



**2009 INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT
WHISKEY JACK FOREST ~ PUBLIC SURVEY**

Every five years, as part of the Province's responsibility for resource management in Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) contracts firms to evaluate forest management activities on Crown lands. KBM Forestry Consultants Inc. of Thunder Bay, Ontario has been engaged by the MNR this year to conduct an independent forest audit of the **Whiskey Jack Forest** for the period **April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2009**.

As part of our evaluation, we would appreciate your input as a member of the public with an interest in forest management on the Whiskey Jack Forest. If you have comments related to forestry activities during the five-year period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009, please complete and submit this form. Please refer to the back of this sheet for more information.

**Although we cannot respond to everyone, we do take into consideration all comments received.
Thank you in advance for your input.**

Name: _____
(optional)

Tel. and/or email: _____
(optional)

1. Please indicate if we may contact you for more information. Yes No

2. What is your interest in forest management on the Whiskey Jack Forest?

- Recreation _____ (e.g. fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, etc.)
Employment _____ (e.g. forest industry, government, tourism, trapping, etc.)
Conservation _____
Other _____

3. Can you identify any specific locations or activities on the Whiskey Jack Forest that illustrate good **OR** poor management practices, and that the audit team should be aware of in conducting their evaluation? Please provide specific details.

4. Have you ever contacted forest managers during the audit period from April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2009 with comments or concerns regarding management of the Whiskey Jack Forest?

Yes No Whom did you contact? _____

5. If Yes, were you satisfied with the response? Yes No If you were not satisfied, please explain why.

6. Include any additional comments specific to the management of the Whiskey Jack Forest (use an additional sheet if required).

Please submit your comments to one of the contacts listed on the other side of this sheet by August 28, 2009.

KBM provides this opportunity to comment on this audit under the authority of Ontario Regulation 160/04 made under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. **Any personal information provided will be used solely by the audit team as input to the Whiskey Jack Forest Independent Forest Audit.** Any questions regarding the collection, use, and retention of the personal information can be directed to Rod Seabrook, Lead Auditor at 807-345-5445 ext. 261; Email: rsea@kbm.on.ca; 349 Mooney Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5L5.

INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT

WHISKEY JACK FOREST

KBM Forestry Consultants Inc. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to conduct an Independent Forest Audit, consistent with the *Crown Forestry Sustainability Act*, on the management of the Whiskey Jack Forest.

The audit covers the **April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009** operating period. **You are invited** to comment on the forest management activities on the Whiskey Jack Forest for this period of time. Please provide your comments by **Friday, August 28, 2009** to one of the following contacts:

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All correspondence sent to KBM is confidential.

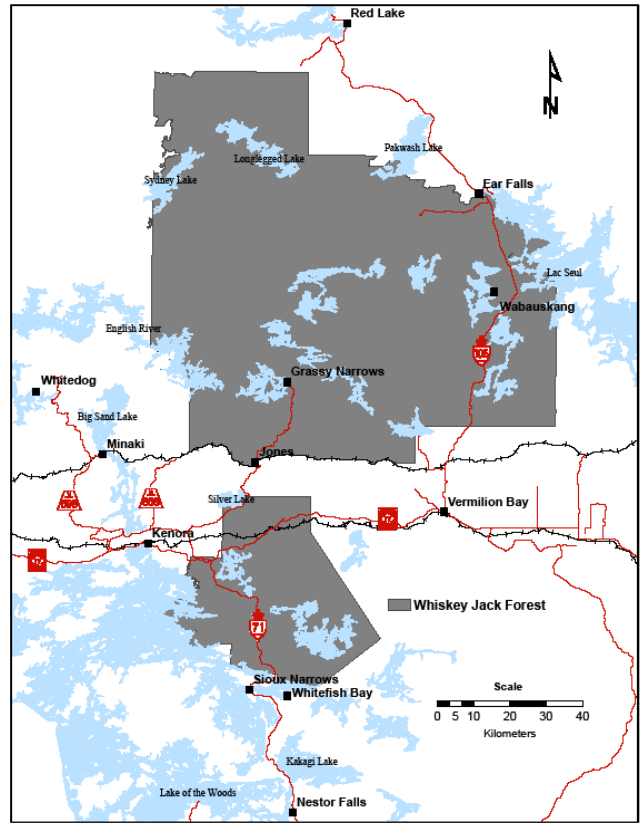
Alternatively, comments can be made directly to the representatives of the Local Citizen's Committees:

Clarke Anderson
Kenora Local Citizens Committee
1364 Airport Road, Kenora, ON P9N 0V1
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or

Laurent Tetreault
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The privacy of any information given to the Committee may not necessarily be protected.



Purpose of the Independent Forest Audit

The Purpose of the audit is to assess:

- compliance with the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*,
- compliance with the Forest Management Planning Process,
- a comparison of planned versus actual forest management activities,
- the effectiveness of forest management activities in achieving audit criteria and management objectives,
- the effectiveness of previous audit action plans, and
- a licensee's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Sustainable Forest Licence.

The six-member audit team will evaluate forest management planning and practices such as harvest operations, forest renewal activities, road construction and maintenance as well as opportunities for public input and Aboriginal communities consultation. The main objectives of the audit are to assess compliance with provincial laws and regulations as well as comment on the effectiveness and sustainability of forestry activities on the management unit.

In addition, the independent forest audit provides an opportunity to improve Crown land management in Ontario through adaptive management. The audits are conducted by consultants that are independent of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the companies being audited, and firms are selected in an arms-length process by the Forestry Futures Trust Committee of Ontario.