

REVIEW

Review of Proposed Draft Spruce Budworm Insect Pest Management Program The Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami And Timiskaming Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to review, and comment on, the proposed insect pest management program and draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide project(s) to control the spruce budworm infestation on the **Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami and Timiskaming Forests** in Chapleau, Cochrane, Hearst, Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury and Timmins Districts. Based upon the analysis of the available insect pest management options, the MNRF is proposing a course of action that includes aerial spraying of insecticide on selected forest stands.

The Information Forum related to the review of the proposed insect pest management program will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individual listed below during the review period from **March 1, 2021 – March 15, 2021**.

Remote meetings with representatives of the interdisciplinary team that developed the insect pest management program can also be requested at any time during the review period. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet the program development team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a program development member, please e-mail NERbudworm@ontario.ca.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>:

- insect infestation information and population forecasts;
- a portrayal of areas eligible for insect pest management;
- the current version of values information for the affected management unit(s) in the MNRF district(s);
- the evaluation of management options;
- the selected course of action, with reasons;
- draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide projects, and associated information products (e.g., maps); and
- the results of the district insect pest management program for the same insect species in the previous year (if any)

Comments on the proposed insect pest management program and associated project proposals must be received by the MNRF contact individual listed below by **March 15, 2021**.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program please contact NERbudworm@ontario.ca.

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2020 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part D, Section 7.5.4)*.

The final date to request issue resolution with the Regional Director is **March 30, 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used by MNRF to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Jennifer Rosko, MNRF, District Business Co-ordinator, at 705-668-0534.

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