

VOIT Discussion Wrap-Up : Opinion Survey

During the introduction to DMI's Public Advisory process, the PAC members offered a variety of statements regarding 'values of interest' to them as part of a key question:

“What do you want the forest to look like ... now... 10 years ... in 200 years”

During the past 2 years DMI has presented extensive information and opened discussions covering a range of company forest management themes:

- ecological-based management strategy (coarse + fine filter practices),
- variable-retention,
- reforestation and soils conservation practices,
- watercourse protection practices,
- High Conservation Value Forests system and Continuous Reserve Network initiative (protection of forest values that can be defined geographically),
- field tour of ecological research initiatives (EMEND),
- field tour of DMI operational practices,
- sensitive species stewardship initiatives,
- current forest management plan format (values, objectives, indicators, targets template)
- annual forest planning process and plan formats (text & map components appearance)
- DMI forest activity-monitoring system and forest certification audits (performance system),
- Alberta government requirements (polices, monitoring/reporting, Planning Standard, reforestation).
- Private Wood Purchase Program,
- Cumulative Effects

In reflecting on those presentations and dialogue, please answer the following questions. With regard to each of the “value statements” recorded for individual public and stakeholder members,

DMI is adequately addressing these identified interests in its forest management plan, its field practices/procedures, and/or by following current government policy (Y/N):

PAC Value Statement	YES	No	DMI Belief
The forest is peaceful ...maintain the peacefulness of the forest.	6	2	Y
PRPD buys poplar from private owned sources	6	2	Y
Woodlot operators have opportunity to learn from PRPD about forest planning.	8		Y
PRPD's business relationship with private woodlot operators.	5	3	Y
Communication with various stakeholders through a variety of forums, opportunities and media.	8		Y
Long-range (300 years) viability for trappers and the fur industry.	6	2	N
Sustainability of forest management and natural forest resources.	7	1	y
Health of forests and people.	6	2	y

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Continued ability of natural ecosystems to sustain life.	7	1	y
Preventing disturbances that threaten sustainability.	6	2	N
Preservation of natural variation and diversity in the forest.	5	3	Y
Ensuring we don't have soil erosion.	8		Y
Presence of Protected areas.	8		Y
Minimal disturbance of the surface (soil protection).	7	1	Y
Preventing (or repairing) fragmentation of the land base (habitat aspect).	7	1	Y
The forest provides aesthetic values. It needs to maintain its beauty, including both privateland and public forests.	7	1	Y
Ensure forestry considers future tourism and parks. We don't want to destroy everything.	7	1	Y
Multiple use of the forest.	7	1	Y
Harmony of human activities with the forest. We have to live with the forest.	7	1	N
Safety and chip truck traffic.	8		N
Ensuring the forest provides a continued source of income for many people.	7	1	Y
Respect for the view that the forest is a living organism that I am a part of.	7	1	N
Interconnected health of forests and people.	7	1	N
I'd like to see the forest in 200 years that is still resilient to human intervention (rather than a forest that reacts negatively or permanently to intervention).	7	1	Y
Leave organic material and nutrient values in the forest.	8		Y
PRPD should be a leader nationally in forest management and research.	7	1	Y
DMI reputation. Other companies should look up to PRPD.	5	3	N
Better communications between PRPD and trappers	7	1	Y
Trapper access; leave trappers with accessible trails through your cutblocks. Access that is not hampered by scarification or forest debris.	6	2	Y
Placement of cut blocks that preserve sensitive areas for beaver and other wildlife.	6	2	Y
Provide access around the edge of cut blocks. This improves access for fire protection efforts. This should be for fire control, and a benefit to trappers.	3	5	N

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Logging debris disposal. Trappers burn the big piles in the middle. We should leave some brush piles for habitat e.g., weasels.	5	3	Y
Improve "old growth retention" (squirrel production habitat specifically). When trees are cut down it affects animals, and trees being cut down is not a natural change, it is manmade, so provide more old growth retention (older trees foster certain animals, which other animals in turn depend on).	6	2	N
Global warming is changing forests. Maintain the integrity of the forest. The north has an advantage with its colder climate and forest diversity	5	3	N
Obligation to conduct sustainable forest management.	8		Y
Many relationships need to be improved in forest company business (small loggers; other operators, etc.). Some loggers are slighted because they can't get business if they don't have a chipper.	6	2	N
PRPD should work with other companies to become a leader in research and ensure that research gets implemented.	8		Y
Identify 'unknown' species and try to address them by maintaining a natural forest (discover, document and improve current species list). Eg. a salamander was just recently discovered in the Peace River Valley.	7	1	Y
Maintain water 'quantity'	7	1	Y
Keep the forest "intact" for our descendents.	7	1	Y
Public perception of trappers is wrong. Trappers are good managers.	5	3	N
Land accessibility after forest operations (After a block gets logged, the cutline is left open.)	6	2	N
Provide a cat width around the edge of the cut block.	2	6	N
Scarification system that considers other forest users. Summer time mounding with hoes leaves ruts. Trappers ask for these to be leveled out. Forest companies have not responded to repeated requests.	5	3	N
User-friendly maps. Just put township and range on maps, to inform trappers where they are logging.	5	3	Y
Fair opportunities for trappers who are	5	3	y

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offered to burn brush piles in lieu. You can make money on this however, some trappers have never been notified. They should be notified in writing.			
Ensure habitat for species of interest to trappers: marten, wolf, lynx, squirrels, beaver, coyote, fisher, hare.	6	2	Y
Plan should acknowledge “change” is part of natural dynamics. The forest will somewhat naturally change on its own beyond our control	8		Y
Forest should be a sustainable resource (equivalent to today).	7	1	Y
Maintain habitat necessary to support all wildlife. Certain wildlife species could even be improved with good forest management	8		Y
Minimize the negative impacts from forest activities.	6	2	Y
Maintain water ‘quality’.	7	1	Y
Maintain or improve diversity of wildlife in the region; “diversity” is a value.	5	3	Y
Minimize soil erosion	8		Y
Keep the forest as close to ‘natural’ as possible so that it can sustain natural ecosystems (natural means; healthy, resilient and diverse).	6	2	Y