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**SAKÂW ASKIY MANAGEMENT INC.
2026-2027 OPERATING PLAN APPROVAL
PRINCE ALBERT
FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AREA**

Pursuant to *The Forest Resources Management Act*

APPROVAL NO. 26/27-PAFMA-SAKÂW-OP1A1

WHEREAS:

1. Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. is a registered company in the Province of Saskatchewan, hereinafter referred to as Sakâw.
2. Pursuant to Section 33 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 May 6, 2026 submission 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 2026-2031 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 19th day of May 2026.

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(Sakâw Representative)

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(Ministry Representative)

General Operating Conditions

1. All references to the Forest Management Plan (FMP) indicated within the 2026-2031 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 and as updated in Nadine Penney's March 12, 2026 letter.
3. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall operate consistently with the revised distribution of harvest targets as outlined in Nadine Penney's March 11, 2026 letter.
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 dated November 14, 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. Sakâw and/or its shareholders shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Forest Roads Wetland and Watercourse Crossings Operational Standard effective April 1, 2026, for all crossings constructed, maintained or reclaimed under the authority of the permit.
7. 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.
8. 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, 2026. 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.
9. Year 1 block design for all harvest blocks identified in 2026 Proposed Harvest Detail-PATSA v3 are approved as submitted unless otherwise stated in the below table for specific conditions.

10. In accordance with Section 39(1) and 48 of The Forest Resources Management Regulations (FRMR) all forest products harvested in the 2026-2027 operating year are approved to remain in year 1 harvest areas or approved storage sites and remain unscaled until March 31, 2027. Where forest products are intended to remain at storage sites or summer accessible staging sites beyond March 31, 2027, a table indicating responsible licensees, detailed storage/staging locations, source block number's, year of harvest, softwood and hardwood volumes, and total must be submitted to the Area forester or designate for approval by January 15, 2027.

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 be deemed approved under scaling plans associated with these volumes as well.

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/applicant regardless of the cause of loss or damage. This section shall survive the expiration or termination of this approval.

Sakâw and/or its shareholders agrees 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.

All forest products at summer accessible staging sites must be piled at roadside in the cut blocks and not remain within the harvest area.

11. Sakâw Askiy Management Inc. must provide one consolidated weekly update of active shareholder harvest operations on the PATSA in a or provide acceptable access to their system so that Forest Service staff can view weekly operations.
12. Sakâw and individually specified shareholders are responsible for all operational activities as outlined in the table labelled 2026 Proposed Harvest Detail-PATSA v3, submitted on May 6, 2026, and must meet all regulatory requirements.
13. 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.

14. In the event the ministry becomes aware of new information that indicates potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, Sakâw and/or its shareholders may be required to revise future operating plans accordingly
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. ***“Utilization standards”*** - as per the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025, unless otherwise approved in an operating plan.
19. No proposed road closures identified in this plan are approved unless site specific rationale for resource protection supported by evidence of that protection requirement (e.g., required by Ministry Fish & Wildlife biologist) is submitted for approval. The rationale must include evidence of stakeholder engagement indicating there will be no vehicle access behind such a closure along with the stakeholder response to the proposal.
20. 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 Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025.

21. For all active company roads, Sakâw and/or its shareholders is approved to control vegetation on the right of way as per the Forest Operations Standard effective April 1, 2025. For all non-company roads or inactive company roads separate approval is required to damage or destroy vegetation in the ROW of such access.
22. Any new or reopened access in regenerated areas must have that access reclaimed and silviculturally treated with the blocks they are accessing.
23. Planned road construction, maintenance, and reclamation are approved in accordance with this approval.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. The variance request for 100 m class 3 road deviation is approved subject to the following:
 - i. Class 3 roads or portions thereof outside of harvest blocks including the entry point into the harvest block may not vary more than 100 m from planned locations.
 - ii. Class 3 roads or portions thereof fully contained within harvest block boundaries can be moved anywhere within the harvest block boundary
 - iii. Class 3 roads within the harvest block boundary must be reclaimed with the harvest block unless a portion is approved to be left for future access.
27. In accordance with 1-1(3) of the April 1, 2025, Forest Operations Standard approved tier 1 caribou habitat management areas are excluded from harvest and to be delineated as per 1-1(1) of the standard as well as the following:
 - i. block boundary deviation allowances as per 1-2 of the standard are not approved adjacent to tier 1.
 - ii. road deviation allowances as per 1-4(3) of the standard are not approved adjacent to tier 1.
 - iii. extra work spaces as per 1-3 of the standard are not approved adjacent to tier 1.

28. 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.
29. The proposed variance to the 2018 FMP indicator #4 retention requesting the implementation of the revised retention criteria in the 2023 FMP Standard is approved with the following requirements:
 - i. The interior retention area of live representative tree residuals for each harvest event shall:
 - be a minimum of 3% of the sum of total harvested area and interior retention area.
 - aim to fall within the range of 3% to 9% of the sum of total harvested area and interior retention area within each harvest event.
 - The average percentage of interior retention across all closed events shall be greater than or equal to 6% for each 5-year period of the plan. Retention area is calculated over the harvest event duration.
 - ii. Reporting on all events using the new retention standard in the upcoming 2026 Annual Report is required unless an exception is requested and approved.
30. Excess hardwood retention blocks shall have site-specific justification provided prior to harvest, demonstrating that retention is necessary due to softwood supply pressures and/or a lack of viable hardwood markets, and that no reasonable alternative harvest options exist. Renewal Treatments shall also be provided as part of the justification.

Specific Operational Conditions

The following section pertains to area specific operating conditions. All area specific conditions must be adhered to.

Table 1. Block Specific Conditions

Division/Zone	Description	Operating Area	Block Number	Condition
2111	East Bay	2103	21_03_011	All of the identified block's that fall entirely or partially within the Ahtahkakoop TLE area are not approved for harvest. No harvesting or road construction activities shall occur within these blocks unless approval has been obtained from the Lands Branch.
2111	East Bay	2103	21_03_003	
2111	East Bay	2103	21_03_010	
2111	Hackett Lake	2121	21_21_041	
2111	Hackett Lake	2121	21_21_039 (partial)	
2111	Pancake Lake	2104	21_04_017 (partial)	
2111	Hackett Lake	2121	21_21_045	
2111	Camp 7 Hill	2108	21_08_005	
2111	Pancake Lake	2104	21_04_004	
2111	Camp 7 Hill	2108	21_08_000	
2111	Camp 7 Hill	2108	21_08_003	
2111	Camp 7 Hill	2108	21_08_004	
2111	Hackett Lake	2121	21_21_054 (partial)	
2111	Little Red Willow	2109	21_09_021	
2111	Little Red Willow	2109	21_09_022	
2111	Pancake Lake	2104	21_04_019	
2111	Pancake Lake	2104	21_04_018	
2111	Little Red Willow	2109	21_09_026	
2111	Little Red Willow	2109	21_09_027	
2111	Little Red Willow	2109	21_09_023	

Table 1. Continued

1111	Bodmin West	2221	22_21_004	Sakaw and its shareholders are liable for reclamation and renewal until block 22_21_004 is withdrawn from the FMA.
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5251	Happy Camper	0414	04_14_011	Both access routes are approved but only one may be constructed.
2111	Nesslin Lake	2119	21_19_007 21_19_008 21_19_009 21_19_018	Refer to Condition #30.
2431	Candle Lake Exclusion	0419	04_19_013	Harvest is not approved until 15k map has been submitted.