

Working Together in West Bragg Creek & Moose Mountain

FOREST PLANNING UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS



West Fraser's Approach

In Alberta, West Fraser operates on public land, under Forest Management Agreements (FMAs), granted by the Government of Alberta.

The government sets land use priorities through its regional planning process, including designating mixed use areas and outlining what activities — such as forestry or recreation — can take place in those areas.

We are committed to meeting rigorous government regulations and voluntary certification standards for sustainable forest management. This includes reforestation; conservation of soil, air and water quality; biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, wildfire mitigation; recreation; traditional use; and visual quality.

Our Approach to Public Input

Public input directly shapes 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 stakeholders, we work to reflect local priorities in our planning. This includes adjusting harvest areas, protecting recreation values and supporting shared stewardship of Alberta's forests.

We aim to provide opportunities for input at every stage of our planning process. Your knowledge helps inform where and how forestry activities occur, balancing environmental, economic, recreational and cultural values.

What's New in the 2026 Engagement

Based on the detailed feedback we received, we have updated the planned harvest area and continue to work toward reducing impacts on the trail networks in the West Bragg Creek and Moose Mountain areas. We have also incorporated new wildfire risk mitigation requirements for the West Bragg Creek area through the Government of Alberta's Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction (CHFR) Program, announced in August 2025. The CHFR Program identifies high-risk communities and focuses on reducing hazardous forest fuels. All planned work will be carried out to the highest environmental standards and in full compliance with regulatory requirements.

Moose Mountain

The Moose Mountain area falls outside the scope of the CHFR Program. Approximately 288 hectares are currently planned for harvest, with an anticipated overlap of about 0.1% of the local trail network. We continue to work closely with Moose Mountain Bike Trail Society to finalize the harvest design and timing. Harvesting in the Moose Mountain area is scheduled to begin in December 2027 or 2028.

West Bragg Creek

At our May 2025 public open house, we presented plans to harvest in the southern portion of West Bragg Creek. Following engagement with local user groups and completion of fieldwork, the planned harvest area was refined to approximately 248 hectares, with an estimated overlap of about 0.3% of the local trail network. Harvesting in southern West Bragg Creek is scheduled to begin in October 2026.

This area is a priority for West Fraser because West Bragg Creek is one of 32 communities identified under Alberta's CHFR Program as having elevated wildfire risk. As a result, we are required to complete supplementary harvesting beyond the original approved plan to help reduce that risk.

West Bragg Creek — New Supplementary Harvest to Reduce Wildfire Risk

The required supplementary harvest will take place in the northern part of West Bragg Creek.

Approximately 433 hectares are currently planned for harvest, with an anticipated overlap of about 2.7% of the trail network. We continue to work closely with Bragg Creek Trails to reflect their input into the planning. Supplementary harvesting in northern West Bragg Creek is scheduled to begin in October 2027.

Reforestation under the Community Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program

Once harvesting is complete, the areas will be reforested according to the CHFR Program requirements, which may differ from typical forest management targets.

This program places greater emphasis on reducing conifer density — such as spruce and pine — while encouraging fire-resistant species — such as aspen — to maintain reduced wildfire risk into the future.

West Bragg Creek — New and Upgraded Trails

We continue to support trail improvements through our partnership with Bragg Creek Trails.

Planning for future trail improvements and new infrastructure is underway. We are pleased to partner with the trail groups to help bring their vision for the trail network to life for everyone's enjoyment.

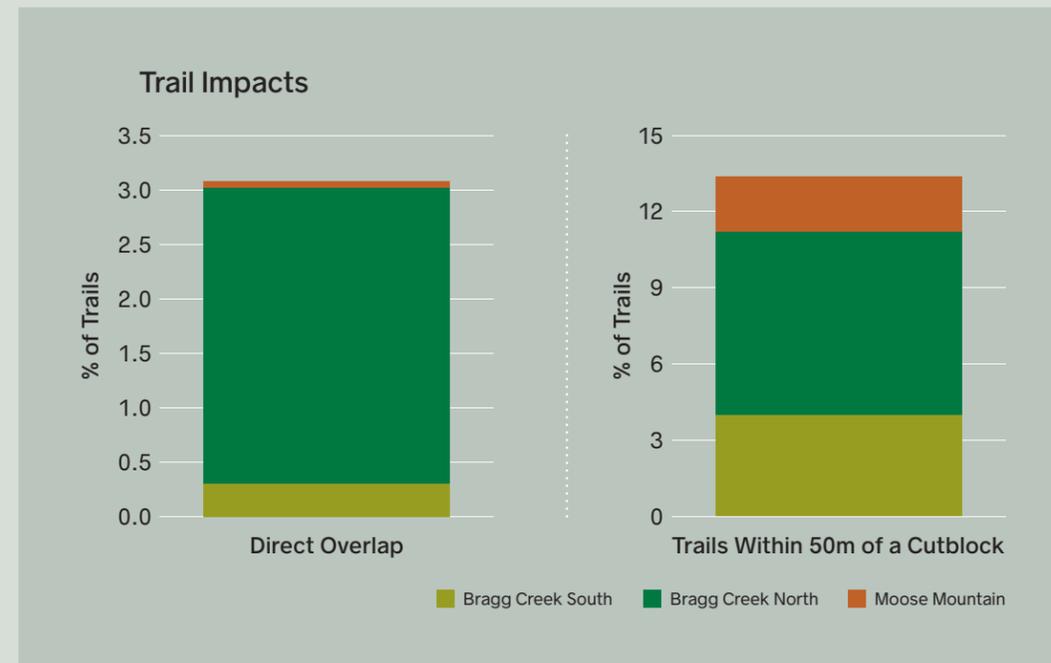


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Timeline

Initial public and stakeholder engagement

2023

Continue engagement; fine-tune plan

2025 Spring

Host final open house for West Bragg Creek (initial harvest plan) and submit the final harvesting plan to the Government of Alberta

Continue development of the supplementary West Bragg Creek harvest area for public input

Receive additional input on the harvesting plan for Moose Mountain

2026 Spring

2024

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

2025 Summer

Government of Alberta announces the Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction Program

2026 Fall

Initial West Bragg Creek area harvesting scheduled

What's Next

Continue working with trail operators and stakeholders to refine the plan ahead of government submission.

How you can get involved:

