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**SAKÂW ASKIY MANAGEMENT INC.  
2025-2026 OPERATING PLAN APPROVAL  
PRINCE ALBERT  
FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AREA**

Pursuant to The Forest Resources Management Act

APPROVAL NO. 25/26-PAFMA-SAKÂW-OP1

**WHEREAS:**

1. Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. is a registered company in the Province of Saskatchewan, hereinafter referred to as Sakâw.
2. Pursuant to Section 35 of The Forest Resources Management Act Sakâw was granted rights to harvest through issuance of a forest management agreement.
3. Section 38(1)(b) of The Forest Resources Management Act provides that prior to commencing any activity authorized by a forest management agreement; the licensee shall submit to the minister for approval a five-year operating plan.
4. Pursuant to the December 19, 2024 submission and March 12, 2025, March 18, 2025 and March 26, 2025 follow up, Sakâw has submitted an operating plan consistent with the Forest Operating Plan Code Chapter D.1.3 and the associated Forest Operating Plan Standard.
5. Sakâw and its Shareholders agree to the terms and conditions of this plan and this approval as recognized by the following signature of a company representative.



**NOW THEREFORE:**

Pursuant to Section 39.1(2)(a) of **The Forest Resources Management Act**, the Minister of Environment hereby approves Sakâw's 2025-2026 Operating Plan on the Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement Area subject to the terms and conditions set out in this approval.

And

Pursuant to section 40 of **The Forest Resources Management Act** licensees must conform to the terms of an approved operating plan thus terms of the plan are terms of the licence and therefore serve as authorization pursuant to sections 6(1) and section 30.1 of ***The Wildlife Regulations, 1981***, for the purpose of the harvest of forest products

Dated at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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(Sakâw Representative)

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### **General Operating Conditions**

1. All Forest Management Plan (FMP) references indicated within the 2025-2030 Operating Plan are to the latest approved version.
2. Actual timber volumes harvested by Sakâw and/or its shareholders from the available volume approved in this plan, shall not exceed the volume for a 5-year cut control period as determined in the approved FMP. The 5 year cut control volumes are those allocations described in Schedule F of the Amended and Restated Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement (PA FMA) unless otherwise adjusted in the approved FMP or changes made in accordance with Article 4.05 of PA FMA.
3. Sakaw and/or Shareholders must operate consistently with harvest profile VOITs established in the FMP.
4. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall operate in accordance with the approved Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, unless an updated Forest Operations Standard is enacted, in which case the updated Standard becomes effective immediately upon being signed into effect.
5. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall operate in accordance with the approved Forest Operations Environmental Standard revised April 1, 2022, unless an updated Forest Operations Environmental Standard is enacted, in which case the updated Standard becomes effective immediately upon being signed into effect.
6. Year 1 block design for all harvest blocks as identified in 2025 Proposed Harvest Detail-PATSA v2 is approved unless blocks or Operating areas are specified in table 1, which are approved subject to conditions within table 1.
7. Until such a time that code, standards or FMPs address the issue of retention and in-block structure being left, harvest of all blocks is to be fully integrated with forest products for all shareholders being removed in a single entry and align with the current approved FMP/VOITs. Increased hardwood retention is approved in accordance with the Ministerial approval of June 22, 2020. In any blocks where excessive hardwood will be left, Sakâw must submit notification to the Area Forester/ Forester prior to harvest.
8. Sakâw and individually specified shareholders are responsible for all operational activities as outlined in the table labelled 2025 Proposed Harvest Detail-PATSA v2, submitted on March 12, 2025, and must meet all regulatory requirements.
9. For all activities outside of harvest blocks e.g., roads, crossings, and signage both the softwood and hardwood shareholder in the operating zone will be responsible for those activities unless otherwise identified to the Area Forester / Forester prior to harvest with evidence that all shareholders are aware of this responsibility i.e., notification must come through Sakâw and go to all shareholders.

In instances where operational activities cannot be tied to a shareholder or in the instance of vacated shareholders Sakâw is ultimately responsible.

10. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall comply with the terms and conditions of the approved Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit # 25/26-PAFMA- SAKÂW-AHPP01 issued on March 31, 2025, for all crossings constructed, maintained or reclaimed under the authority of the permit.
11. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall comply with the terms and conditions of the approved Temporary Work Camp # 25/26-PAFMA\_SAKÂW\_TWCP01 issued on March 31, 2025. Prior to establishment of temporary work camps Sakâw, with agreement from shareholders, must identify the shareholder responsible for each camp. Upon establishment all camp locations must be provided to the appropriate inspecting officer.
12. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall operate in accordance with the approved Temporary Work Camp Standard dated November 14, 2022, unless an updated Temporary Work Camp Standard is enacted, in which case the updated Standard becomes effective immediately upon being signed into effect.
13. In accordance with Section 39(1) and 48 of The Forest Resources Management Regulations (FRMR) all forest products harvested in the 2025-2026 operating year are approved to remain in year 1 harvest areas and storage sites identified in (MUP # 1) and not be scaled until March 31, 2026. Where forest products are intended to remain at storage sites or summer accessible staging sites beyond March 31, 2026, a table indicating responsible licenses and/or shareholders, detailed storage/staging locations, source (block #'s), year of harvest, softwood and hardwood volumes, and total must be submitted to the Area forester or designate for approval by January 15, 2026. All Forest Products at storage sites.  
  
If it appears that actual staged or stored volumes related to the submission will vary by more than +/-10% from the estimated volumes, then the information must be provided to the Forest Service as soon as possible after it is discovered. All approvals granted under this approval will also be deemed approvals under scaling plans associated with these volumes.
14. The Government of Saskatchewan as represented by the Minister, any employees, agents, or contractors, are not responsible for any loss or damage to any property, including any staged or stored forest products, belonging to the licensee/shareholder regardless of the cause of loss or damage. This section shall survive the expiration or termination of this approval.

15. Sakâw and its shareholders agree that should the forest products staged or stored be lost, stolen or damaged by any means then the applicable dues and fees on indicated volumes will be paid to the Crown.
16. All forest products at summer accessible staging sites must be piled at roadside in the cut blocks and not remain within the harvest area.
17. Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. must provide one consolidated weekly update of active shareholder harvest operations on the PATSA or provide acceptable access to their system so that Forest Service staff can view weekly operations.
18. In the event the ministry becomes aware of new information in the future that indicates potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, Sakâw and/or its shareholders may be required to revise operating plans accordingly.
19. In accordance with Section 58(2) of The Forest Resources Management Act, Sakâw and/or its shareholders, employees and contractors are approved to access any closed roads located within the FMA area for the purpose of conducting approved forest management activities. Once forest management activities are completed, roads shall be closed in accordance with the approved *The Forest Resources Management Act* and the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025
20. For all active company roads Sakâw and/or its shareholders are approved to control vegetation on the right of way as per the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, unless there is an update to the Standard, then the update takes effect immediately on being signed into effect. For all non-company roads or inactive company roads separate approval is required to damage or destroy vegetation in the ROW of such accesses.
21. Unless otherwise specified in this approval or an amendment, all class 3 roads used for harvest under authority of this operating plan are to be reclaimed along with the in-block roads in the blocks they access including pre-existing class 3 roads which must be reclaimed to the same status as prior to harvest.
22. Any new or reopened access in regenerated areas must have that access reclaimed and silviculturally treated with the blocks they are accessing.
23. Seed mixes used for the purpose of stabilizing soils associated with stream crossing reclamation shall comply with the approved 2025-2026 aquatic habitat protection permit. Seed mixes shall not be used for other purposes without prior authorization from the Area Forester.

24. Upon approval of the plan all stakeholder engagement and commitments are conditions of this plan. Following approval all stakeholder engagement and commitments must be submitted to the Area Forester in a monthly report including nil reports for months with no changes and will be deemed conditions of this plan. If there are alterations to these commitments evidence of alternative measures agreed to by the stakeholder prior to harvesting must be made available to the Area forester upon request.
25. For mistletoe control in identified mistletoe control blocks, the Forest Operations Standard green tree retention requirements are waived. Sakaw and/or its shareholders should attempt to achieve green tree retention targets with species not susceptible to dwarf mistletoe. Sakaw and/or its shareholders are also approved to sanitize mistletoe pine adjacent to the approved block if the patch does not exceed the deviation standards set out in the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025.
26. For mistletoe control in identified mistletoe control blocks, the Forest Operations Standard retention requirements are waived for RMAs. Sakaw and/or its shareholders should attempt to achieve green tree retention targets with species not susceptible to dwarf mistletoe. The 10 m no travel zone is also amended to a 5 m no travel zone.
27. ***“Utilization standards”*** - as per the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, unless otherwise approved in an operating plan.
28. All blocks adjacent to Hwy 924 (Dore Road) require a 100 m buffer unless evidence of alternative measures agreed to by the stakeholder is provided to the area forester prior to harvesting.
29. In accordance with 1-1(3) of the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, approved Tier 1 caribou habitat management areas are excluded from harvest and to be delineated as per 1-1(1) of the standards and the block boundary deviation allowances as per 1-2 of the standards are not approved adjacent to Tier 1.
30. In accordance with 1-1(3) of the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, approved Tier 1 Caribou habitat management areas are excluded from harvest and to be delineated as per 1-1(1) of the standards and the road deviation allowances as per 1-4(3) of the standards are not approved adjacent to Tier 1.

31. In accordance with 1-1(3) of the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, approved Tier 1 caribou habitat management areas are excluded from harvest and to be delineated as per 1-1(1) of the standard and extra workspaces as per 1-3 of the standards are not approved adjacent to Tier 1.
32. For all licensee planned or developed roads scheduled for reclamation where there were pre-existing outfitter or trapper trails, the roads shall be reclaimed to a trail that is consistent with acceptable trails within the Trail Maintenance on Crown Resource Lands document. All such stakeholder commitments where this will occur must be identified in the operating plan.
33. For all licensee planned or developed roads where there was no pre-existing outfitter or trapper trails, and an outfitter or trapper is requesting a trail be left, authorization to develop and then maintain a trail must be obtained from Lands Branch by the outfitter or trapper as per the Trail Maintenance on Crown Resource Lands document prior to considering such a stakeholder commitment.
34. For forest management activities in the SK2 woodland caribou conservation unit the attached Standard Operating Plan Approval Conditions for Forest Operations in the Boreal Plain (SK2) Woodland Caribou Conservation Unit applies to this approval.

**Operating Plan Specific Conditions:**

1. For each respective Shareholder, SAKAW is approved to harvest "Estimated Saw Log (greater than or equal to 10 cm)" utilization specification for each respective Shareholder as specified in "Timber Allocation letter" dated August 28, 2024.
2. For each respective Shareholder, harvest must not exceed 2 times annual sawlog volume as specified in respective "Timber Allocation Letters" dated August 28, 2024.
3. Although the harvest design is approved in blocks 21-21-041; 21\_21\_039 ; 21\_09\_022; 21\_09\_021; 21\_08\_004; 21\_08\_003, Harvesting activities are not approved until Forest Service receives a clearance from Treaty land Entitlement Unit of the Lands Branch, Ministry of Environment. Following which Forest Service will notify Sakaw and/or respective shareholders.
4. Construction of class 1 and class 2 roads specified in table 1 may or may not be approved after clearance is received from Forest Management Planning Department of the Forest Service Branch. Following the roads are proposed as deviation from FMP Standard and FMP department determining the approval.

5. The proposed variance to the Forest Management Planning Standard as per section 2.1 (2) is not approved due to lack of evidence.
6. All Conditions (Comment Code “Co”) identified in the round table comments dated March 28<sup>th</sup> are conditions of the operating plan approval.
7. Unless otherwise approved, reclamation of all roads in the events completed in 25/26 operating year must occur within two operating years in accordance with the Forest Operations Standard of April 2025.
8. Excess Hardwood Retention must be consistent with the latest approved version of the Forest Management Plan.
9. Prior to the harvest of a particular block within the 25/26 operating plan, all volume from such block must be allocated to an active existing Sakaw shareholder as per the approved Forest Management Agreement. For certainty, it is agreed and acknowledged that any volume within a block that is assigned to an active existing Sakaw shareholder as per the approved Forest Management Agreement may be harvested in accordance with the 25/26 operating plan.
10. No machinery / no harvest zone is established within 90 m of the McIlfree River which connects Morin Lake to Sikachu Lake.
11. As the closures Sakaw label - 06EVE-6 (on road Evenden IBR); Sakaw label - 1377-1 (on road 1377.01); Sakaw label - 26ROYN-2 (on road – Roy Creek North IBR) are identified as existing closures in the “2025 Proposed Closures Detail – PATSA V2”, maps must be amended to reflect the existing closures with correct symbology. We would like to discuss these as potential closures to be removed in future conversations. No other closures in the table “2025 Proposed Closures Detail – PATSA V2” are approved to be installed in 25/26 operating plan.



The following section pertains to area / block specific operating conditions and are identified in Table 1. All area / block specific conditions must be adhered to.

**Table 1. SAKAW 2024-2025 Blocks Approved with conditions:**

Unit #	Area Name & #	Block / Road name	Condition
Unit # 1	Clarine South # 0114	01_14_015	Only one road is approved to access the block
	Wolf trap Lake # 0110	01_10_021; 01_10_024	
	Island Lake 0102	01_02_011	
	0100 Demo Forest, 0105 Demo Forest North, 0114 Clarine Lake South		Operations must not occur until further engagement has been completed with Fish Lake Metis Local prior to harvesting operations in these areas
Unit # 2	Chute Lake East # 2224	Ridge IBR	Proposed class 1 and class 2 road may or may not be approved after clearance is received from Forest Management Planning Department of the Forest Service Branch. The following roads are proposed as deviation from FMP Standard and FMP department determining the approval
	Long Whitefish Lake # 2227	Deer IBR	
	Bowerman Lake # 2229	Bodmin South IBR	
	Idylwild Creek # 2603	Junor Alternate IBR	
	Burness # 2607	Burness North IBR	
	Rabbit Lake # 0277	Rabbit Lake IBR	
Unit # 3	Birchbark North # 0307	All blocks	Class 3 roads are approved to deviate from planned locations by up to 200 meters where roads are not already in place in accordance with the 1 – 15 (2) of the Forest Operations Standard. Existing roads must not be altered without prior approval.

Unit # 5	Birchbark West # 0521	All blocks	Ensure Wayne Schigol is aware of the operations in the area and the reclamation expectations and timelines prior to harvest
Unit # 9	all	All blocks	Class 3 roads are approved to deviate from planned locations by up to 200 meters where roads are not already in place in accordance with the 1 – 15 (2) of the Forest Operations Standard. Existing roads must not be altered without prior approval.
Unit # 11	Wabeno IBR # 1110		The southern portion of the Wabeno IBR in block 11_10_003 (2016 harvest) beyond where class 3 road access goes to Operating Area 1112 must be reclaimed status as prior to harvest upon completion of the harvest of blocks south of that point. Maintain quad access for National Park.
Unit # 13	all	All blocks	Class 3 roads are approved to deviate from planned locations by up to 200 meters where roads are not already in place in accordance with the 1 – 15 (2) of the Forest Operations Standard. Existing roads must not be altered without prior approval.
Unit # 18	Bouvier Lake # 1816 Pisew Lake # 1811	Creek connecting Morin Lake to Pisew Lake	No machinery / no harvest zone is established within 90 m of the creek connecting Morin and Pisew Lake