



FORESTS FOR TOMORROW UPDATE – July 15, 2010

Reminder of 2010-11 Key Dates

Recipients are advised of the following deadlines related to participation in the Forests for Tomorrow (“FFT”) Program for the 2010-11 fiscal year:

- By **July 31st, 2010**, Recipients are required to ‘submit’ all spring planting completion reports in PINES. The submission must also include a completed survey package to the Regional FFT contact to facilitate an interim field audit if necessary.
- By **December 6th, 2010**, Recipients are required to ‘submit’ all projects in approvable condition in their investment schedules in PINES. If it is apparent that the submitted projects do not cover the full Recipient's investment schedule allocation, then the Ministry of Forests & Range (“MFR”) will contact the Recipient to finalize the funds that are apparently surplus to the Recipient's needs and make available more broadly to other Recipients within the Land Based Investment program.
- The MFR will continue to assess whether further steps need to be taken to ensure the effective utilization of FFT funds throughout the fiscal year.
- All 2010-11 FFT project completion reports must be submitted and approved in PINES by no later than 4:00 pm on **March 26, 2011**. Recipients are reminded to allow a minimum of five working days between submission and initial review during March due to increased submission volumes. As always, it is highly recommended to initiate Completion Reporting earlier in March to meet this deadline. Recipients who fail to meet the March 21, 2010, 4:00 pm deadline may forfeit the 20% holdback.

Additional information on key dates throughout the year can be found in the FFT Key Dates table located on the [FFT web site](#).

First Nations Information Sharing

Recipients must make all efforts to optimize efficiency of information sharing and ensure that MFR are involved wherever practicable.

Under Integrated Land Management Bureau (“ILMB”) Board direction, the natural resource agencies are developing a common set of procedures for consulting with First Nations. The [new procedures and associated guidance documents](#) help steer the First Nations information sharing and consultation process.

Recipients are advised to contact the MFR Authorizations and First Nations’ Consultation (“AFNC”) Branch staff in the district office early in the process, to receive guidance on the suggested level of consultation and other relevant information from a preliminary assessment prior to commencing information sharing. Information sharing will be conducted in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible with guidance from AFNC staff.

Supplementary information documenting the suggested level of information sharing by activity is available in the [Land Based Investment Program Information Sharing matrix](#).

FFT Project Direction

A Forests for Tomorrow project direction document has been posted to the [FFT web site](#) which provides guidance on the project submission process and to assist in providing consistency in the review, evaluation, approval and reporting of FFT activities.

Contact with the Media

To help to ensure that responses to media requests can be responded to in a coordinated and consistent manner, recipients are advised that information requests that originate from print or other media outlets related to activities conducted through or funded by the FFT Program are to be referred to the Regional FFT contact or the FFT Administrator.

Please contact your Investment Manager if you have any questions or need further clarification in regards to any aspect of this update.

