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Community-based Land Use Strategy Released

Land Use Strategy for the Whitefeather Forest and Adjacent Areas

Pikangikum First Nation wishes to advise the public that 'Keeping the Land', a Land Use Strategy for the Whitefeather Forest and Adjacent Areas, is now complete and approved.

The Strategy provides an expression of guiding philosophy, identifies land use areas and provides strategic direction for land uses in the Whitefeather Forest and Adjacent Areas. Land use subjects addressed are customary land uses, commercial forestry, non-timber forest products, mineral development, tourism, recreation, strategic access/infrastructure, and dedicated protected areas. Pikangikum First Nation led the three-year consultative process in partnership with MNR.

This notice advises the public that the Strategy is available for viewing during normal office hours at each of the following locations:

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A copy of the approved land use strategy can be provided on request as a CD-ROM. It can also be viewed on line at the Whitefeather Forest Initiative web site at www.whitefeatherforest.com or on the Environmental Registry at www.ene.gov.on.ca.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has endorsed the Strategy as a policy decision and adopts the resulting land use direction through a major amendment to existing land use direction for Crown Lands in Ontario.

The Whitefeather Forest Initiative is being carried out without prejudice to the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of the members of Pikangikum and the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of First Nation people generally.



Pikangikum First Nation, in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, collected comments and information regarding the Whitefeather Forest and Adjacent Areas Community-based Land Use Planning process under the authority of the *Public Lands Act*. MNR keeps confidential any personal information provided to us and will not release it without your prior written consent in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*. For further information regarding this act, please contact Barb Larkin, Information Management Supervisor at (807) 727-1330.

Sincerely,



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