

## Planning Process – How did we get here

### South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and Sub Plans (SSRP)

- Alberta Land-Use Framework Integrated Plan
- Long-term vision for the South Saskatchewan Region
- Aligns provincial policies at the regional level to balance Alberta's economic, environmental and social goals
- Strategies for responsible energy development, sustainable farming and ranching, recreation, forest management, and nature-based tourism
- 2014 – 2024

### Forest Management Agreement (FMA)

- Long-term (20-year) renewable forest tenure
- Grants the company rights to establish, grow, harvest and remove Crown timber within the FMA area
- Specifies the requirements for the company to develop of a Forest Management Plan
- Requires the creation and maintenance of a forest inventory
- FMA holders must consider a broad range of forest values as social, economic, and environmental factors
- FMA0100038: May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2035
- FMA2100047: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2041

### Forest Management Plan (FMP)

- Describes long term (10-year) sustainable forest management activities, includes:
  - Inventory
  - Public Consultation
  - First Nations Consultation
  - Forest Landscape Assessment
  - Values, Objectives, Indicators and Targets (VOITs)
  - Classified Landbase
  - Timber-volume yield curves
  - Preferred Forest Management Scenario
  - Reforestation Strategy
  - Growth and Yield
  - Non-Timber Assessment
- Spatial Harvest Sequence (SHS) output provides the implementation strategy to achieve the 200-year forecasted future forest conditions
- FMA0100038: May 1, 2021 – May 1, 2031

### Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules (OGR)

- Practices used in all aspects of timber harvest planning and operations
- Implements decisions made in higher order plans
- Alberta developed and standardized with area-specific customized strategies
- Includes submission and approval criteria for operational plans
- May 1, 2023

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### Operational Planning

- General Development Plan (GDP)
  - Timber operations for up to 5 years
  - Operational link to the SHS, FMP and OGR
  - First Nation consultation
  - SHS refined into harvest areas
  - Road and water crossings
  - Integration with other forest resources users
  - Identifies and addresses field-level issues and concerns
- Annual Operating Plan (AOP)
  - Annual authorization of forest management activities
- Reforestation Program
  - Critical point in sustainable forest management where growth and yield targets are delivered through silviculture treatments

### Timber Operations

- GDP areas are scheduled for future operations
- AOP areas are scheduled for forestry operations
  - Harvest: June 2024 – March 2025
  - Log Haul: Aug 2024 – April 2025
  - Silviculture Treatment: May-Nov 2025
  - Reforestation and road reclamation: May – Nov 2026