

Regional Prescriptions and Considerations

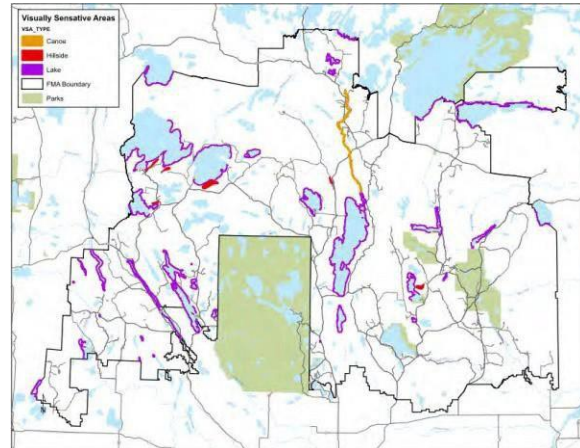
The following lists provide information on prescriptions and considerations for specific areas within the TSA.

Visually Sensitive Areas (VSAs)

Visually Sensitive Areas were identified in the FMP as show on the map to the right.

New VSAs are also identified in operating plans, based on planners' knowledge of areas and concerns brought forward during plan preparation.

The follow list applies to harvest operations planned in visually sensitive areas for the 2026-27 operating year.



- Highway 2 and Highway 120. Retention strategies will be used to minimize lines of sight into cutblocks from the highway. Extra retention, strips of retention parallel to the highway, and buffers along the highway are all strategies that may be used to minimize visual impacts. Immature regeneration and non-merchantable species may also be left between the highway and merchantable timber to provide some visual screening. In some cases, no buffers will be left with the intent of capturing the remaining merchantable timber along the highway.
- Highway 55. The buffers here will be highly variable depending on a number of factors such as age, degree of blowdown, depth of block, adjacent waterbodies, and stakeholder feedback. Generally, most of the area is dominated by younger hardwood and narrow corridors of timber along the highway, with older forests having significant blowdown impacts within them. Narrow blocks will have little to no buffer associated with them. Younger hardwood blocks that are more windfirm and wider (more than 500 meters wide) will generally have small 20-40 meter buffers with retention patches concentrated close to the highway and around understory species, if present. Older stands that have been impacted by wind will be dependent on the location of the blowdown, as often there is significant blowdown near the highway that is already regenerating so buffers will be minimal or incorporate these areas into retention patches. Any stakeholder related buffers will be shown on the maps as stakeholder commitments.
- Nipekamew Lake and East Trout Lake. There are no blocks planned within the VSA.
- Whiteswan Lake. Retention strategies will be used to minimize the view of harvested areas seen from the lake. Increased retention and buffers around the lake are strategies that may be used to minimize visual impacts. Retention may also be left in large, linear clumps on the sides of hills facing the lake and the tops of hills will be harvested where possible. Generally, a 150m buffer will be used around the lake, but may be increased in some areas due to slope and stakeholder requests.
- Weyakwin Lake. A 90m buffer has been planned as shown on the maps.

- Montreal River. In some operating areas a 90 meter buffer has been applied as shown on the maps. Retention strategies may also be used to minimize the view of harvested areas seen from the river such as having retention focused on side slopes facing the river.
- Ness Creek. Generally, a hard buffer of around 90m will be used to minimize the view from the canoe route on the creek into the harvest blocks.
- Nesslin Lake 2119. VSA buffers are planned in various locations in operating area 2119, around lakes, roads, slopes, scenic views, and high use locations, as shown on the map for this area. Blocks 21_19_007, 008, 009 and 018 will utilize retention strategies to increase dispersed retention within block (to act as visual screening), including leaving mature hardwood individuals and softwood understory protection where practical.
- Nipekamew River. Retention strategies will be used to minimize the view of harvested areas seen from the river, such as focusing retention on side slopes facing the river or applying a 90-meter buffer in some areas.
- Delaronde Lake. Various retention strategies will be used to minimize the view of harvested areas seen from the lake. Extra retention will be used along slopes that face the lake in numerous operating areas. Generally, a minimum 90m hard buffer will be used around the lake.
- Cowan Lake 2209. This is a VSA, however any harvest blocks near Cowan Lake are well outside where the VSA buffer would extend to. Generally, a minimum 90m hard buffer will be used along the lake, and it is much wider in many locations due to slope and visibility.
- Hookers Lake 2227. This operating area will be treated as VSA and block designs incorporate visibility consideration as shown on the map.
- Dore Road. A minimum 100m visual buffer has been committed to along the entire length of the Dore Road as shown on the maps.
- Dore Lake. Buffers shown on the map reflect a minimum of width of 90m, and larger buffers are planned in highly visible areas with slopes facing the lake.
- Smoothstone Lake. Generally there is a minimum 90m buffer on this lake. 2517 Swan Lake blocks have been planned to minimize the view of harvested areas from the lake, as shown on the map.
- Sled Lake 2422. A 200m hard buffer has been planned along the Sled Lake Road as it passes through operating area 2422, as shown on the map.
- Shirley Lake 2415. A minimum 90m buffer has been planned, as shown on the map.
- Junor Road. Many blocks along this road were agreed to be treated visually sensitive. 90m buffers are planned to address stakeholder concerns about the visibility of harvested areas and lower the risk of an increase in ungulate harvest. These buffers were placed on larger blocks and will eventually be harvested once regrowth is sufficient within the blocks being buffered.

- Helene Lake. To address visual concerns along Helene Lake, a variable width buffer of no less than 90m was established on the lake. This applies to 2602 Helene Lake blocks.
- Green Lake. Blocks along Green Lake will be treated as visually sensitive. They will have a variable width buffer established of no less than 90m wide, and the slope will be used to help minimize the view of harvested areas. This applies to blocks in 2302 Roberts Lake and 2333 Green Tree.
- Wabeno Lake. Blocks located along Wabeno Lake will be treated as visually sensitive. They will have a variable width buffer established of no less than 90m wide. This applies to 1110 Wabeno blocks.
- Lac La Plonge. Blocks located along this lake will be treated as visually sensitive. They will have a variable width buffer established of no less than 90m wide. This applies to 2809 Rainbow Lake blocks.
- Pisew Lake. Blocks along this lake will be treated as visually sensitive. They will have a variable width buffer established of no less than 90m wide. This applies to 1816 Bouvier Lake blocks.
- Wapawekka Lake. Blocks along this lake will be treated as visually sensitive. They will have a variable width buffer established of no less than 90m wide. This applies to 1405 Yaholnitsky Creek, 1406 Wert Lake, and 1410 Wapawekka East blocks.

Forest Health

Significant blowdown, standing dead trees, breakage and snow press (on the east side of the TSA in particular) are common in many blocks in the operating areas listed below. Damage is to the point that it likely affects the volumes to be realized and makes portions of some blocks unharvestable, resulting in partial harvests.

- 0102 Island Lake
- 0204 Snowfield Junction East
- 0277 Rabbit Lake
- 0307 Birchbark North
- 0308 Goodyear West
- 0409 Meyamoot Lake
- 0508 Whiteswan Tower
- 0602 Evenden
- 0609 Mouse Nest
- 0611 Gade Lakes
- 0701 Crean River
- 0705 Leadley Lake
- 0706 Bell Lake
- 0720 Camp Ten
- 0800 Birch Lake
- 0803 Timber Bay
- 0877 Timber Bay North

- 1208 Tracey Road North
- 1409 Wapawekka West
- 1418 Meyomoot River
- 1420 Nipekamew West
- 1421 Seventy Seven
- 1600 Two Forks Proper
- 1603 Two Forks North
- 1604 Two Forks West
- 1810 Gregory Lake
- 1815 McIntyre Lake
- 2112 Baseline Bay
- 2113 Canyon
- 2114 Appleby Lake
- 2304 Norton (softwood and mixedwood stands only)
- 2314 Mink Lake (softwood and mixedwood stands only)
- 2316 Gillatt Lake North
- 2335 Hunter Lake
- 2400 Central Camp
- 2401 Dore South
- 2408 Otapanask
- 2411 Appleby Bay
- 2422 Rabbit Hill (south half of operating area)
- 2424 Dore Lake
- 2511 Dunbar 25
- 2702 Meetoos South
- 2705 Chitek Lake
- 2706 Clear Lake
- 2708 Sulby
- 2800 Dunbar 28
- 2805 Breland Lake

Requests to Differ From Standard

- Birchbark North 0307: The ability to move Class 3 roads and crossings in this operating area up to 200 meters from road centerline is requested, for operational flexibility to address excessive blowdown that has occurred here.
- Whiteswan 0508, East Trout Lake 0907, Molonosa Lake 1310, and 1380 Venn Lake: A 200 meter allowable deviation from the planned road location is requested for inter-block roads in this operating area, to allow for adjustments when necessary due to hilly terrain.

Multiple Access Routes

- Snowfield Junction East 0204: Access through this operating area into 0307 Birchbark North shows

multiple options, but only one route will be used.

- Tracey Road North 1208: Access in this operating area shows multiple options, but only one route will be used.