements of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and the Class Environmental Assessment for Timber Management on Crown Lands in Ontario (Class EA), Term and Condition #86 and Appendix 25. In relation to those requirements the process has been designed to address both the compliance and effectiveness aspects of forest management.

#### *Audit Implementation*

The Independent Forest Audit was piloted in 1996 and fully implemented in 1997. The schedule of audits forecasted and completed is summarized below:

| YEAR  | COMPLETED AUDITS | FORECASTED AUDITS |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1996  | 4                |                   |
| 1997  | 10               |                   |
| 1998  | 6                |                   |
| 1999  | 14               |                   |
| 2000  |                  | 18                |
| 2001  |                  | 20                |
| Total | 34               | 38                |

The Ministry of Natural Resources has developed a schedule of audits that will ensure that all management units or Sustainable Forest Licenses will have been audited during the five-year period from 1997 to 2001.

#### *Action Plans*

Both the CFSA and the Class EA stipulate that all final audit reports for each Independent Forest Audit must be tabled in the legislature. Recommendations made during individual audits are addressed through action plans. The Independent Forest Audit Process and Protocol requires that the forest manager, in consultation with the District Manager and

designated provincial representatives, prepare an action plan. When the audits are tabled in the legislature, the action plans (while not tabled themselves) will provide the text and/or response to any verbal and written question which might be raised. For this reason, there is a strong reluctance to table audit reports prior to the completion of action plans. Recently, a number of action plans have experienced lengthy preparation time resulting in noticeable delays in tabling before the legislature. With increased awareness and interest in the audit process, action plans need to be prepared promptly.

You are encouraged to begin working with your MNR counterpart on the development of your action plan as soon as you have received the draft audit report. In this way you will be addressing the issues while they are still fresh in everyone's mind. If you are having difficulty getting started or where issues are of a regional or provincial nature, you are encouraged to work with the MNR regional or provincial representative in developing an appropriate response. Carmen Dube (705-235-1171) is the contact for Northeastern Ontario, Grant Craig (807- 475-1278) is the contact for Northwestern Ontario and Doris Krahn (705-755-3215) is the contact for Southcentral Ontario. Betty van Kerkhof (705-945-6619) is the provincial coordinator for action plans related to the Independent Forest Audit Program. (705-945-6619). •

## International Interest in Ontario's Forests Heightens



*European delegates take part in a field trip on Tembec's FSC Certified Forests*

During the past decade, Ontario's forests and the people and programs responsible for their management have come under increased attention by a number of diverse groups.

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***In all, nearly 10 parties and individuals were formally welcomed by Forest Management Branch to learn more about how Ontario's forest are being managed.***

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Two of the groups were brought to Canada as part of the International Forestry Partnerships Program, under the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers.

The overall aim of this program is to communicate our sustainable forest management policies and practices to key government officials, purchasers of Canadian wood and paper products and opinion leaders in Europe, the United States and Japan. This year, Ontario was asked to participate in two missions, one involving a delegation from the United States and one representing the Council of Europe, an organization that has 39 member countries. Green Forest Lumber and Abitibi Consolidated provided excellent field trips and technical support on these two missions.

Another major delegation was hosted by Industry Canada with financial support from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development & Mines. Four trade journalists from Germany, Holland and Great Britain toured Ontario and New Brunswick in early October.

Again the forest industry provided excellent support, organizing tours and presentations which demonstrated their role in forest management and their sustainable forestry practices and products. MacMillan Bloedel, Michigan Maple Ltd., Domtar and Tembec all cooperated in introducing this group of journalists to Ontario's forest management partners. •



*European Wood Product Journalists, with Jock Forbes MNM (extreme right) and Peter Gagnon MNR (third from the right)*

| DATE       | NAME                                      | AFFILIATION                                                                                                                      | INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION                                                                              |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 17-18  | Dr. G.V. Gloey                            | German Embassy<br>Washington, D.C.                                                                                               | St. Mary's Paper &<br>Clergue Forest Management                                                     |
| May 26     | Mohammad Ali-UI<br>Hassnain Fatime        | Pakistan, Director<br>Assistant Director                                                                                         | Environmental Protection Agency                                                                     |
| June 7     | Mr. Parkash<br>Mr. Joshi<br>Mr. Sharm     | India, Forest Research<br>Deputy Director<br>Assistant Deputy Director<br>Head, Forest Research Institute                        | Algoma Forest Coalition                                                                             |
| June 21-25 | U.S. Delegation                           | A cross-section of senior<br>officials from media,<br>academia, industry association<br>corporate and environmental<br>community | Superior Forest Management Inc.,<br>Pineal Lake Lumber,<br>St. Mary's Paper                         |
| Sept. 9,10 | Council of Europe                         | Parliamentarians from Turkey<br>France, U.K., Lithuania, Russia,<br>Spain and Poland                                             | Abitibi-Consolidated Iroquois Falls<br>Tembec                                                       |
| Oct. 3-6   | European Wood<br>Product Journalists      | Germany, Holland, U.K.                                                                                                           | MacMillan Bloedel Limited, Tembec,<br>Domtar, Michigan Maple,<br>Weston Forest Products Corporation |
| Nov. 11    | America-Asia &<br>Associates Corporations | 25 Senior Chinese Government<br>Forestry Staff                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |

## Ontario's Living Legacy Forest Accord *Re: Status of Work Teams on Accord Implementation*

The Ministry of Natural Resources has developed an historic accord with representatives from the forest industry and environmental groups. The government has provided a \$30-million Living Legacy Trust fund to support implementation of measures in the accord to improve future opportunities for the forest industry, and improve fish and wildlife resource access and management.

The "1999 Ontario Forest Accord - A Foundation for Progress" sets out a mutually acceptable approach to establishing parks and protected areas in the planning area and addressing future needs of the forest industry. The accord was developed through discussions by representatives of the forest industry, the Partnership for Public Lands and MNR.

### **Accord Commitment #2, 20 - Mapping, Linear Park Crossing**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Regional Planning Managers | MNR |
|----------------------------|-----|

### **Accord Commitment #3, 7, 14**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Craig McManus | Domtar      |
| Ric Symmes    | Partnership |
| Fraser Dunn   | MNR         |

### **Room to Grow Sub-Committee**

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Kevin Kavanagh    | WWF                   |
| Tony Iacobelli    | WWF                   |
| Gregor Black      | FON                   |
| Paul Jewiss       | Abitibi-Consolidated  |
| Bob Fleet         | Grant Forest Products |
| Martin Litchfield | Domtar                |
| Bill Crins        | MNR                   |
| Phil Kor          | MNR                   |

### **Intensive Forest Management Sub-Committee**

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Tim Gray        | Wildlands League |
| Chris Henschel  | Wildlands League |
| Maureen Kershaw | FON              |
| Bill Roll       | Bowater          |
| George Bruemmer | Tembec           |
| Dick Fry        | Buchanan         |
| Wayne Nakamura  | MNR              |
| Geoff Munro     | MNR              |

### **Accord Commitment #5 - Science & Research**

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Geoff Munro | MNR     |
| Dave West   | Bowater |
| Ed Kondo    | CFS     |

The forest accord represents an important new relationship that makes the forest industry and the environmental groups partners in the preservation of Ontario's Living Legacy. The new partnership will allow Ontario's forest industry to market its commitment as an environmentally sensitive resource industry that manages forests sustainably.

The Ontario Forest Accord and the \$30-million Living Legacy Trust are important achievements of the Living Legacy initiative. The Forest Accord is an historic partnership that recommends new protected areas and measures to strengthen the economy of Northern and central Ontario. The Living Legacy Trust supports improved future opportunities for the forest industry, and improved fish and wildlife access and management.

### **Accord Commitment #9 - Certainty of Tenure**

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Being addressed by Ontario Provincial Policy Committee |            |
| Lorne Crawford                                         | Consultant |
| Craig McManus                                          | Domtar     |

### **Accord Commitment #10 - Determine Volume to be Mitigated (Baseline Committee)**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Charlotte Caron | Abitibi-Consolidated |
| Mark Speers     | MNR                  |
| Dirk Kloss      | MNR                  |
| Brian Callaghan | Partnership          |
| Tom Clark       | Partnership          |
| Mike Maxfield   | Bowater              |

### **Accord Commitment #11 - Utilization**

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Paul Krabbe      | Tembec                   |
| Quentin Day      | MNR                      |
| Chad Tracy       | Bowater                  |
| Tom Glendinning  | Kimberly Clark           |
| Trevor Isherwood | Clergue SFL              |
| Ian Armstrong    | Buchanan Forest Products |
| Faye Johnson     | Grant Forest Products    |
| James Harrison   | Green Mantle SFL         |
| Peter Street     | Nipissing SFL            |
| Riet Verheggen   | MNR                      |
| Bill Rose        | MNR                      |
| Bill Towill      | MNR                      |
| Ray Bonenberg    | MNR                      |
| Bruce Campbell   | MNR                      |
| Richard Raper    | MNR                      |
| Bill Baker       | MNR                      |

### **Accord Commitment #12 - Tops**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Gary Bloomfield   | Bowater |
| Walter Zagrobelny | MNR     |

The following is an updated list outlining the members of the Ontario Forest Accord Implementation Task Teams. The purpose of this chart is to help recognize and document possible links between the currently existing Task Teams. ●

#### Accord Commitment # 12 – Tops

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Rick Groves     | Tembec                   |
| Murray Ferguson | Weyerhaeuser             |
| Marc Dubé       | St. Mary's Paper         |
| Bob Fleet       | Grant Forest Products    |
| Ian Armstrong   | Buchanan Forest Products |
| John Boudreau   | Abitibi-Consolidated     |
| Ray Gladu       | Abitibi-Consolidated     |
| Brian Nicks     | Domtar                   |
| Peter Street    | Nipissing SFL            |

#### Accord Commitment #15 - FMP Process

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Larry Skinkle     | MNR    |
| Martin Litchfield | Domtar |

#### Accord Commitment #24 – Northern Boreal Initiative (N51)

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| John Sills | MNR |
|------------|-----|

#### Accord Commitment # 27 - Guideline Review

|                                                          |                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Being addressed by Provincial Forest Technical Committee |                      |
| Paul Jewiss                                              | Abitibi-Consolidated |
| Brian Nicks                                              | Domtar               |
| Mike Willick                                             | MNR                  |
| Chris Henschel                                           | Partnership          |

#### Accord Commitment # 28 - NSR/B&S Opportunity and Scoping

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Bill Thornton  | MNR |
| Wayne Nakamura | MNR |
| Neil Stocker   | MNR |

#### Accord Commitment #29 - RSA (Tourism)

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Bill Thornton      | MNR      |
| Graham Swanwick    | MNR      |
| Sergio Buonocore   | MTour    |
| Cal McDonald       | MNDM     |
| Craig Boddy        | Domtar   |
| Ian Armstrong      | Buchanan |
| Bill Roll          | Bowater  |
| 2 NOTO Members     |          |
| 2 Non-NOTO Members |          |

## ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF UPDATE



### Who Is This Man?

He is Neil Stocker, who joined the Forest Health & Silviculture Section in 1999.

*Neil Stocker*

Neil was educated at Concordia University in Montreal, the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and Lakehead University. To quote Neil “I’ve spent about half of my life in school.” The other half (of his life) has found him in a variety of occupations from selling oriental carpets, to measuring insect droppings, and being in the Canadian Army with United Nations’ tours of duty. In forestry, he’s worked as a parks forester in New Brunswick; a regional silviculturist in western Newfoundland and Labrador; a research silviculturist (on the Rock); a graduate student in Thunder Bay, and a vegetation management forester for the B.C. Ministry of Forests in Fort Nelson. Neil has been married to Sarah Stocker for 18 years and has three children: Kellie (the Monster, 16), Andrew (the Orc, 13) and Christopher (Bazoo, 10). When not working in his new position as Ontario’s boreal silviculturalist he enjoys cross-country skiing, canoeing, reading, making wine and cooking. Neil is also in the Army Reserves.

### Why Did He Come Here?

Neil arrived in the Sault just after Labour Day last year. Although he enjoyed the cosmopolitan life-style of Fort Nelson with its population of 4,500 and proximity to N.W.T., it offered limited opportunities and Neil decided to look elsewhere to continue the practice of forestry. Neil is a welcome addition to the Health and Silviculture Section of the Forest Management Branch. ●

## The Forest Renewal Trust Advisory Committee

Following the establishment of the Forest Renewal Trust (FRT) under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, a committee was appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources to provide some administrative direction and guidance.

Since its inception, the FRT has grown considerably both in value and in the number of participating sustainable forestry license holders (SFLs). As of the end of March, 1999 there were some 52 participant forests and the value of the trust has increased to \$156 million. With this increase in participation and value, there has been a maturing of the trust and an ongoing need to constantly review the operating parameters of the trust so that it meets the needs of the participating SFLs and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The Forest Renewal Trust Advisory Committee has four members. Two are from the MNR and two are selected from the forest industry participants. Of the two members from the MNR, the Director of the Forest Management Branch, Bill Thornton, is the chair of the committee.

The forest industry is represented by Dave Chown, Abitibi Consolidated Inc. (Iroquois Falls) and Claude Perrier, Buchanan Forest Products Ltd. (Thunder Bay). Administration of the trust and

a secretariat role is carried out by Forest Health and Silviculture Section staff. Betty Hammond looks after the numbers and reporting functions in her role as Data Administrator/Analyst; Thom McDonough, Stand Establishment Specialist, is responsible for liaison with the Trustee and the FRT agreement.

The role of the committee is to oversee the operation of the trust and ensure that it is meeting the needs of the participants and the MNR. The committee, which meets quarterly, constantly reviews the performance of the Trustee in relation to the Trust agreement. The committee also discusses concerns that participants have with respect to the operation of the trust and make recommendations to the Minister for changes where necessary. As an example, the original investment policy for the trust was extremely conservative and the rate of return reflected that. The committee has been responsible for developing a new investment policy that will maximize the return on the trust while protecting the capital value. It is expected that the return on investments may well double the historical return to the benefit of all trust participants.

The Forest Renewal Trust Advisory Committee is in place to represent your SFL in the operation of the trust.

If you have concerns, you should contact any of the individuals listed below:

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**SECRETARIAT SERVICES:**

*Trust account balances, summaries etc.*

**Betty Hammond**

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Renewal Trust Agreement,  
Trustee liaison etc.*

**Thom McDonough**

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## The Ontario Forest Accord Advisory Board

On March 31, 1999, Premier Mike Harris announced Ontario's Living Legacy. One of foundations of this initiative is the formation of the Ontario Forest Accord Advisory Board (OFAAB)

The creation of OFAAB fulfills one of the commitments within the Ontario Forest Accord and is composed of nine members, three each from the forest industry, the environmental community and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The responsibility of board chair is alternated between forest industry and environmental community board members. MNR provides a secretarial advisory function. While MNR provides support for OFAAB activities, OFAAB operates at arms-length from MNR.

As outlined in the Ontario Forest Accord, OFAAB has been directed to consider and develop means to provide advice to the Minister to:

- help implement the recommendations and joint commitments made in the Accord, and develop and recommend further mitigation and transition strategies if required.
- monitor the achievement of ecological representation and parks targets, and develop procedures for achieving industry / environmental group / government resolution of shortfalls.
- help resolve disputes that arise related to the matters listed above, and other related matters referred to the board by the Minister.
- develop methods to update and amend this accord to ensure that it remains current and can be responsive to future needs and emerging issues.

OFAAB will, consistent with the spirit of the Accord, develop a strategy for additions to the parks and protected areas system through a jointly acceptable process, that shares the benefits of increased productivity and contains some or all of the following elements:

- representation achievements and candidate site identification;
- site Discussions;
- develop Proposals.

OFAAB will also give consideration to and develop:

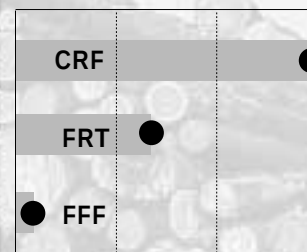
- mechanisms to ensure the board's work is transparent and open to all interested parties.
- within one year (by July 2000) consider and provide advice to the Minister on expanding the membership of the board.

Membership on the OFAAB is based on the people who participated in the original discussions (commonly referred to as the Fern Resort discussions) between members of the forest industry, the Partnership for Public Lands and MNR.

OFAAB is making steady progress on the complex issues it was created to address. Several task groups have been struck and work has started on the more immediate Accord items. One of OFAAB's main priorities at this time is to determine the amount of wood currently being used. This information is essential in designing measures to offset the impact of additional parks and protected areas. •

### ONTARIO FORESTS FACTS AND FIGURES

#### Revenue 1998/99



CRF \$166,090,906

FRT \$76,763,274

FFF \$10,208,831

Total \$253,063,011

### ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES UPCOMING EVENTS

#### May 7-13

National Forest Week

*"Canada's Forests. Learning from the Past, Building For the Future"*

#### May 14-18

National Forest Millennial Conference  
Forest Sustainability Beyond 2000

*"Building a Common Vision for Canada's Forests"*

Thunder Bay, Ontario 1-800-465-3939  
[www.forconfor2000.org](http://www.forconfor2000.org)

#### Aug. 15-17

The 27th Biennial Meeting of The Canadian  
Tree Improvement Association

*"Genetic Resource Management – Building  
Strategies for the New Millennium"*

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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## Forest Compliance Program

It's difficult to tell a joke in an article. You just can't get the right inflections. So this cartoon will have to suffice in getting you mellow for reading this article on compliance.



It's an honour and a pleasure to be submitting an article to the first SFL Newsletter. This Newsletter reflects how far the forest industry and ministry partnership has grown and matured. For forest operations compliance, it's a very unique partnership, not only in Ontario, but across North America. Recently, people have asked, "What's happening with the forest compliance program?"

That's a pretty broad question. The answer(s) lie to some extent in the report, Forest Operations Compliance Program Review, June 1999. If you and your staff have not already done so, you are strongly encouraged to read and discuss the report findings. It indicates that overall the compliance program which is being delivered by both industry and MNR is on track with respect to administration, functionality, and respective roles and responsibilities.

While some shortcomings are identified, these will be the focus of our collective attention for the remainder of this year and into next.

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***We will be paying particular attention to more focussed and effective compliance plans and the fine-tuning of inspection regimes.***

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In many respects, the 'flagged' adjustments amount to honing a new program which is characterized by constantly emerging needs. However, what the program review didn't do, or was intended to do, is address such things as compliance rate, effectiveness, and "on-the-ground" operations. This leads to what's on the horizon in forest compliance.

From a business perspective, items such as audits, performance measures, certification, accountability, information and data management seem to be the flavour of the day. For the past year and a bit, MNR has been collecting all of its and your inspection reports in electronic form. This is valuable information for the on-going review and analysis of performance both locally and provincially. SFLs can avail themselves of data on their respective company in one of three ways. By using their Forest Operations Compliance Inspection System (FOCIS) program; sitting down with MNR staff at a terminal in the MNR

District office to access FOCIS; or with the assistance of the MNR District office, accessing the provincial data base, the Compliance Information System (CIS), for their respective operations.

Have you ever wondered where all of your and our inspection reports go? No, not into a black hole. Districts take their and your inspections and send them electronically to a server in Sault Ste. Marie. The CIS program, which holds this large database of now over 5,600 inspection reports, is available to select MNR personnel only. From this point on, all of the data entered can be analyzed and evaluated in literally a thousand ways. Depending on who is doing the 'searching', for what purpose, the parameters chosen and level of detail desired, a myriad of compliance records and statistics can be generated. While this may be a scary thought for some, one of the main functions served by CIS, is its ability to very quickly generate the data required for AR-12 production. i.e., the annual report on compliance. So, the message is: "Keep feeding CIS with FOCIS reports. It will lead to better compliance and make everyone's life a little more relaxed." •

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