

BIG PIC – 067

2007-2017 Forest Management Plan Compliance Plan

Appendix III

Section 4.7.1

Forest Operations Inspections

Big Pic Forest
April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2017

Part 1: Forest Compliance Plan
Ten Year Forest Compliance Strategy
FMPM, Part B Section 4.7 Monitoring
Section 4.7.1 Forest Operations Monitoring (Inspections and Reporting)

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4.7.1.1 Compliance Goal

To encourage and ensure the adherence to rules and requirements which contribute to the sustainable management of Ontario's forests.

Compliance Goals for all forestry operations the Big Pic Forest are as follows:

- Reduce the number of non-compliance incidents, striving for zero;
- In cases of non-compliance, the incident will be promptly noted, recorded and reported to the MNR;
- Immediate corrective/preventative action is taken in the field;
- The effects of non-compliance are minimized and mitigated;
- Appropriate action is taken within the organization to prevent future occurrences of a similar nature.

4.7.1.2 Background

This compliance plan has been prepared in accordance with undated MNR 2010 Forest Compliance Handbook.

Due to the termination of Sustainable Forest License (SFL) on the Big Pic Forest in 2010, the forest is now managed by the Crown as a Crown Management Unit (CMU). As a result of the change in management, there are sections of the compliance plan in the April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2017 Big Pic Forest Management Plan (FMP) that are not applicable to the current situation. Given the current management situation a revised compliance plan was developed that reflects the existing compliance needs and responsibilities for the CMU. This will provide direction for all compliance activities carried out on the forest. Should the forest return to an SFL in the future this Compliance Plan would need to be amended at that time.

As a result of the Big Pic Forest becoming a CMU, all inspectors will require an MNR inspector account and will submit them to MNR for approval. More detail will be provided in section 4.7.1.5 (Roles and Responsibilities).

Purpose and Context

The purpose of the compliance plan is create an updated simple but effective document to ensure all forest operations are performed in compliance with the

Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and its mandatory regulations, manuals and guidelines.

Past, Present and Anticipated Compliance Problem Areas

In the first 5 years of the 2007 Big Pic FMP there were 5 instances of Non-Compliance as follows:

- 3 instances of small (less than 1 ha) trespasses into unallocated stands with no values impacted. All 3 instances were self reported and were actioned properly by the Licensee.
- 1 instance of working in the water during the timing restriction to repair a culvert. As a result of the issue more wording was included in subsequent AWS's to clearly identify what can be done with and without approval.
- 1 instance of an area that was manually sprayed for vegetation control that was not identified to MOE, but was in an MNR approved chemical site preparation area.

More recently there have been two Licensees on the forest both with a long history of operations on the unit, however there is a potential for new Licensees and contractors who may be unfamiliar with the CMU. This is not an anticipated issue but may require more hands-on supervision than an operator that has more compliance experience.. This plan will describe the compliance requirements for all operators on the CMU once Licensees start harvesting.

4.7.1.3 COMPLIANCE OBJECTIVES

The compliance objective is "to encourage and ensure the adherence to rules and requirements which contribute to the sustainable management of Ontario's forests".

Compliance Objectives for all forestry operations the Big Pic Forest are as follows:

a. Resource protection

- To make the well being of the forest ecosystem a priority in compliance planning and implementation.
- To ensure that forest operations (access, harvest, renewal and maintenance activities) will not impair or negatively affect forest sustainability.
- To continuously evaluate the impact of forest operations on the natural environment and take all necessary corrective action to mitigate impacts and avoid future impacts.
- To contribute to the protection of the forest against fire, disease and insects through prevention and remedial action.

b. Overcoming historical compliance problems

- To actively monitor forest operations and undertake analysis and evaluation of results and take corrective action as required.
- To proactively overcome compliance problems.

c. Continuous improvement

- To develop operating benchmarks (calibration) in forest operations to measure continuous improvement and performance.
- To develop and implement an action plan to remedy recurring problems.
- To develop and contribute to a compliance database with the MNR to assist in performance evaluation.

d. Communications

- To maintain and develop methods of communication that ensures continued open and productive communications between the licensee(s) and the MNR regarding compliance of forest operations.
- To ensure compliance reporting reflects the nature and complexity of forest operations in a thorough and timely manner.
- To develop and implement methods that ensure MNR is continually apprised of the current status of operations.

4.7.1.4 STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

The overall objective for compliance programs on Crown lands will be “to ensure compliance with rules and requirements that are designed to protect the forest ecosystem while allowing for use which does not compromise the long term health of the forest ecosystem.”

The following outlines the basic supporting strategies for the Compliance Program objectives. Section 4.1.7.5 entitled “Roles, Responsibilities and Actions” describes, in more precise details, who does what in the compliance effort.

1. To ensure that all forest operations (harvest, access, maintenance, renewal) are supervised by competent industry staff that has been trained in work practices that are designed to maximize compliance with plans and legislation for protecting and maintaining the long term health of the forest ecosystem.
 - Educate personnel regarding government legislation/policy and company policy to promote an attitude that fosters an awareness of environmental, forest management, and compliance issues in their specific tasks.
 - FRL holder will develop and implement a training program that will train forest workers in proper techniques of forest operations so that all operations follow approved guidelines/manuals/plans. New employees will be trained in a timely fashion and continued training for all staff will

be scheduled and documented to ensure all staff remain competent in their work practices.

- Establish in the minds of all forest workers that the well-being of the forest ecosystem is a priority.
- Keep abreast of legislation and policy development (with the assistance of the MNR) to ensure that new requirements are promptly incorporated into company policy.
- Maintain training records for forest workers to ensure they have the appropriate and relevant type of training.
- Keeping abreast of, and implementing where appropriate, new technology and techniques that would enhance environmentally sound forest practices.
- All FRL holders will ensure that the layout staff and Foreman/Certified Inspector have the required maps, photos, equipment and technology to carry out operations.
- After the completion of block layout, the layout staff will prepare a map for the Superintendent illustrating the Global Positioning System (GPS) block layout track as it corresponds with the approved harvest block boundary. This will verify that the block boundaries are properly located. Any discrepancies will be documented and addressed in accordance with the intent of the Forest Management Plan.
- Before forest operations can begin foreman are to ensure the layout is identified on the operations approved map in the woodlands office and verify the ribbons at time of start up with the forest operations operator (e.g. Feller Buncher Operator, Bulldozer operator).
- All new foremen will receive a formal orientation briefing in which approval maps will be reviewed, discussed and clarified. Foremen and layout staff are required to use appropriate tools such as GPS, compass, hip chain, aerial photographs and maps to ensure the accurate location of all lines.
- If layout staff are experiencing problems related to the interpretation of maps, photo, or local magnetic attraction, the MNR must be consulted for clarification.
- No boundaries are to be cut at night. It is also advisable for operators to communicate between shift changes to discuss the specifics of the area being harvested.
- A copy of the Approval Map of the area being harvested is to be kept in the feller buncher or skidder at all times.
- Foremen are to hang more flagging along boundaries where rough terrain is encountered, especially along AOC's.

The effectiveness of this strategy will be measured through regular compliance audits conducted Certified Inspectors.

2. To monitor forest management operations to determine the degree to which all applicable rules, regulations, operations, conditions, et cetera are implemented and to report on the findings.

- All forest workers will be required to promptly report instances of non-compliance that they are aware of.
- Employ trained & certified Inspectors to visit all forest operations, observe work performance, undertake detailed measurements, note and assess performance levels and report their findings to company and MNR personnel.
- Prepare an annual plan of action identifying compliance priorities and developing a monitoring schedule.

3. To analyse the results of the monitoring program to develop/modify annual training requirements and priorities and assess progress.

- Work together with MNR to ensure that there is a permanent record maintained of compliance monitoring results.
- Assess compliance results for short-term and longer-term trends using the Forest Operations Information Program (F.O.I.P.), evaluate the effectiveness of preventative/mitigative actions taken and employ the results of the analyses in the development of future 5-year and annual compliance plans.
- Consult with MNR regarding environmental mitigative measures.
- Joint inspections will be encouraged to ensure consistent interpretation of standards by industry and MNR inspectors.

4) To co-operate with MNR and other regulatory agencies to ensure that the Compliance program is efficient, effective and appropriate.

- Developing a spirit of co-operation in sharing information to minimize duplication of certain tasks
- Provide advice to Company staff and MNR policy makers regarding compliance matters
- Carry out joint inspections to facilitate a transfer of science and technology
- Invite MNR personnel to participate in Company workshops and training sessions
- Attend MNR training sessions

4.7.1.5 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following positions will be responsible for the described responsibilities:

MNR Forestry Technical Specialist

Prepares and maintains the compliance plan while it is a Crown forest. Over all is the lead for compliance on the unit and will be the contact for any industry issues.

MNR Technician

Conducts audits and field verification of issues. Will be responsible for ensuring all issues are followed up on and tracked for compliance.

MNR Operations Supervisor

Approves any FOIP reports (Industry/MNR inspectors) that have issues attached to the activity.

MNR Crown Forest Lead

Approves all Industry FOIP reports under the Industry/MNR FOIP account that have no issues.

Certified Industry Inspector

Responsible for completing FOIP reports as per the Forest Compliance Handbook. Also responsible for Industry Notification of Operational Status using the template attached titled Big Pic Forest Notification Status. The Industry inspector will be given a MNR FOIP account and will submit directly to MNR approver.

FRL Holder

Has the responsibility of all compliance actions on the area operated on under their FRL. Will view all reports prior to submission to MNR or delegate a representative who has the responsibilities of acting as the FRL holder. Is responsible to ensure all Strategies and Actions as described in section 4.7.1.4, 4.7.1.6 and 4.7.1.7 are implemented.

Industry Foreman for FRL Holder

Responsible for forestry operations that they are supervising. Any issues would be brought forward to superintendent or directly to MNR. If the FRL holder does not have an Industry Superintendent then the Foreman would fulfill those responsibilities as well.

Industry Superintendent

If the FRL Holder has an Industry Superintendent this position will be the main contact for compliance issues and correspondence. This position would be responsible for making sure all compliance is completed in accordance with the most recent Forest Compliance Hand Book. They will ensure all inspectors receive the updated training as required and ensure all issues are properly resolved`.

4.7.1.6 Notification of the Status of an Operation

For the proper assessment and evaluation of operational compliance, MNR must be made aware of operational status. This notification of operational status is an information item only to advise MNR of operational progress. For the Big Pic two spread sheets will be utilized for the notifications.

The "Big Pic Start up Notification Table" it will be sent in weekly and will indicate all operations on going on the unit. It will also serve as a start up notification for a new activity if submitted within the 5 day requirement.

The "Big Pic Notification Status Table" will be submitted when required to inform the MNR of any change of status for a block. Both of these notifications will be sent e-mail to the Forestry Technical Specialist and MNR Inspector.

The reporting timelines below are minimums and must be followed for all operations. In cases where blocks are being released to allow another activity such as site prep the sooner the MNR is notified the better so it hopefully will not impact future operations and MNR will have time to inspect if desired.

- **Start-Up:** The Licensee must provide written notification to the MNR Operations Supervisor prior to or within 5 working days of the beginning of a new operation.
- **Suspended:** The Licensee must provide written notification (as per the compliance plan) to the MNR prior to or within 20 working days of suspending an operation or activity. A suspended operation is one where the operational activities must be delayed and are not complete and therefore cannot be assessed for some aspects of compliance. That notification must clearly describe the operation being suspended, its location, and specify why the operation is being suspended and when it is proposed to be restarted. Operations may not be suspended for more than the balance of the period of the current AWS and one further AWS period.

• **Release:** A Release is where a Licensee wishes to provide the MNR Operations Supervisor a “Release to MNR for compliance audit” for any part of an operation’s Compliance Reporting Area. This release must be in writing. A Release Notification is required no less than 10 working days prior to the commencement of any new operation. A Release Notification must be clear and specific about what is being released, the area being released and why the release is being provided. This may be done where the Licensee wishes to:

- Commence a new operation on that area such as Renewal (e.g. mechanical site preparation or slash pile burning);
- To acknowledge harvest is finished but the wood has yet to be hauled;
- To allow compliance to be assessed for that portion of the operation that is finished.

In this context, a “release” is a confirmation by the FRL holder that the activity(ies) being released is finished on that portion of the area identified for release, is without Operational Issues, and is available to MNR for audit. It is possible to suspend a Harvest operation because it cannot be considered complete pending the haul of the wood and at the same time provide MNR a Release Notice for the harvesting activities so that site preparation can be undertaken.

4.7.1.7 PREVENTION, AVOIDANCE, AND MITIGATION

Emphasis will be on prevention of undesirable activities or occurrences and mitigation of any loss or damage. The root cause of an undesirable activity or event will be determined and appropriate action prescribed. Action will be consistent with the potential for non-conformance to legislation and the ability to adapt so that non-compliance does not become a recurring problem. This positive action will be delivered by forestry industry staff and will focus on learning and adapting to ensure that it does not occur again.

Where an undesirable activity has occurred, the FRL holder will be responsible to ensure that the actions described in this section are implemented. In areas with high values, such as waterways and wildlife habitat, the Ministry of Natural Resources will verify the identified Operational Issue. MNR may then determine and assign Corrective Action as appropriate. In instances where the Industry inspector determines a situation to be clearly non-compliant, the direction will be that work will stop on that part of the operation and the inspector will submit a report of an Operational Issue.

Where any Industry operating personnel, during ongoing monitoring of operations, identify a situation they believe could be an Operational Issue(s), they will undertake one of the following actions:

- If there is a violation of the approved FMP or AWS, (including supporting guidelines) or a threat to the environment, immediately stop the operation and take the necessary steps to stop further possible non-compliance/ harm.
- Report the situation to the company's Certified Inspector who will conduct a formal compliance inspection. The Certified Inspector will determine if the situation is a violation of an approved plan or a threat to the environment and what further action to take.
- If the situation cannot be immediately corrected, the company's Certified Inspector will submit a report to the MNR to approve in FOIP that documents their findings and an Operational Issue. Also identify the issue to the MNR and other regulatory agencies as appropriate.

4.7.1.8 COMPLIANCE REPORTING AREAS

Compliance Reporting Areas (CRA) will have a map created each year or carried forward from the previous years approved map. The CRA map will be created annually with the AWS and will require approval by the MNR prior to the implementation of that AWS. Industry and MNR compliance staff will work together to come up with the areas and coding system, keeping in mind once a block or CRA is operated in it can not be changed.

In areas where the total proposed harvest area exceeds 500 hectares the harvest area will be broken down into CRA's of less than 500 ha. When completing FOIP reports CRA's can be reported on individually or grouped together, but keeping in mind the 20 day no activity reporting timeframe.

4.7.1.9 MONITORING COMPLIANCE OF FOREST OPERATIONS

Due to the Big Pic being a Crown Forest all inspections are entered into FOIP as MNR inspections. All industry inspectors will require approval from MNR and a new account in FOIP set up to deal with the issue. For all purposes the reports submitted by industry staff will be considered as, and dealt with as industry reports. Only MNR staff will be able to verify operational issues on the CMU. Industry reports will require the name of the industry official who signed off the report, and are to indicate that the industry official is in agreement with the report as submitted to the MNR for approval. This information will be in the comments section of the report.

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- 1 • Fire intensity codes can be found in the document “Modifying Industrial Operations Protocol” or
2 at the following site: <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/fire-intensity-codes>
- 3 • An updated table identifying fire suppression equipment on site and current rates will be
4 provided to Wawa Fire Management Headquarters prior to April 1, 2015. To protect
5 confidentiality, this table is not included in the AWS.
- 6 • An updated emergency contact list will be provided to Wawa & Greenstone Fire Management
7 Headquarters by April 1, 2015.

8 **3.2.7 Monitoring and Assessment**

9 *Annual Compliance Plan*

10 A schedule of the forest operations Compliance inspection program that will be carried out on the Big
11 Pic Forest during 2015-2016 AWS year is in Appendix I. A detailed compliance strategy can be found in
12 section 4.7.1 of the 2007-2017 Phase I FMP (see Amendment # 5). This schedule has been developed
13 giving consideration to many factors including compliance history. It should be noted that amendment
14 #5 included a change to section 4.7.1 (Forest Operations Inspections) to reflect the management
15 situation at the time. At that time the forest became a Crown Managed Unit and required an updated
16 compliance strategy to effectively maintain compliance standards. At present, the NFMC has reassumed
17 compliance responsibility as outlined in the Big Pic FRL.

18 **3.2.7.1 Annual Compliance Component**

19 The Big Pic Forest will be operating under an FRL with the NFMC as the holder of that licence.
20 Contractors will conduct compliance responsibilities as described in their contracts with NFMC. The
21 NFMC will conduct random checks and act as an auditing body of contractors inspections. The annual
22 compliance component was developed following strategies described in section FOR-07-02-04 of the
23 Forest Compliance Handbook, consistent with section 3.2.7 of the FMPM.

24 **3.2.7.2 Timing and Frequency**

25 All operations will be inspected and notification of operational status will be given to MNRF as required.

26 **3.2.7.3 Sampling Intensity**

27 MNRF and Industry inspectors must inspect a representative sample of the operations to confirm and
28 report on the compliance status with the FMP, AWS and associated legislation. The following
29 considerations will be used to determine the sampling intensity.

- 30 a) Complexity of Operation
 - 31 i. Harvest rate and volume (e.g. number of harvesting crews in an area)
 - 32 ii. Timing and method of operation
 - 33 iii. Degree of difficulty in marking boundaries e.g. physical constraints
 - 34 iv. Special or unique silvicultural prescriptions
 - 35 v. Harvesting technique being applied
 - 36 vi. Wood flow/directives
 - 37 vii. Wood measurement practices and method
- 38 b) History/Experience of Operator
 - 39 i. Compliance history of the operator in terms of:

- 1 i. Non-compliance in all types of operations
- 2 ii. The need for follow-up inspections
- 3 ii. Experience of the operator:
 - 4 i. New or established operator
- 5 c) Sensitivity, Significance and Economic Value of Resource Affected
 - 6 i. Water crossings (e.g. culvert, bridge, ford, drainage etc.)
 - 7 ii. Areas of Concern
 - 8 iii. Special Operating Agreements (e.g. cottagers, tourist outfitters, etc.)
 - 9 iv. Economic return to the Crown
 - 10 v. Potential for any environmental damage (e.g., stream bank erosion, major rutting, soil
 - 11 compaction or damage by machinery in spring break-up)

12 **3.2.7.4 Compliance Performance Review**

13 There has been one “not in compliance” report finalized since 2009. In this occurrence, a harvester
 14 marginally trespassed into an identified area of concern. The company has put in place corrective
 15 measures and a remedy, in the form of a warning letter, was applied.

16 **3.2.7.5 Notification of the Status of an Operation**

17 For the proper assessment and evaluation of operational compliance, MNRF must be made aware of
 18 operational status. This notification of operational status is an information item only to advise MNRF of
 19 operational progress. For the Big Pic, a spread sheet will be utilized for the notifications.

20 The “Big Pic Start up Notification Table” it will be sent to MNRF Technical Forestry Specialists weekly and
 21 will indicate all operations on going on the unit. It will also serve as a start-up notification for a new
 22 activity if submitted within the 5 day requirement. If no new activities have started in the 2 week period
 23 than a resubmission with new dates will be sent for MNRF tracking purposes.

24 The reporting timelines below are minimums and must be followed for all operations. In cases where
 25 blocks are being released to allow another activity such as site preparation; MNRF will be timely
 26 notified.

- 27 • Start-Up: The NFMC must provide written notification to the MNRF prior to or within 5 working
 28 days of the beginning of a new operation.
- 29 • Suspended: The NFMC must provide written notification (as per the compliance plan) to the
 30 MNRF prior to or within 20 working days of suspending an operation or activity. A suspended
 31 operation is one where the operational activities must be delayed and are not complete and
 32 therefore cannot be assessed for some aspects of compliance. That notification must clearly
 33 describe the operation being suspended, its location, and specify why the operation is being
 34 suspended and when it is proposed to be restarted. Operations may not be suspended for more
 35 than the balance of the period of the current AWS and one further AWS period.
- 36 • Release: A Release is where a Licensee wishes to provide MNRF a “Release to MNRF for
 37 compliance audit” for any part of an operation’s Compliance Reporting Area. This release must
 38 be in writing. A Release Notification is required no less than 10 working days prior to the
 39 commencement of any new operation. A Release Notification must be clear and specific about

1 what is being released, the area being released and why the release is being provided. This may
2 be done where the Licensee wishes to:

- 3 ○ commence a new operation on that area such as Renewal (e.g. mechanical site
4 preparation or slash pile burning);
- 5 ○ to acknowledge harvest is finished but the wood has yet to be hauled:
- 6 ○ To allow compliance to be assessed for that portion of the operation that is finished.

7 In this context, a “release” is a confirmation by the SFL holder that the activity(ies) being released are
8 finished on that portion of the area identified for release, is without operational issues, and is available
9 to MNRF for audit.

10 It is possible to suspend a Harvest operation because it cannot be considered complete pending the haul
11 of the wood and at the same time provide MNRF a Release Notice for the harvesting activities so that
12 site preparation can be undertaken.

13 The NFMC will notify MNRF by email if any operational issue is identified within a FOIP report when that
14 report is submitted to the FOIP portal. Should NFMC or its contractors identify any new value (nest,
15 stream, etc) the NFMC will notify MNRF and work together to update the central values information
16 system.

17 **3.2.7.6 Roles and Responsibilities**

18 Roles and responsibilities under the conditions of the Big Pic Forest FRL are placed on the NFMC. NFMC
19 will communicate to all operators their rights and responsibilities. NFMC will ensure contractors are
20 provided with training and understand their role as related to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act and
21 associated manuals, guidelines, and regulations. It is the contractor’s responsibility to understand and
22 comply with obligations as described.

23 Certified Compliance Inspectors are:

24	• Steve Bros	NFMC
25	○ Steve Thuerig	AV Terrace Bay
26	○ Clark Brown	AV Terrace Bay
27	○ Alfie Hardy	BWI
28	○ Sandy Payton	B&M Hauling
29	○ Connie Hunter	B&M Hauling
30	○ Craig Schut	B&M Hauling

31 Steve Bros will be the primary approver of industry FOIP reports. Steve should be immediately contacted
32 when an issue is discovered. All compliance inspectors must ensure certification is up-to-date, and take
33 a refresher course if necessary. All contractors cutting under the NFMC will be responsible for carrying
34 out required inspections. Inspectors will be signed off by NFMC or Industry personnel and be entered
35 into FOIP.

36 **3.2.7.7 Compliance Reporting Areas**

37 Compliance Reporting Areas (CRA’s) are shown on the Pic River CRA map which is updated annually. This
38 map delineates areas not exceeding 500ha which are used for compliance reporting and tracking. FOIP
39 reports are submitted for each CRA. Roads and water crossings across the forest are monitored annually

1 through a combination of NFMC staff, Harvesters, silvicultural contractors, and public who report road
2 conditions to the NFMC.

3 **3.2.7.8 NFMC Assessment program**

4 Monitoring of Exceptions

5 There are no exceptions identified in the 2013-2017 FMP for the Big Pic Forest.

6 Silvicultural Effectiveness Monitoring

7 *Regeneration Success*

8 Areas will be scheduled for assessment of regeneration success in the 2015-2016 AWS. Areas are
9 selected for assessment based on the year of regeneration treatment and the age for assessment as
10 identified in table FMP-5. Regeneration assessments will be consistent with section 4.7.3 (assessment of
11 regeneration success) of the 2007-2017 FMP.

12 *Natural Regeneration Assessment*

13 Areas of natural regeneration will be targeted for survey to determine whether the candidate areas are
14 on pace to meet regeneration standards as outlined in the FMP. These areas will be determined jointly
15 by MNRF and Renewal and Maintenance Agreement staff, and will be surveyed during the summer/fall
16 of 2015.

17 *Survival Competition Assessment*

18 Areas planted during the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 AWS year will be targeted for survey to determine the
19 survival of the planted stock, and to determine if tending is required to ensure that the crop trees will
20 meet the regeneration standards of the desired future forest unit.

21 *Plant Quality Assessment*

22 During the tree planting program quality assessments will be carried out on a sample basis. These plots
23 serve a dual purpose; determination of contract payment by means of measuring density and quality of
24 the planting and to oversee contract implementation.

25 The timing of these assessments coincides with the tree plant operation and will be implemented at a
26 density of no less than one plot for every four hectares.

27 *Post-Tending Assessment*

28 As directed by the FMP an informal post-tending review was completed on areas tended in 2013. This
29 review confirmed the efficacy of the tending treatment as applied. This review resulted two areas
30 (Camp 12 and Stevens) being proposed for retreatment in 2015. There are no areas scheduled for
31 review in this AWS as there was no tending program undertaken in 2014.

32 *Free-To-Grow (FTG) Assessment*

33 Table FMP-25 of the Phase I 2007-2017 Big Pic FMP outlines a forecast of area to be assessed.
34 Annualized hectares eligible for FTG assessment is approximately 7,254ha. The last FTG program on the

1 Big Pic forest was completed in the summer of 2012. Due to the underassessment of area eligible for
2 FTG assessment, the NFMC will work with MNRFB to assemble a larger program in the 2015-2016 year.

3 Roads

4 Roads monitoring will be done through travelling the road system while conducting planned operations
5 and maintenance. Monitoring will consist of regular forest operations inspections and through
6 information supplied by the public as well as through information gathered through regular
7 maintenance activities consistent with Section 4.7.1 of the 2007 Phase I FMP (Amendment #5) and
8 Section 8.7 of the 2013-2017 Phase II FMP

9 **3.3 Information Products**

10 Annual Work Schedules AWS-1, AWS1b, and AWS-2 are included in this submission and are located in a
11 separate digital file titled *MU067_2015_AWS_TBL_TABLES*. Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3 are
12 included in this submission and are located in a separate digital files titled
13 *MU067_2015_AWS_Apendix1*, *MU067_2015_AWS_Apendix2*, and *MU067_2015_AWS_Apendix3*.