

Working Together in West Bragg Creek & Moose Mountain

FOREST PLANNING UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS



Our Approach to Public Input

Public input plays a central role in shaping our forest management plans. We are committed to open, ongoing engagement with individuals, communities and organizations who live, work and recreate near our operations.

Through open houses, field visits and direct dialogue with trail groups, Indigenous Nations and other stakeholders, we work to reflect local priorities in our planning—modifying harvest areas, protecting recreation values and supporting shared stewardship of Alberta’s forests.

We aim to provide clear, transparent opportunities for input at every stage of the planning process. Your knowledge and feedback help shape where and how forestry activities take place—balancing environmental, economic, recreational and cultural values.



Understanding the Forest Management Planning Process

West Fraser Cochrane operates on public land under the authority of a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) granted by the Government of Alberta.

As part of this agreement, we are responsible for developing a 10-year Forest Management Plan that sets out how we will manage the forest to ensure long-term sustainability.

This plan includes:

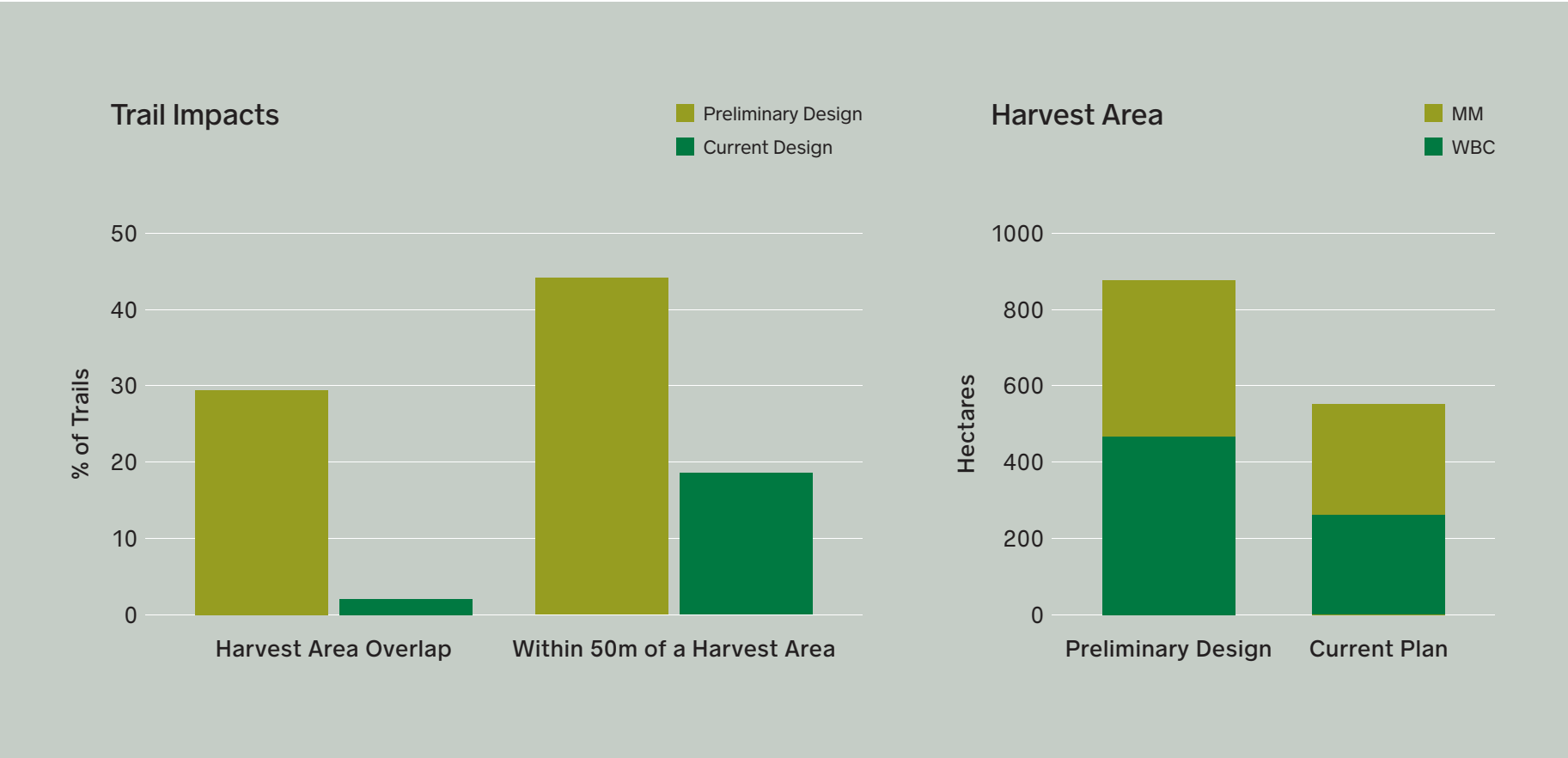
- A Spatial Harvest Sequence that outlines where harvesting may occur
- Commitments to reforestation and forest renewal
- Strategies for wildfire mitigation, biodiversity protection, watershed health and more
- Ongoing collaboration with the Government of Alberta, Indigenous Nations, stakeholders and the public

What We’ve Done

In response to extensive actionable feedback in 2024, we reduced our planned harvest area by 37%. With these substantial updates complete, we are now in the fine-tuning phase.

The planned harvest area was reduced from 880 hectares to 556 hectares—with 268 hectares in West Bragg Creek and 288 in Moose Mountain.

In terms of overall trail impact, 1% (2.1 km) of trail length will fall within the harvest area, while 17% (18.3 km) of the trail length will be within 50 metres of harvest areas.



New and Upgraded Trails

As part of our ongoing partnership with Bragg Creek Trails, West Fraser Cochrane is supporting trail improvements:

- Elbow Trail – Formerly used as a resource road, this trail will be upgraded
- Trail #14 – A new connector between Snowy Owl and Snakes & Ladders; West Fraser will construct a portion of this planned trail
- Trail #18 – A new connector between Bobcat and Fullerton Loop; West Fraser will construct a portion of this planned trail

These projects reflect our commitment to collaboration, recreation access and responsible forest use. Completion of the trails will follow our work in the area.

Timeline

Initial public and stakeholder engagement

2023

Continue engagement; fine-tune plan ahead of submission

2025 Spring

Implement approved harvest plan

2026 Fall

2024

Continue engagement; adjust plan based on public feedback and field assessments

2026 Spring

Host final open house; submit final harvesting plan to Government of Alberta

What Is Next

- Continue working with trail operators and stakeholders to refine the plan ahead of government submission
- Maintain engagement during the 2025 field season, including trail days and site visits
- Continue consulting with Indigenous Nations to ensure traditional knowledge, cultural values and stewardship priorities are reflected in the final plan

How You Can Get Involved:



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