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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Prince Albert Model Forest Ecosystem Based, Integrated Resource Management Plan covers the Prince Albert Model Forest area (see Figure 1), which encompasses a portion of the Prince Albert National Park, Montreal Lake Indian Reserve, Whiteswan Lakes, Candle Lake, and the Bittern Lake Indian Reserve. The plan applies to any land within the Prince Albert Model Forest area, which is under the jurisdiction of the Prince Albert Model Forest partners.

The planning area accommodates a wide variety of resource and land-based uses such as forestry, ecotourism and tourism, hunting, trapping, roads, trails, power lines, railroads, cabins, and recreation sites. The plan is based on the principles of Integrated and Ecosystem Based Management. Integrated and Ecosystem Based Management ensure that planning decisions consider the health of the whole ecosystem, including soil, water, plants, and animals, to meet a wide variety of objectives. Integrated Resource Management allows for a broad range of resource uses, and gives all affected parties the opportunity to be informed and involved in management planning.

### **1.1 Plan Purpose**

The Ecosystem Based Integrated Resource Management Plan will provide a framework, which will integrate the activities of the forest industry, government, First Nations and the public. The plan will identify areas of concern, suggest changes to current land management practices, and ensure that better decisions are made than may be achieved by any partner acting alone. This will help to facilitate the management of forest resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

### **1.2 Planning Process**

The planning process will serve to improve communication between Provincial jurisdiction, First Nations, Federal government, small businesses, industry, local communities and residents. This process may also serve as a model for future planning. The six major steps of the planning process are as follows:

1. Plan Initiation: A decision to enter into a planning exercise is made and a planning team is formed.
2. Initiate Formal Public Involvement: Land users and individuals with an interest in the planning area are invited to participate in the planning processes by identifying issues and suggesting possible solutions.
3. Collecting, Sharing and Analyzing of Information: The planning team, respecting both scientific and traditional knowledge, collects information. The information is intended for the benefit of the Prince Albert Model Forest, but is available for use by the public and Prince Albert Model Forest partners.
4. Formulating and Approving a Plan: A draft plan is compiled using the information gathered from the public, Prince Albert Model Forest partners and others. The public reviews the plan and, if necessary, revisions are made. Once the public accepts the plan, it is sent to the Prince Albert Model Forest Board of Directors for approval.
5. Plan Implementation: The Prince Albert Model Forest has no legal authority over the lands designated as its area, therefore, the plan will be adopted and implemented by the various partners.
6. Plan Monitoring: The plan, following the principle of adaptive management, will accommodate changes considering new circumstances and knowledge. The plan will be monitored to ensure it is effective and remains up-to-date.

