

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

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 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
- 2025

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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 current operations
 - Harvest: June 2026 – March 2027
 - Log Haul: Aug 2026 – April 2027
 - Silviculture Treatment: 2027
 - Reforestation and road reclamation: 2028