

# Implementing SFI Forest Certification in Saskatchewan



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Certified! Why?
- How we Confer with Montreal Lake Cree Nation
- SFI Support of Wildlife, Special Sites, etc.
- Training
- Research
- Other Initiatives

# Introduction

- Darryl Sande, RPF
- Senior Planner and Operations Manager, Forsite Consultants, PA
- Contract General Manager to Kaskew Forestry Products LP

# Montreal Lake Business Ventures LP

- MLBV was formed in 2010 to act as the business arm of Montreal Lake Cree Nation (MLCN).
- MLBV is governed by a Board of Directors that are independent of MLCN.

# Kaskew Forestry Products LP

- Established in April 2011, Kaskew Forestry Products LP (Kaskew) is wholly owned by MLBV.
- Kaskew manages and operates a wood allocation within the PA FMA, including harvesting and supplying wood fibre to mills in Saskatchewan.
- Kaskew is looking to create added value opportunities with their wood supply.

# Sakâw Askiy Management Inc.

- October 5, 2005 – Weyerhaeuser announces closure of PA Pulpmill
- Mid April 2006 – Big River and Wapawekka sawmills closed.
- 2007 – collapse of housing market
- November 26, 2009 – Government announces allocation of wood from the PA FMA to industry, first nations and communities.
- December 2009 – Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. is formed to take on the assignment of the FMA from Weyerhaeuser / Domtar
- FMA assigned to Sakâw Askiy effective November 1, 2010

# Sakâw Askiy Shareholders

- 8 partners:
  - 6 facility shareholders: Carrier, Meadow Lake OSB, Norsask, Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp, L&M, and Edgewood
  - 2 First Nation shareholders: AC Forestry, Montreal Lake Business Ventures
- Province provides timber allocations to all 8 parties
- Aboriginal interests granted 44% of total allocation (AC Forestry, MLBV, Norsask, L&M)

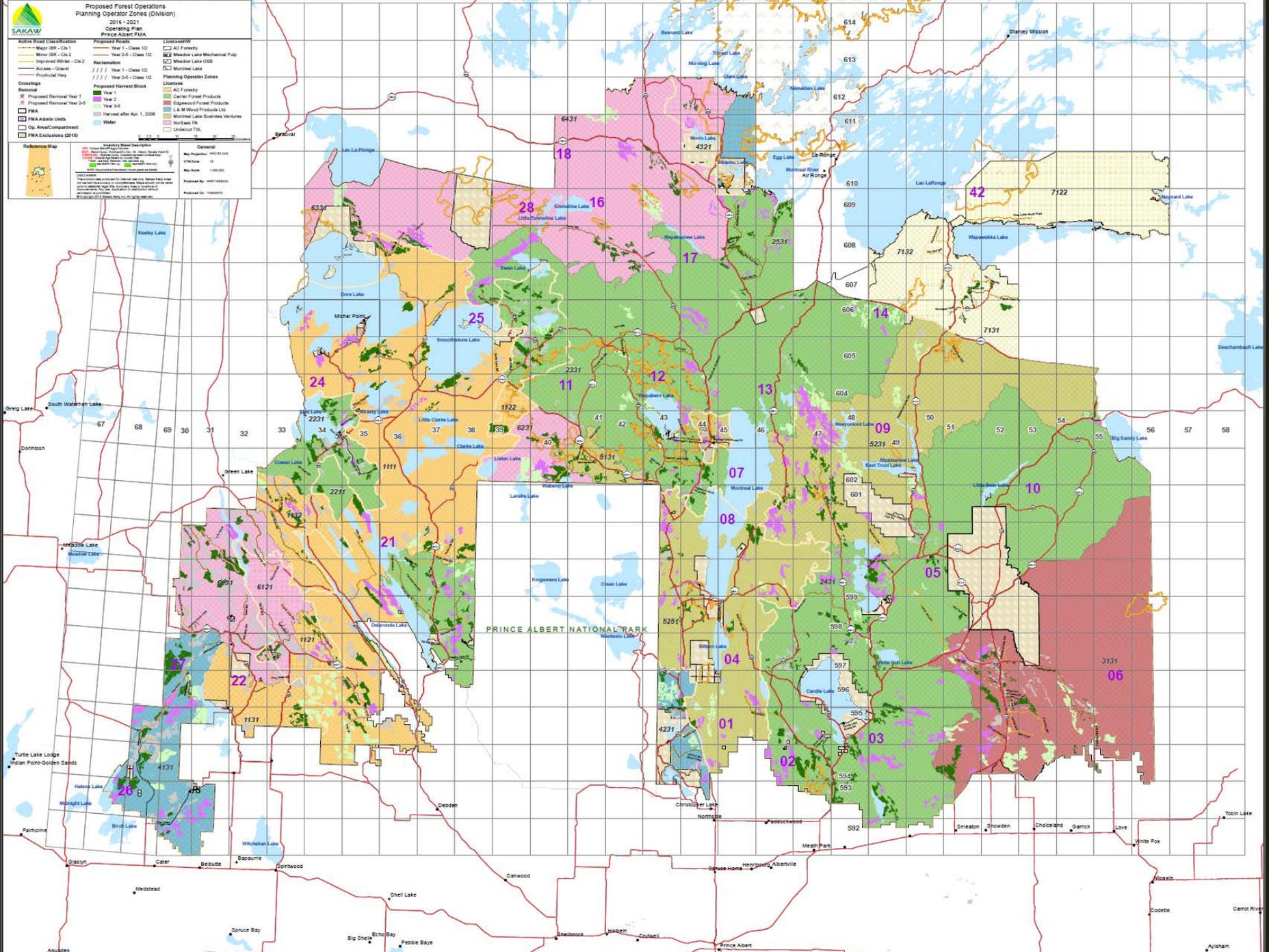
**SAKAW**  
**Proposed Forest Operations Planning Operator Zones (Division)**  
 2016 - 2021  
 Operating Plan  
 Prince Albert FMA

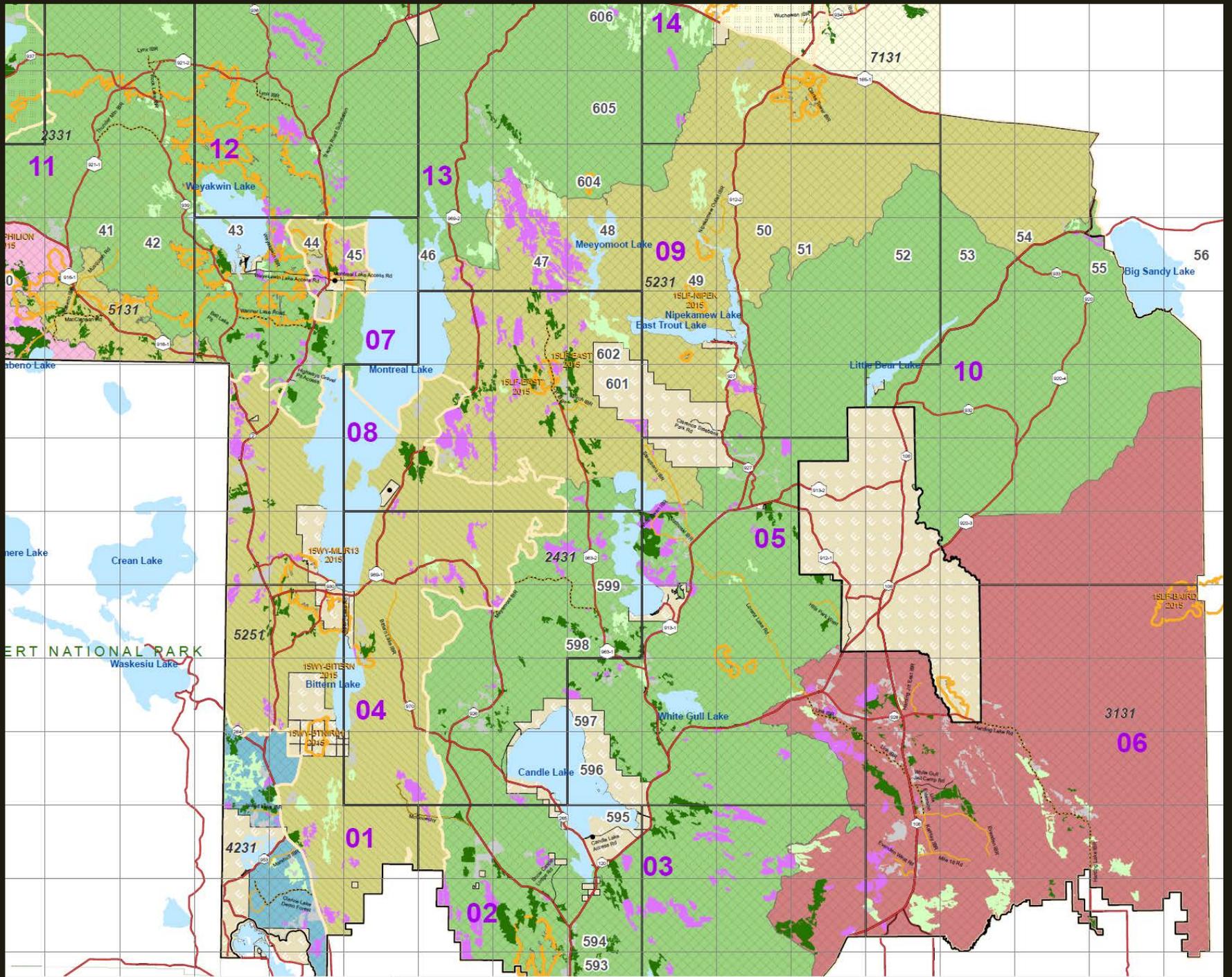
<b>Active Road Classification</b>	<b>Proposed Roads</b>	<b>Lineation</b>
Major SR - Class 1	Year 1 - Class 10	AC Forestry
Minor SR - Class 2	Year 2-4 - Class 10	Minister Lake Mechanical Pulp
Improved Water - Class 2	Reclamation	Minister Lake OSB
Access - Gravel	Year 1 - Class 10	Minister Lake
Provincial Hwy	Year 2-4 - Class 10	
<b>Crossing</b>	<b>Proposed Harvest Block</b>	<b>Planting Operator Zones</b>
Reserve	Year 1	AC Forestry
Proposed Removal Year 1	Year 2	Center Forest Products
Proposed Removal Year 2-4	Year 3	Edgewood Forest Products
FMA	Harvest after Apr. 1, 2008	L.S.M Wood Products Ltd
FMA Admin Units	Water	Minister Lake Business Ventures
Op. Area/Compartment		Northwest Co.
FMA Excludes (2016)		Undercut TSL

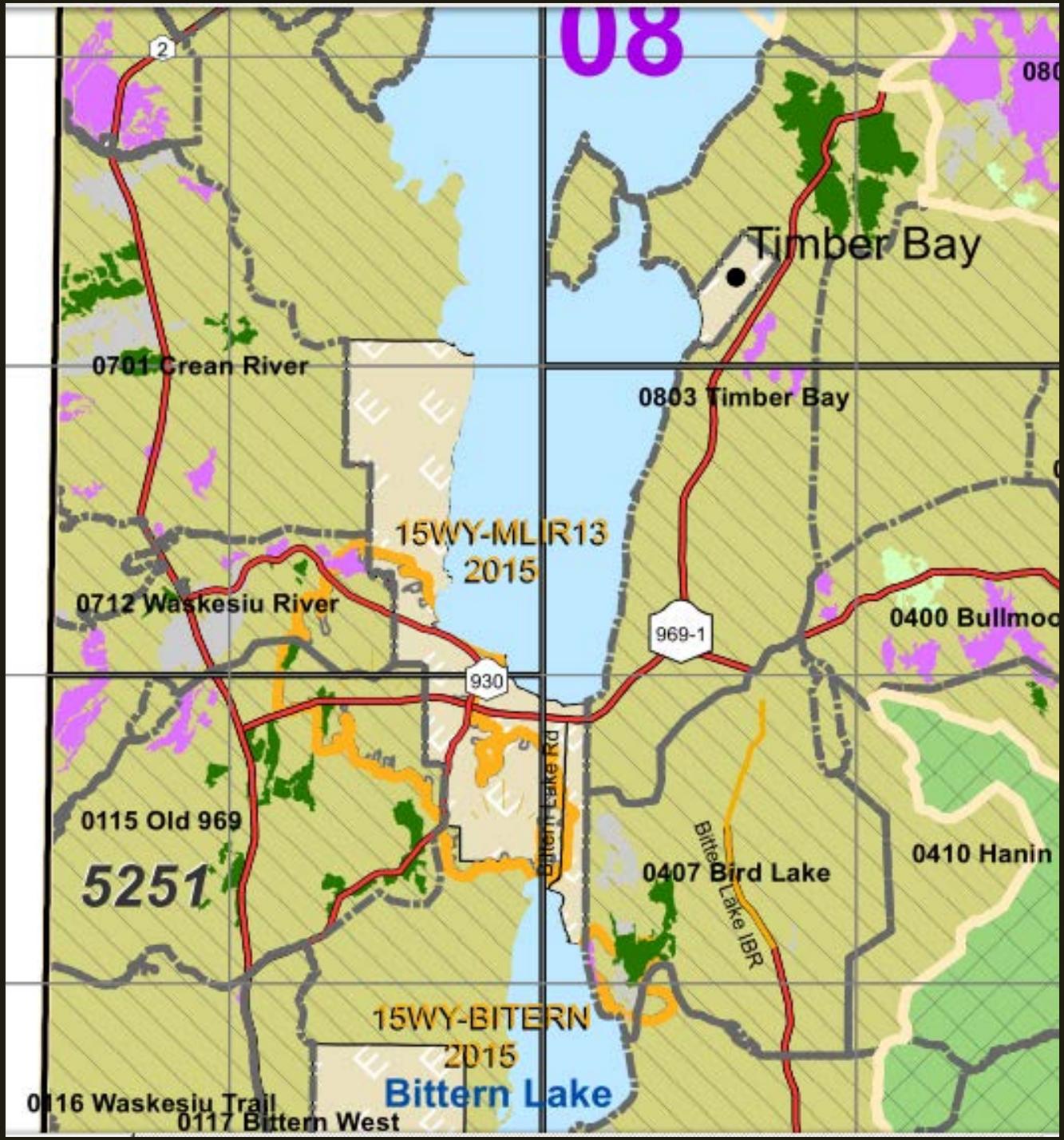
**Reference Map**

**Scale**  
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 km

**General**  
 Map Projection: NAD 83 UTM  
 UTM Zone: 18  
 Map Units: Metres  
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# Certified! Why?

- Provide MLBV and MLCN Shareholders assurances of sustainability.
- Customer Mills required certified fibre.
- SFI provided a standard that was aligned with business objectives and existing systems.
- Other Sakâw Askiy Shareholders were registering to SFI and we were looking for efficiencies and economies of scale.

2014

KASKEW  
FORESTRY  
PRODUCTS LP



**SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

*Growing Business Relationships*

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**SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

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# Policy

- Provides a framework for Shareholder Engagement respecting Kaskew's forest management operations and activities.
- Commitment to engaging with the Shareholder.



# Plan

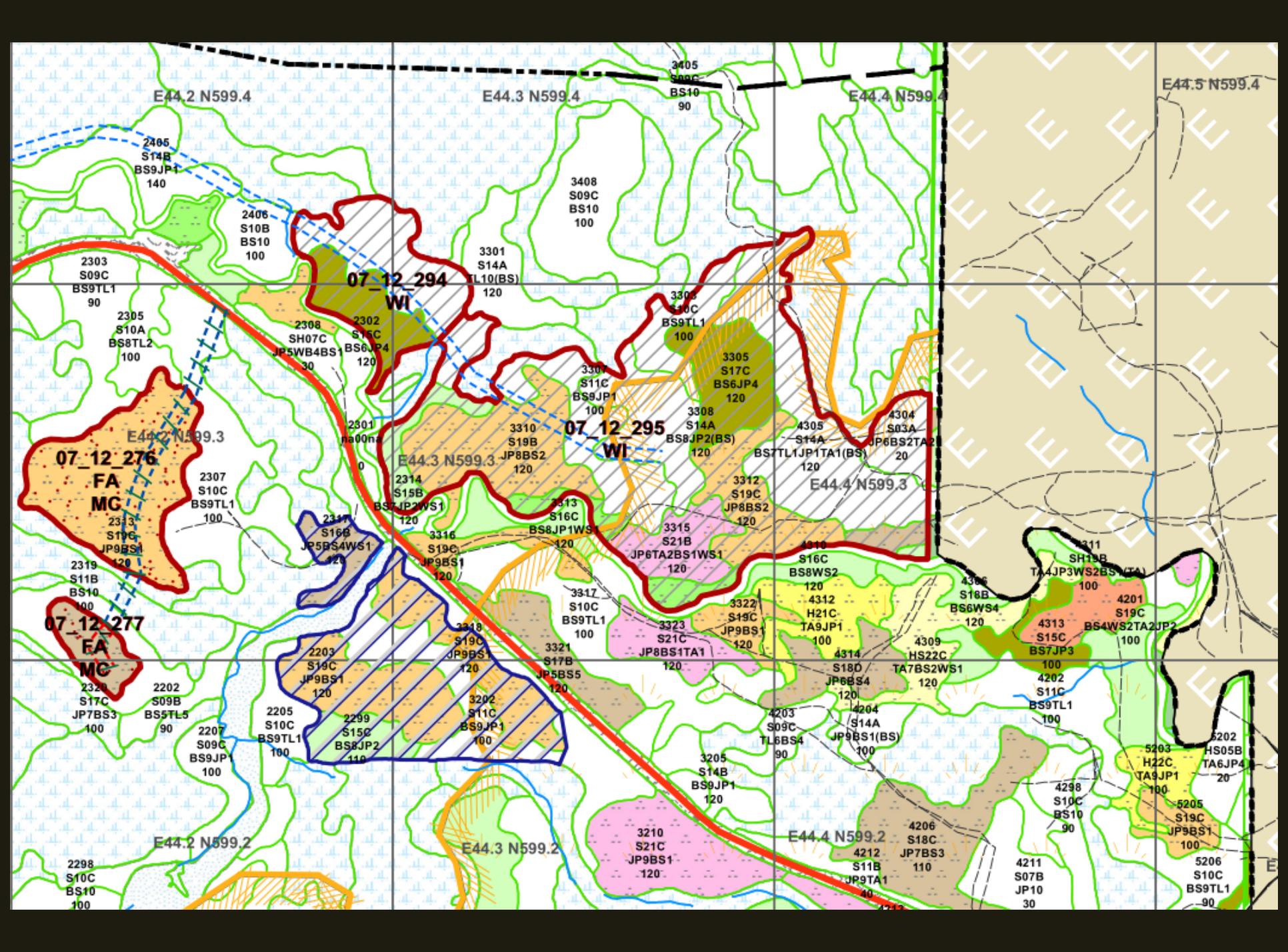
- Exchange of Maps
- Shareholder Engagement Meetings
  - Location of Meetings
  - Invitation Process
  - Methods and Approaches
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Documentation of Input Received
  - Facilitation and Documentation of Meetings
  - Participation of Professional Experts
- Shareholder Engagement Reports
  - Update plan





# Special Sites



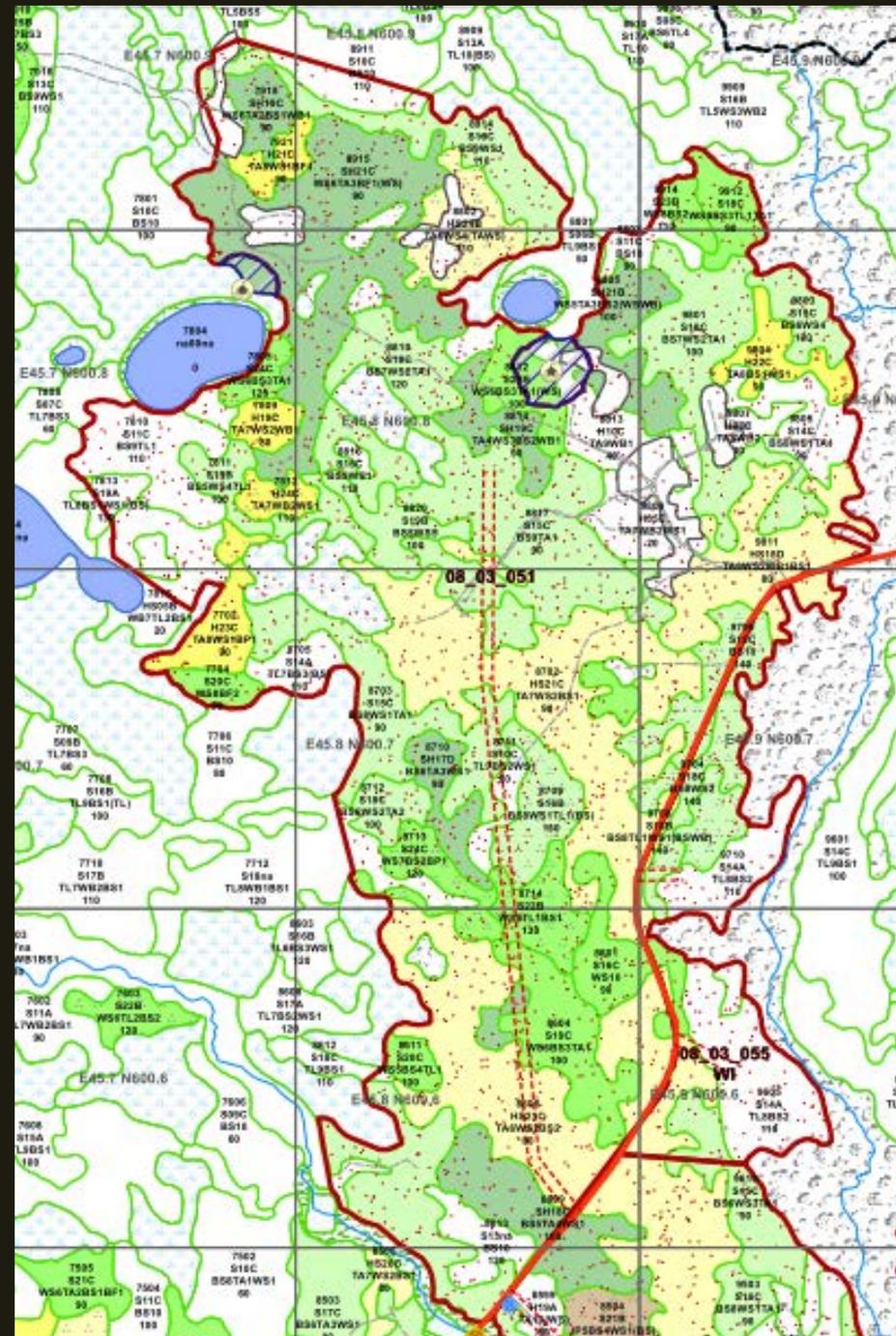




# Wildlife

## Block 08\_03\_051

- 433 ha Gross Area
- 27,100 m<sup>3</sup> Gross Softwood Volume
- 15,441 m<sup>3</sup> Gross Hardwood Volume
- 9% In-block Retention
- Several Trapper Trails
- 2 Trapper Cabins
- Smaller Softwood Cuts ~20-40 yrs. old



















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# Training

## Heavy Equipment Operator:

- Logging Contractors
- Excavating Contractors
- Truck Driving

## Successes:

- +80% initial employment
- MLCN hired trained operators for infrastructure projects

## Opportunities:

- More extensive advertising
- Structured screening process

# Training

## Tree Planter:

- Strategic Partnership with Brinkman and Associates (2012)
  - Montreal Lake Crew on Brinkman Project
  - Montreal Lake Planters embedded in Brinkman Crew
- Montreal Lake Band Project (2015)
  - Kaskew Supervised
  - Strong Young Adult Interest

# Research

Investigate the lag time for fur bearers and ungulate species to obtain pre-disturbance abundance and diversity levels.

Fire vs. NFP Harvesting

Elders provided TK to U of S, Parks Canada, and PAMF Caribou research initiatives.



# Thank You

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