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Louisiana-Pacific Canada Limited Forest Management Plan

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Dear Elise,

Submitting my comments to your office on LP's 20-year Forest Management Plan #3.

FYI, since the age of ten as an Indigenous person stemming from the Indian Residential school syndrome, spent considerable time in the bush during summer breaks from school. As a young child, the bush was my solace and a place for healing. I observed the birds and the small animals and regarded them as my teachers. As I grew older, my passion for forests grew stronger and stronger, which eventually led me to choose a career in forestry.

After completing my education, unable to access funding to further my education started working in the logging industry in Ontario and later in Manitoba (Ducks) managing a mechanical operation. Subsequent to this, was contracted as a Forestry Advisor for eleven years with the West Region Tribal Council in agreement with the province. In 1996, was recognized as an Independent Forestry Advocate when LP came into Swan Valley area in 1995. To procure a clearer and better picture of the logging industry in the Ducks and Porcupine WRTC Chiefs for me to join LP's Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC). I've now been with the SAC for 26 years. Today, as an Indigenous Elder for Pine Creek First Nation I remain on board on the sustainable management of forests in Duck Mountain Provincial Forest (traditional territory), and the management of moose in this particular area. Overall, because on my Traditional Ecological Knowledge I work with the province when it comes to deriving with a solid moose management plan in all areas of Manitoba.

I remain strong when it comes to sustainable resources in Manitoba and climate change....Miigwetch (thank you)

Thomas Nepinak

Forestry Advocate & Indigenous Elder

Good morning,

I am writing this to show my support of the Louisiana Pacific 20 year forest management plan. I have been a resident of the valley all of my 48 years and have witnessed LP's commitment to the forest in our valley. From a hunting perspective and witnessing blocks where LP has harvested in the past, I have noticed the rejuvenation of an old forest in our surrounding valley and old blocks that were cut years ago are now flourishing along with the wildlife around it. I believe LP's management of the forest over the last 25+ years has curbed the potential for large forest fires and I was surprised to learn that LP does not even log in the Duck Mountain Provincial Park as I believe there would be a benefit to reducing old growth there as well at some point in the future. LP does a great job in maintaining roads and ensuring where they are cutting is left in pristine condition.

LP is the main employer of our Swan River Valley, providing over 230 direct great paying jobs and countless spin off jobs for our community and they are a key to the sustainability of our small towns in this rural area. Farming used to be a main driver of the valley, but with the small family farm a thing of the past, it is critical that LP is able to continue to thrive here and have a new forest management license approved.

Lyle Sagert

Town of Swan River Resident

Dear Ms. Dagdick,

I am writing with respect to recent press coverage (Brandon Sun, 3 July 2021) of the efforts of Louisiana Pacific's (LP) to submit a proposal to the provincial government of Manitoba

for continued logging within the Duck Mountain Provincial Park, and in particular their apparent collusion with the Manitoba government in order to effect more logging in the

Park than is sustainable.

I grew up in the Swan Valley and spent much of my youth in both the Park as well as along the rivers fed by the Park, and was from the very beginning leery of statements

issued by both government and the logging company with respect to their environmental outlook. Now I find out that they both lied about the impact of LP's practises upon

the ecology of the Duck Mountain region, and I am incensed by the possibility that both parties will once again sacrifice the long-term survival and diversity of the Duck Mountain

ecosystem. Tree planting will not, and never has, replaced a functioning forest. It, to the contrary, only replaces a complex, diverse forest with a tree farm. The two should not

be confused.

I can only hope that you and your office will summon your courage and subject this LP proposal to the rigorous and objective scrutiny that it deserves, and that your recommendations

go forward free of governmental bias and interference. Please do let political pressure once again allow a private company to despoil the natural heritage of this province and its citizens.

Respectfully,

Barry Danard, Biology teacher (retired)



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RE: Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd. Forrest Management Plan – File # 3893.10

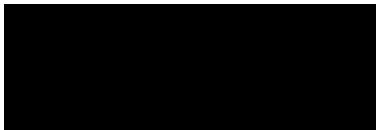
Dear Ms. Pyles,

On behalf of Mayor and Council of the Town of Swan River please accept this letter in support of Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. Forrest management Plan renewal for the area of Forest Management License #3.

Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.(LP) provides a multitude community benefits to the Town of Swan River, and the Swan River Valley that are easily seen; including environmental and economic impacts. Most importantly providing a commitment to the sustainability of these impacts.

It is appreciated that LP has been successful in keeping community involvement a priority. The Town of Swan River Louisiana Pacific Liaison Committee is informed and meets regularly with LP staff in upcoming events and learning initiatives. The Town looks forward to the continued efforts of LP to sustain forests, and keep our community benefits in Swan River.

Sincerely,



Derek B. Poole
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Swan River

Ms. Elise Dagdick
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Climate

RE: LOUISIANA PACIFIC CANADA LTD. – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF 20-YEAR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN – FILE: 3893.10

Dear Ms. Dagdick:

A year or two after arriving in the Swan Valley, Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (LP) submitted its “Ten Year Forest Management Plan - 1996-2005” and Environmental Impact Statement to the Manitoba Progressive Conservative government. Manitoba citizens were rightly concerned about the environmental, social, and economic implications of the massive increase in logging being proposed. While the Filmon government did not allow its technical staff to meaningfully scrutinize LP’s documents, significant scrutiny did ensue via other means. For example, the Canadian Forest Service and Canadian Wildlife Service provided substantive comment on the Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. A consequence of the public concerns was that Manitoba Clean Environment Commission hearings were held, with public meetings in Swan River and Winnipeg.

Prior to and during the Clean Environment Commission hearings, First Nations, Concerned Citizens of the Valley and other Valley residents, the environmental community, and Canadian Forest Service Forester Jim Ball expressed the view that LP and its consultants were using significantly inflated rates of growth, and that the logging volumes proposed by LP and its consultants were not sustainable. For example,

- Mr. Jim Ball, in his letter of October 17, 1995 as posted to the Public Registry, wrote “Is the company really planning to cut 150-170 m³ha⁻¹ now and to grow 325-435 m³ha⁻¹ (p. 7-16) or 256-484 m³ha⁻¹ (p. 11-26)?”. This was the same Jim Ball who was to appear as an expert witness before the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, but was told not to do so approximately 20 minutes before he was to appear.
- In the second of my presentations to the Clean Environment Commission (Soprovich 1995), I outlined a number of important sampling problems respecting the data from which Louisiana-Pacific had derived its growth and yield assumptions. On that basis, and on the basis of published growth and yield data from the scientific literature, I concluded that Louisiana-Pacific’s yield assumptions represented substantive overestimates, and recommended that the growth and yield assumptions, and Environmental Impact Statement, be rejected by the Commission. Soprovich (1995) stated “In the absence of being able to independently assess LP’s data collection methodology, and to quantify the impact of this methodology on bias and precision, we cannot have a great deal of confidence in the LP data.” and “If growth and yield is considerably overestimated, as I suggest, this invalidates all analyses presented in the EIS.”.

The Filmon Progressive Conservative government, of which Premier Brian Pallister was a member, approved the LP Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

Manitoba Forestry Branch (2004) completed a Wood Supply Analysis for the Duck Mountain in 2004 (“Wood supply analysis report for Forest Management Unit 13 and 14”). The report allowed comparison of Manitoba’s scientifically-derived estimates of growth and yield to those provided by LP in its Plan and Environmental Impact Assessment. In the Plan, LP and its consultants indicated that the aspen forest, and mixes of aspen, black poplar and birch, would yield 328 cubic meters per ha at age 60 (Page 7-17; Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (1995) and TetrES (1995)). My analysis on the basis of the Manitoba Forestry Branch (2004) report found that the estimate of the true yield was 158.4 cubic meters per ha for aspen, and 129.8 cubic meters per ha for black poplar and white birch, at age 60 (see Figures 1 and 2, and the attached* ‘Trembling aspen and hardwood yield assumptions for the Duck Mountain, Manitoba Comparison of the 1995 Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd.-TetrES Environmental Impact Assessment assumptions to the 2004 Manitoba Forestry Branch wood supply analysis assumptions’ (Soprovich 2006) for details). The Manitoba Forestry Branch (2004) report demonstrated that the numbers used by LP and its consultants were massive overestimates of the true yields, and were bogus.

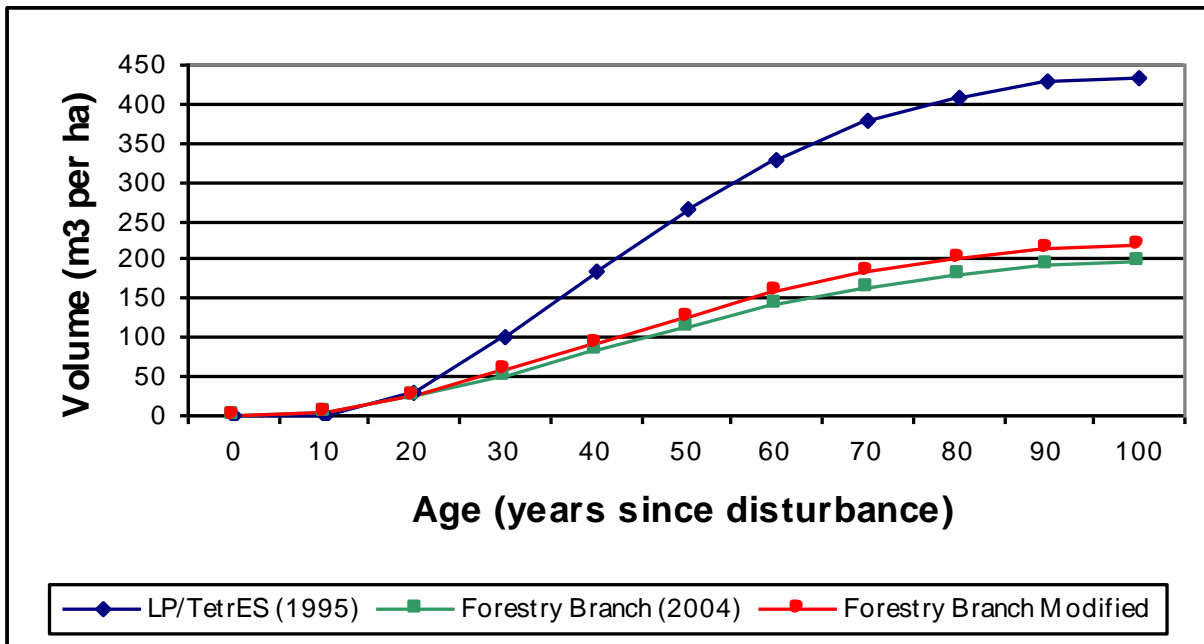


Figure 1. Trembling aspen yield assumptions for the Duck Mountain, Manitoba.

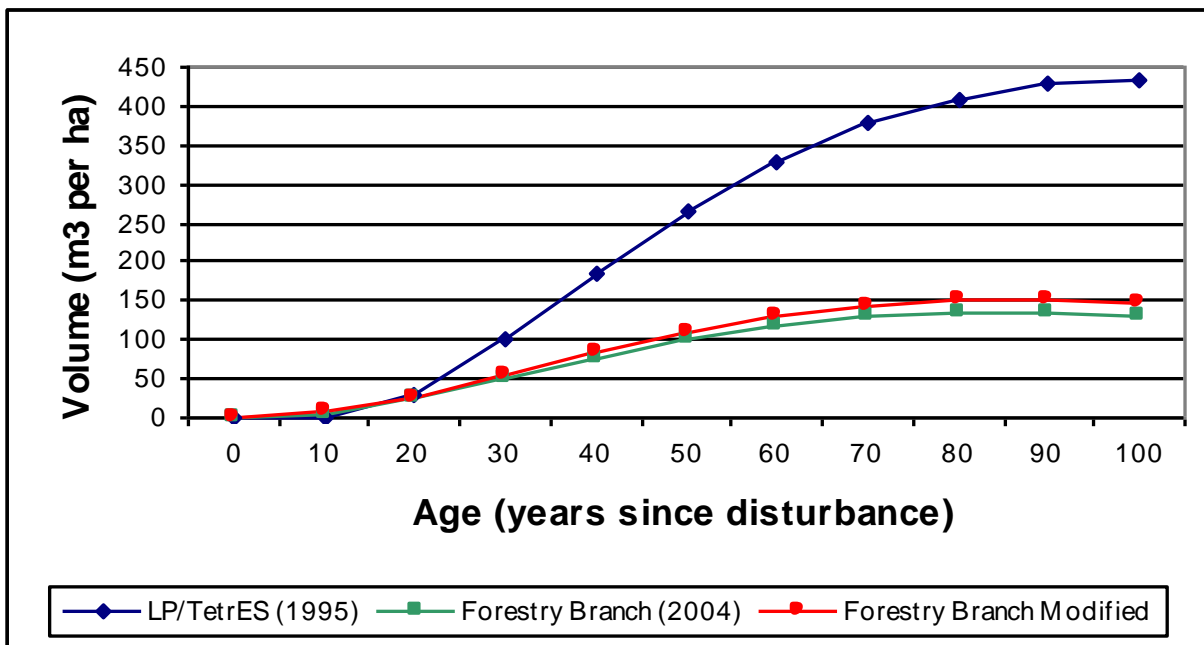


Figure 2. Hardwood yield assumptions for the Duck Mountain, Manitoba.

LP's overestimates of growth and yield are fundamental to the veracity of its Environmental Impact Assessment and Statement. For example, if one assumes that a forest will yield twice the volume per unit area than it really does (i.e., a case where a modeling assumption confronts the 'real world'), then one will have to cut twice the area predicted on the basis of the faulty assumption to achieve the same total volume (e.g., cut an area of 200 km² vs 100 km²). An error of this magnitude has huge implications to the real-world impact of a forestry development on biological diversity, the number of ovenbirds in the forest, the number of moose in the forest, water yield, soils, etc. Therefore, LP's Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement were also bogus.

LP's consultant, in the Environmental Impact Statement, concluded that almost 600,000 cubic meters of hardwoods (aspen, black poplar, and white birch) could be cut on a 'sustainable' basis each year for a 100 year period (i.e., HSG Sustainable Crown Land; Table 8-1; TetrES (1995)). Only nine years later, the Manitoba

government calculated the 'sustainable' cut to be about 349,000 cubic meters of hardwoods per year (Net Harvest Volume; Table 14; Manitoba Forestry Branch(2004)), and Manitoba reduced LP's Annual Allowable Cut. LP and its consultants had massively overestimated the 'sustainable cut for 100 years' by about 71% (see Figure 3, and the attached* 'Overallocation of the deciduous forests of west-central Canada to Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. Yesterday and today' (Soprovich 2005)).

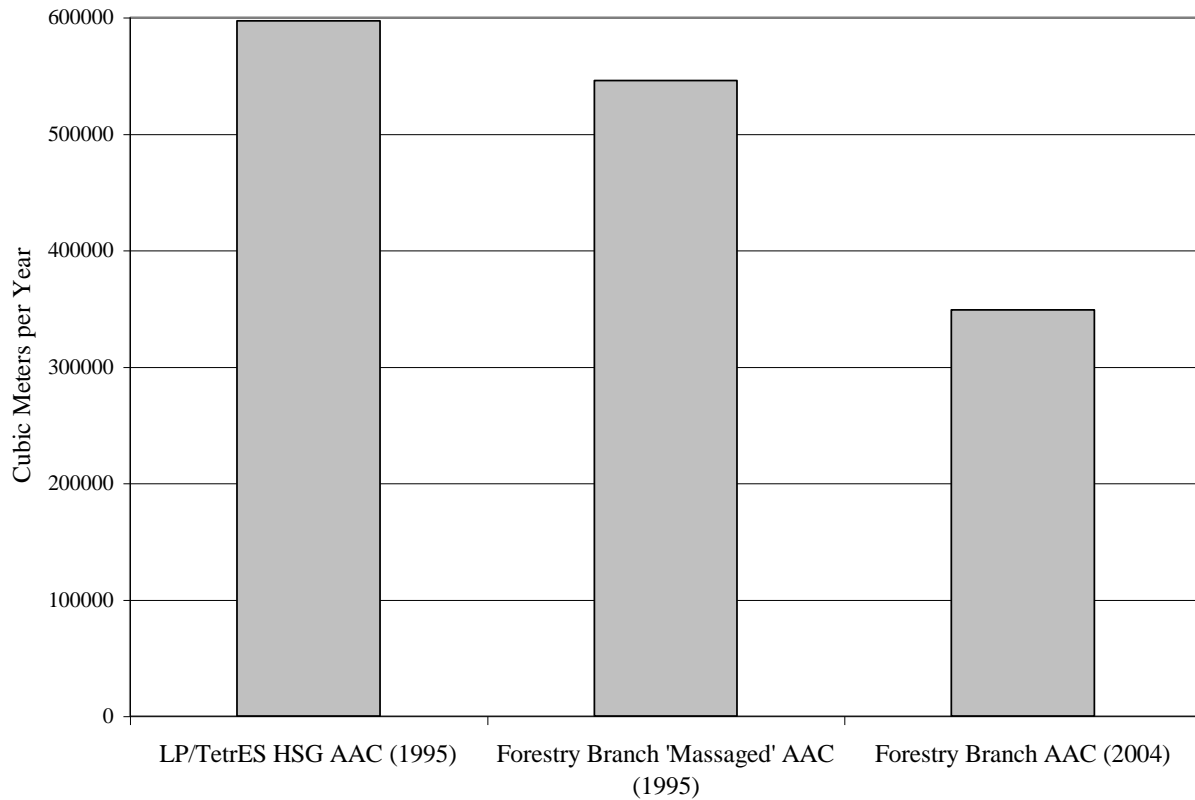


Figure 3. 100-year 'sustainable' hardwood Annual Allowable Cuts for the Duck Mountain (FMU 13). Sources were TetrES (1995) for the LP/TetrES HSG and Forestry Branch 'Massaged' AACs, and Manitoba Forestry Branch (2004) for the Forestry Branch AAC.

LP's Ten Year Plan and the Environment Act Licence for the Plan ended on January 1, 2006. For more than 15 years, successive Manitoba governments allowed the Company to operate in the absence of a long-term plan and long-term Licence. LP finally submitted a second long-term plan to the Manitoba government in late 2019 ("2020-2039 Forest Management Plan"). The Plan was posted on the Public Registry more than 16 months later in May of 2021, approximately 8 weeks ago (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/3893.10lp/index.html>).

Interestingly, there appears to have been almost no local Swan Valley public information on the Plan (e.g., articles in the Swan Valley Star and Times), as if LP and the Palliser government have been trying to keep things quiet. There was an advertisement by Manitoba in one issue of the Swan Valley Star and Times, but I did not see it and other interested people who I have spoken to also missed it.

Given that LP's first Plan and Environmental Assessment were bogus, it is imperative that Manitoba Clean Environment Commission hearings be held to bring appropriate scrutiny to the 20-Year Plan. The ongoing significant cutbacks to Manitoba's Civil Service substantively impair the ability of remaining staff to evaluate the Plan. The Clean Environment Commission hearings on LP's Ten Year Plan were critical in terms of bringing important public considerations and information into the 'light of day', matters that the Filmon/Pallister Progressive Conservative government tried to suppress. Particularly important given the history, we cannot have faith that a Progressive Conservative government, where Premier Pallister was a MLA responsible for authorizing the past fiasco, will be transparent or act in the public interest on the proposed forestry development.

There are many elements of LP's 20-Year Forestry Plan and its Environmental Assessment of the Plan that should be examined by an independent body. A few of them are as follows.

- “One learns by one’s mistakes” and “Those who do not know their history are doomed to repeat it” are two pearls of wisdom that most are familiar with. In the context of the LP 20-Year Plan, and the now well-documented fallacies of the Company’s previous long-term Plan, it is necessary to carefully and fully scrutinize all data and assumptions on forest growth and yield within the 20-Year Plan.
- The Manitoba government approved LP’s now-demonstrated sham 10 Year Plan and Environmental Assessment, thereby demonstrating how the political interference at the time and/or shortcomings of the Manitoba environmental review process could function to mislead the public and produce a flawed outcome. With another compliant Progressive Conservative government that many would argue is ‘in the pocket’ of the forestry industry, will the same occur with LP’s 20-Year Plan and Environmental Assessment? In the absence of a Clean Environment Commission hearing, we are likely to never know.
- Adaptive management requires one to collect data to understand a system and to reduce uncertainty in decision-making. Given the critical fundamental failures of LP’s 10 Year Plan and Environmental Assessment, it is imperative that independent evaluation of the nature (e.g., Has it met the needs for which it has been collected?, and Has it been broad enough?) and quality (e.g., Is it biased, like the growth and yield data collected by the Company and its consultants for the 10 Year Plan?, and Are the early years of the bird habitat data problematic, as has been indicated by several of those who collected the data?) of the data collected by LP be subjected to independent evaluation.
- Adaptive management requires one to examine actual outcomes against predictions, and it is necessary for this to occur in relation to LP’s 20-Year Plan and Environmental Assessment. For example, how large an area was logged in comparison to the predictions of LP and its consultants in the 10 Year Plan? What has been the success rate of plantations in comparison to the predictions of LP and its consultants in the 10 Year Plan? What lessons have been learned, and what data support such lessons?
- LP and its consultants used Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) models to evaluate the impact of its 10 Year Plan on moose and, as I recollect, American marten. At the time of the Clean Environment Commission hearings, the veracity of these models was questioned. Subsequent investigation of the scientific literature on HSI models, and empirical evaluation of some of the Manitoba HSI models, led to the conclusion that the models were so inaccurate as to be fatally flawed (Soprovich 2004). These HSI models have now fallen out of the institutional memory of Manitoba government representatives, and they have been relegated to ‘the trash heap of history’. Will the habitat models that LP has used in its 20-Year Plan be any better? Given the massive cutbacks to Manitoba Wildlife staff, to the extent that the remaining bureaucrats have been demonstrably ‘lost’ on such technical matters, the ‘testing’ of LP’s habitat models in a public setting is necessary.
- The moose population of the Duck Mountain was quite high in the fall of 1994, and ‘crashed’ over the winter and spring of 1995. Since that time, and with the advent of the massive increase in logging and other forestry development, the population has never recovered. The Duck Mountain was subsequently closed to moose hunting about a decade ago, and the rate of recovery since then has been exceedingly slow. While there is no clear evidence for a cause and effect relationship between the massive forestry development and the slow recovery of the moose population, the Manitoba government has offered virtually nothing in terms of evidence for the cause or causes of the slow recovery. However, the massive increase in access due to the forestry development had led to a substantive increase in hunting opportunity and vulnerability of the moose population, which are well documented outcomes of forestry development. Moose For Tomorrow, which came into existence for a brief time as a group of concerned citizens, developed a study proposal to determine survival and the causes of death of adult female moose in the Duck Mountain. While several entities committed funding to the study, the Manitoba government would not provide one cent, and the research never initiated.

What evidence does LP have to indicate that its forestry development has not substantively influenced the recovery of the Duck Mountain moose population.

- Given the inherent biases of the Manitoba Forestry Branch, and the massively reduced technical capacity and capability of remaining Manitoba staff, it is critical that the Plan and Environmental Assessment be evaluated against current progressive forestry practices (e.g., stand level practices like snag and live tree

retention, downed woody material) and landscape level management (e.g., scientific evidence-based forest age structure targets to mitigate the biodiversity effects of forestry). Manitoba, as a province, is decades behind provinces like British Columbia. Furthermore, the ability to apply ecological science has been effectively lost within the Manitoba government.

- It is necessary for Manitoba to clearly and fully explain why it has just begun the public elements of Environmental Assessment after LP's 20-Year Plan appears to have been initiated. That is, the Plan title is "2020-2039 Forest Management Plan"; if correct, this means that we are already more than a year-and-a-half into implementation of the Plan. The public elements of Environmental Assessment are to be completed prior to the approval of a development, as was the case with LP's first long-term Plan. The fact that the Plan began in 2020 tends to suggest that Manitoba's Environmental Assessment is rubber-stamp window-dressing.

I could go on, but the evidence is clear, and it dictates that a Clean Environment Commission hearing must be convened on the Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. 20-Year Forest Management Plan and Environmental Assessment of the Plan. While it is true that the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission is not an entirely independent body, it is the best that we have available under the Manitoba Environment Act, and public hearings allow for the truth to see the 'light of day'.

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Viam veritatis elegi,

Dan Soprovich

Good morning,

I apologize for my tardiness in sending you my comments, regardless, I feel compelled to communicate with your office about LPs presence in our valley. LP has been a model citizen in our Community. As A biology teacher for some 37 years I believe I have competence in evaluating their biological impact. As a community representative on their forest management committee I also am privy to the many processes they do to mitigate environmental degradation. All exemplary. With that said were would our forest have been if fire had struck this spring? Because of its multi aged composition the impact certainly would have been lessened. Old over mature forests burn very quickly. Ungulates of all kinds benefit from the overstory removal and subsequent proliferation of many plant species. Regarding our economic connections they are massive. As a Town Councillor I can attest to the significance of LPs many many contributions to community events, so appreciated. From the perspective of jobs and the viability of our Valley and all of our many small towns it is vital for our survival. I could go ad nauseum but I appreciate you appreciate my comments. Acceptance of the 20 year FMP would be encouraged.

Duane Whyte. Bsc.

From: Lloyd Jersak

Date: July 6, 2021

To: Elsie.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca <mailto:Elsie.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: LP's Twenty Year forestry development Plan

To Whom it May Concern (in Manitoba Government) :

I am hereby raising my grave concern / objection to LP's licensing of forest harvesting of forest / products, given that their consultants apparently produced a bogus report & projections of ' sustainability ' of the Duck Mountain forest regrowth.

The parties involved need to be held accountable for such massive errors/exaggerations. This accountability should be retroactive. The public interest needs to be reflected. Were these reports professional or biased? Were they based on science or faulty assumptions?

By way of historical perspective, there was a national resource inventory program in the mid 1960's. It was called CLIP (Canada Land Inventory Project) and included was our forestry sector based on the most recent aerial photos of that era. An underlying purpose was undoubtedly ' prudent ' forestry management for the benefit of industry & the national interest.

I happened to be a staff member of CLIP from 1964-64 or thereabouts.

As Canadians we should all be concerned about our natural resource use!

My letter may not look very professional but I am now 83 & had a physio-treatment earlier today. I rushed to get this done by the July 6 th deadline.

Thank you for your consideration!!

Lloyd Jersak

Dear Ms. Elsie Dagdick

I am writing today to advise you that the Concerned Citizens of the Valley strongly supports and fully endorses the call, as conveyed in Mr. Dan Soprovich's July 5, 2021 communication to you, for a Clean Environment Commission hearing into Louisiana Pacific's (LP) 20-year forest management plan (File # 3893.10).

The Concerned Citizens of the Valley represented many stakeholders in the Swan River Valley where this operation takes place. Our organization's members include First Nations, farmers, small loggers and people concerned about the environment.

In our view the 20year Forest Management Plan does not represent the interest of our members, the citizens of the Swan River Valley or the people of Manitoba.

With current forestry practices, forests in Canada are now net emitters of greenhouse gas emissions. We need to do better and we can do better by devising a better plan for our forests. A comprehensive CEC review of the LP operation would be a first step in making our forests contribute to reducing CO2 emissions.

Mr. Soprovich's analysis has demonstrated LP's overestimation of growth and yield projections in the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement submitted in relation to LP's 10-year plan. The consequences of such basic estimation/modeling errors for Mixedwood forest ecologies are obvious. A Forestry Management plan cannot be and should not be based on flawed/biased analysis.

It is imperative that Manitoba Clean Environment Commission hearings be held to bring appropriate scrutiny to the 20-year Plan." We urge the Government in the strongest of terms to refer File 3893.10 to the Clean Environment Commission for an independent, public investigation and assessment of LP's Plan.

Anything less than a full Environmental Commission independent, public investigation and assessment of LP's plan would be a tremendous disservice to the people of the Swan River Valley, First nations communities and the Citizens of Manitoba

Sincerely,

Kenneth Sigurdson
Chair Concerned Citizens of the Valley

Hello Elise,

I strongly urge you to consider carefully, LP's 2019 Environment Act Licence request <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/3893.10lp/index.html>. An article in The Dauphin Herald today, brought to light some of the history of this company, with its overestimates of growth and yield, and underestimates of forested area for logging. In a time of climate change, what MB does with this company's request, will either help or hinder the long-term survival of the forest, the wildlife in it and the people who live in Manitoba. For example it may be wise to call for a Clean Environment Commission hearing to allow a full investigation.

We are facing an unprecedented threat to human life on this planet, and it's so important to keep that in mind while making decisions today. May you and your team take the needed time to weigh implications of LP's request, in a way that will assist rather than harm us and future generations.

Thank you,

Virginia Cail
(co-chair of Dauphin chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby Canada)

Hello,

This letter is a formal request for the extension of public comment on file #3893.10, Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year logging plans for western Manitoba and Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

The Wilderness Committee is a nonprofit environmental charity with offices around the country. We work on protecting wild spaces, wild species, and healthy communities. It is with the voice of our 40,000 supporters that you should consider the weight of this request.

A principal reason an extension is needed is due to the difficulty of securing an independent consultant to review the company's proposal within the comment period, and the inability to conduct field work to substantiate issues with the plan during a pandemic. An independent report is not expected to be completed until the end of August, and field work will not start for at least another week due to pandemic concerns and vaccination limitations.

The complexity of the issue, the size of the management plan, and the wide range of questions remaining from the original licences issued for Louisiana-Pacific to operate in the 1990s—such as wood supply analysis—have created a great deal of uncertainty with this file, and closing the public comment period now will cast a shadow over the process used to issue the Environment Act licence.

In addition, it has recently come to our attention that on behalf of Minister Blaine Pedersen, government staff are responding to the public with false claims regarding this file. Were it not for this misleading communication from government staffers at the Minister's behest, this file would be easier to analyze and communicate to the public. We've attached the letter to this email. The public deserves to have a chance to examine and comment on the political guidance being given on this file. Scientific and environmental criteria is what is expected to be used when an Environment Act licence is issued.

With this company not having submitted an accepted logging management plan since 1995, and that one having gross inaccuracies, it seems a small matter to extend the deadline for at least 2 months, seeing as it has been 2 decades away. A once in a lifetime pandemic is certainly rationale for creating space to conduct a fulsome review of file #3893.10.

We will be submitting a thorough debunking of the political and problematic arguments Minister Pedersen's staff is publishing within the week. We expect it to be part of the public registry on this file when submitted.

We will be submitting a critique of the processes being utilized on this file, and the processes that are available and currently being ignored on this file. This will utilize the Manitoba Law Reform Commission recommendations and the Clean Environment Commission recommendations, which are currently being ignored by the Environmental Approvals branch on this file. We expect it to be part of the public registry on this file when submitted.

We will be submitting an analysis with on-the-ground research done by Wilderness Committee staff by the end of August, provided backcountry travel is not restricted for too long due to fire hazard. We expect it to be part of the public registry on this file when submitted.

We will be submitting a report by a credentialed independent consultant, with the expected completion date near the end of August. We expect it to be part of the public registry on this file when submitted.

In the coming two months as more information comes to light, we expect the public to still be able to submit comments on this file. The establishment of a 20-year plan for logging during a climate catastrophe and a biodiversity crisis is no small decision, especially with all of the scientific understanding that has been achieved since Louisiana-Pacific's first contentious licence was issued more than 25 years ago.

Further, the number of issues with this file requires public hearings. We will be including this recommendation in our future submissions, but wish to strongly stress the need for the public to be able to ask questions and get answers on this file.

We await your response to this request.

Sincerely

Eric Reder, Wilderness and Water Campaign Director

[Attachment to email from Eric Reder]



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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail to Honorable Blaine Pederson, Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, regarding resource management within Duck Mountain Provincial Park. I have been asked to respond to your letter on the Minister's behalf.

The Duck Mountain Provincial Park has been managed for multiple uses for nearly 60 years. It is classified as a Natural Park, meaning its main purpose is to both preserve portions of the natural region and to accommodate a diversity of recreation opportunities and resource uses. This management approach was strengthened in 1997 when the park boundaries were redefined to include 46,851 hectares of "backcountry" zone that was excluded from development.

The relatively small amount of timber harvesting that takes place within the Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not being undertaken by Louisiana-Pacific. The harvest is the work of local timber quota holders, and is of vital importance to the region as it provides significant economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the park.

The timber harvesting that does occur within the Duck Mountain Provincial Park adheres to strict provincial standards and is carefully monitored by department staff. For example, the Province's terrestrial and riparian buffer guidelines include requirements for no-harvest zones surrounding a number of landscape features in order to protect ecological, recreational and heritage values. The harvest operations are regularly inspected by Resource Officers and Forestry and Peatlands branch staff to ensure compliance with Provincial standards.

A number of factors must be considered in the overall management of Duck Mountain Provincial Park, of these factors, the risk of major forest fires is a concern. Our ability to reduce fuel loads through timber harvesting and renewing the forest through tree planting is important to preserving all the benefits of the Park for the present, and into the future.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with the Minister.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature]

Matt Conrod
Director
Forestry and Peatlands Branch

c. Honourable Blaine Pedersen, Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development

July 23, 2021

Environment Act File 3893.10 - Louisiana Pacific 20-year forest management plan

The Wilderness Committee is a nonprofit environmental charity with offices around the country. We work on protecting wild spaces, wild species, and healthy communities. It is with the voice of our 40,000 supporters that you should consider the weight of this request.

This is only one component of multiple submissions that are required to analyze this file properly.

Many concerned Manitobans wrote to former Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen regarding the extension of logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. In response, the Director of Forestry was tasked with responding on behalf of the Minister.

The aforementioned letter was submitted to Environmental Approvals already and should be part of the public record for this file.

The information provided to the public is simply not accurate. Below is a debunking of the points the Manitoba government is making, with sources, that the Wilderness Committee published in response.

“Duck Mountain Provincial Park has been managed for multiple uses for nearly 60 years.”

The fact that this park originated with industrial activity allowed is no justification for not protecting it now as we have in every other park in Manitoba.

What do we know now that we didn't know 60 years ago?

- There's a climate crisis that requires us to preserve more forests and store carbon.
- There's a biodiversity crisis that requires us to set aside habitat for species.
- Protected areas are essential for our healthy air and water, and we need more of them, both in Manitoba and globally, three times as many as we have now.

“This management approach was strengthened in 1997 when the park boundaries were redefined to include 46,851 hectares of “backcountry” zone that was excluded from development.”

What they fail to mention: that's only one-third of the park. **A full 61 per cent of Duck Mountain Provincial Park is at risk of clearcut logging**, and much of that forest has already been clearcut during Louisiana-Pacific's 25 year tenure.

“...timber harvesting that takes place within Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not being undertaken by Louisiana Pacific.”

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is entirely within Louisiana-Pacific's Forest Management Licence area, known as FML #3. Why is the government arguing that Louisiana-Pacific isn't logging it? Logging in the Ducks is done under their logging management plan, which means they decide what gets logged and when.

Here is the map from LP's 20-year logging management plan, showing logging in the 15 years since their last logging plan ended.

<https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/news/louisiana-pacifics-proposed-20-year-management-plan-2021>

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If you look at the map's legend you'll see a few labels:

- Backcountry
- Heritage
- Recreation Development
- Resource Management

Those categories aren't general categories for land use in Manitoba, those are Land Use Categories (LUCs) designated under Manitoba's Provincial Parks Act, and only used in provincial parks. The area with those markings? That's Duck Mountain Provincial Park. In the very centre of their logging area. With clearcuts in it. But for some reason Louisiana-Pacific refuses to name Duck Mountain Park in the maps included with their proposal, even though the maps are of the Ducks.

Minister Blaine Pederesen argues that Louisiana-Pacific isn't the one that clearcuts the park. That's like saying you didn't renovate your house, because you hired a contractor to do it.

Louisiana-Pacific is asking for a 20-year Environment Act Licence to manage the logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Any government official who tries to tell you otherwise is gaslighting and lying.

“The harvest is the work of local timber quota holders, and is of vital importance to the region as it provides significant economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the park.”

Finally! A truthful statement for this government: **the park is being logged for economic benefits.** This is the reality, and every other excuse to log Duck Mountain Provincial Park is a fallacy. This is the Pallister government once more dismissing the need to care for nature and parks in favor of short term profit.

Manitobans overwhelmingly reject industrial activity in parks, as was demonstrated in this 2018 Probe Research poll.

<https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/news/new-poll-manitobans-demand-park-protection>

Seventy per cent of Manitobans want industrial activity out of parks. But Premier Brian Pallister's decision is profit over parks, and that is not what Manitobans want.

"The timber harvesting that does occur within the Duck Mountain Provincial Park adheres to strict provincial standards and is carefully monitored by department staff. For example, the Province's terrestrial and riparian buffer guidelines include requirements for no-harvest zones surrounding a number of landscape features in order to protect ecological, recreational and heritage values. The harvest operations are regularly inspected by Resource Officers and Forestry and Peatlands branch staff to ensure compliance with Provincial standards."

First, no one would say that the logging standards in Manitoba are strict. No scientist is complaining that it's hard to log because requirements are strict. Logging companies do what they want, clearcutting wild forest quietly and outside public scrutiny.

But this paragraph is really important, because it makes the point that logging Duck Mountain Provincial Park is no different than logging any other forest in Manitoba. **Duck Mountain Park is not seen as special, and has no extra cautions or requirements for logging.** To the logging branch, the park doesn't even exist.

Does that sound like the way we should manage a park? If you or I picked up dead twigs to burn in a campfire we could get a ticket. But logging corporations can have at the park as they wish, just like any other forest in the province. **Duck Mountain in its entirety needs to be managed as a park, not a logging tree plantation.**

"A number of factors must be considered in the overall management of Duck Mountain Provincial Park, of these factors, the risk of major forest fires is a concern. Our ability to reduce fuel loads through timber harvesting and renewing the forest through tree planting is important to preserving all the benefits of the Park for the present, and into the future."

This is the second most egregious industry talking point, right after the claim that Louisiana-Pacific isn't responsible for logging the Ducks.

Logging does not produce the same results as forest fires. This is explained clearly on the Parks Canada website:

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/nature/science/conservation/feu-fire>

Logging offers few of the ecological benefits of fire. It removes trees and nutrients, whereas fire recycles them. In many regions, the plants that colonize logged sites are different from those appearing after a fire. Economical logging requires roads and landings, severely disrupting the ecosystems that national parks are mandated to protect.

Secondly, fire suppression creates hotter, more intense fires in the future. This was already discussed in 2006 in Ontario Park's Natural Fire Regimes in Ontario report.

https://www.ontarioparks.com/pdf/fire/fire_research_2006.pdf

The Manitoba government tried to sell this same disinformation in 2007, as evidenced in this Free Press article.

<https://www.wildernesscommittee.org/news/whiteshell-clearcut-benefit-says-province>

But as the movement to end logging in parks ramped up in Manitoba and the truth was publicized, even the government logging staff were backing down from these claims. The government went on to ban logging in 12 of 13 parks in 2009, citing the ongoing logging in Duck Mountain was for economic benefit, nothing else.

In 2021 Pedersen is intentionally misinforming the public when he spouts these excuses for logging parks.

If park logging was so essential for fire control, why is it that the hundreds of other parks in the boreal have been surviving just fine for decades? The answer is that logging for fire suppression is a logging company's excuse for logging, and not the way to manage a park forest.

In conclusion, the truth is pretty hard to find in this letter from Pedersen. He's lying about Louisiana-Pacific controlling logging in Duck Mountain Park and he's wrong about logging as an effective fire suppression strategy. The truth is Pallister, Pedersen and all their PC Manitoba cronies are signing off on logging the Ducks for money. Telling Manitobans otherwise harms our ability to evaluate the Environment Act proposal and 20-year forest management plan Louisiana-Pacific is promoting.

Eric Reder

Wilderness and Water Campaigner for the Wilderness Committee

Dear Ms. Dagdick,

I requested updated information from my MLA [REDACTED] but received no answer, though other sources like Dan Soprovich were very forthcoming.

My concern is that logging should be sustainable here in perpetuity to the satisfaction of everyone on the stakeholders committee, and the Clean Environment Commission should be satisfied with the Annual Allowable Cut to achieve this result. Cutting within Duck Mountain Park in particular should not be at the risk of upsetting all aspects of a mature ecosystem.

Yours Sincerely,

Andy Maxwell.



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July 6, 2021

Ms. Elise Dagdick
Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Honourable Sarah Guillemard
Minister of Conservation and Climate

Re: Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd. – Environmental Assessment of 20 Year Forest Management Plan – File: 3893.10

The Manitoba Eco-Network (MbEN) appreciates this opportunity to comment on Louisiana Pacific Ltd.'s *20 year Forest Management Plan*. Since 1988, MbEN has promoted positive environmental action by supporting people and groups in our community. MbEN's programming focuses on policy advocacy, engagement in consultation processes and developing capacity building tools that benefit the environmental non-profit sector and our member groups.

MbEN has engaged with a range of individuals and organizations who have serious concerns about LP's proposed Forest Management Plan and the corresponding regulatory approval process. We urge you to consider the recommendations of concerned citizens and organizations that have identified significant flaws in LP's Environment Act Proposal (EAP) that must be addressed before final approval is granted. Based on the information currently available in the EAP, it is not clear how approval of this Forest Management Plan will help Manitoba achieve its vision of being 'Canada's cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province' as outlined in Manitoba's Climate and Green Plan. To facilitate meaningful public participation, we also ask that you require a Clean Environment Commission public hearing with participant funding.

We strongly urge your department and the Government of Manitoba to take action and fulfill the legislative objectives recognized in *The Environment Act*, which states:

The aims and objectives of the department are to protect the quality of the environment and environmental health of present and future generations of Manitobans and to provide the opportunity for all citizens to exercise influence over the quality of their living environment.

The Approval Process:

MbEN feels that the approval of Forest Management Plans should follow the same process as other Class 2 developments under *The Environment Act*. Exempting LP's 20 year Forest Management Plan from *The Environment Act* (as per Section 11(2)) through a ministerial agreement, denigrates the process that has been utilized in Manitoba to date and lowers the bar in environmental protection. MbEN was disappointed in the lack of meaningful engagement opportunities offered by the CEC and the Government of Manitoba in relation to the reform of the forest management plan approval process and does not feel that the interests of Manitoba's environmental community were adequately captured. Creating a new process that fast tracks the approval of forestry projects is not in the best interest of all Manitobans and the environment.

LP's Environment Act Proposal:

These are some of the initial problems identified with the information (or lack thereof) provided in LP's Environment Act Proposal, to date. For example:

- More information is needed in the EAP about cumulative effects.
- The monitoring and assessment portion of the EAP also needs to be vastly improved to provide the knowledge necessary for the public to engage in the assessment process effectively. Environment Act License 2191 E was issued to LP in December 1997 for 10 years. There is little information contained in the public registry or EAP that indicate all conditions of this license have been met, considering extensions to the original 10 year plan were renewed in an inconsistent manner since 2006.
- There was selective information provided about the Stakeholders Advisory Committee. When originally established, the Stakeholders Advisory Committee consisted of a robust number of interests and expertise at the table. Given that EA License 2191 E establishes duties and responsibilities for the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, information stemming from this group should be made publicly available and used in the assessment process to develop a new 20 year plan.
- The Government of Manitoba's role and responsibility for the sustainable management of our provincial forest resources must be addressed in this approval process. This should include a commitment to more publicly available data, reliable forest inventories, a new 5 year report on Manitoba Forests, monitoring, assessment and enforcement details, and information that addresses questions about adequate wood supply.

Meaningful Public Participation:

Very little consultation and public outreach has occurred with public interest and environmental organizations such as ours. Given the size and scope of the Forest Management Licence Area (which includes private lands, parks, municipalities, TLE, crown lands, forests,

watersheds, First Nations, etc.) the lack of public information in the monitoring, assessment and enforcement of past and present activities, and the poorly designed cumulative effects assessment model, we ask that the department request the minister to direct the chairperson of the Clean Environment Commission to conduct a public hearing. Historically, the approval of Forest Management Plans has included a robust public hearing. It is in the public interest to ensure this Forest Management Plan receives the same level of public scrutiny and is reviewed by independent experts.

MbEN appreciates your consideration of our comments about the environmental assessment and approval of LP's 20 Year Forest Management Plan and welcomes future opportunities to engage with the Department in the assessment of projects in Manitoba to ensure the highest level of environmental protection measures are required. We are confident you will adhere to the objectives set out in *The Environment Act* and ensure an informed decision can be made.

Sincerely,

Glen Koroluk, Executive Director

Heather M. Fast, B.A., J.D., LL.M., Policy Committee Chair

Hi Elise

Swan Valley Sport Fish Enhancement supports Louisiana Pacific's forest management plan.

As a member of LP's stakeholder advisory committee, we believe LP's operations are sustainable.

LP is also a big supporter of Swan Valley Sport Fish Enhancement, regularly contributing and partnering on projects with us to conserve, support and enhance fisheries in the Swan River Valley.

Thanks,

Brock Koutecky

Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Inc

Hello Elise,

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) has now reviewed Louisiana-Pacific's Forest Management Plan (FMP), including the Effects Assessment chapter. DUC finds that the FMP chapters 1 to 7 strike a sustainable balance of the many different goods and services the forest and wetland ecosystems have to offer. We are appreciative of the fact that the land base will be managed for moose habitat, wetland protection, watersheds and bird habitat. Maintenance and improvement of biodiversity at the landscape level is also a positive aspect of the FMP. The Effects Assessment chapter of the FMP is comprehensive, and we note the innovative use of "Bowtie Risk Assessment" for cumulative effects, which shows the value of wetlands and importance of maintaining the hydrologic flow of wetlands.

Regards,

J. Trent Hreno, M.N.R.M
Head, Industry and Government Relations
National Boreal Program & Manitoba
Ducks Unlimited Canada

Good Afternoon Elise,

On behalf of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation please accept our comments regarding LOUISIANA PACIFIC CANADA LTD. – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF 20-YEAR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN – FILE: 3893.10

The MWF is in full support of all activities within the province of Manitoba which will ultimately enhance habitat for the benefit of wildlife species.

We believe in the researched management and disturbance of landscapes for the enhancement of wildlife habitat. Currently we are conducting two pilot projects with proposed management activities such as mowing, tree harvesting, burning, and grazing public lands for the enrichment of wildlife habitat, to ultimately benefit wildlife species, improve the lands ecological function and increase the lands value for all Manitobans. Many habitats require disturbance to facilitate a more productive environment for wildlife species. For instance, when managing for moose, old forest stands are cut or burned to provide a younger successional forest habitat which moose can thrive (~10-year-old growth). Perhaps the largest hurdle when managing habitat for a species is that managing for one species often manages against another. Consider the previous example, while younger forest stands are beneficial to moose, these younger forest areas are not suitable for caribou which prefer an older growth forest. Therefore, the act of land management must factor all species into the equation when selecting areas for management. The MWF supports activities undertaking the comprehensive nature of large-scale land management projects which will ultimately tackle these complex relationships for the long-term benefit of wildlife species and their habitats.

All the best,

Carly Deacon
Managing Director


July 6/2021

To Elise Dagdich

This letter is in regard to the Louisiana Pacific Canada LTD Environment Assessment 20 year forest plan.

I am a contractor for LP and I handle the wood and yard duties for them. My company name is MountainSide Unloading LTD. and I employ 12 men and we run 7 days a week 24 hrs per day. It has been a great experience working with LP Canada and has provided great jobs in Our Valley. When I started in the logging world in 1980 we mainly cut spruce and when we come to a poplar tree we would cut it and leave it its waste. Now with LP we are making a beautiful product that beautifies our buildings and towns. LP takes great pride in making sure all Environment concerns are taken seriously and are a great steward of our forests. The Swan Valley is very lucky that Louisiana Pacific is here.

Yours Truly


MountainSide Unloading LTD.

I am writing in response to the current Government's request for input on renewing a 20 year plan to log in and around Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

I am familiar with the Park, having been there as a university student in the early 80's, and since then as a frequent visitor, for short and long stays in the Park. It is an amazing natural resource, a refuge for wildlife, and a home for Manitoba's native plants, shrubs, and trees.

First, I understand that Louisiana Pacific may have followed the currently approved guidelines, and that logging around the area in that area provides economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the park. However, forest science and knowledge about best/better forest management practices have advanced significantly since the current guidelines were released in 2007.

The Clean Environment Commission report on Manitoba's forest management plan guidelines soon will be finalized and made public (Ref 1). These revised guidelines would ensure valuable and neoteric information would be provided relevant to a decision about further logging in the Duck Mountain.

It would be reasonable to ask the current government to direct, as well as LP to follow, these impending new guidelines, given the discussion is regarding forest management in a public park 20 years into the future.

Second, Duck Mountain is a park; had the Park's natural resources not been protected, to some degree, as a park, it is unlikely that there would be forest resources for LP to be interested in logging. Given the park and its reserved area are public resources, I believe Duck Mountain should be managed as a natural park, and logging only permitted to manage the area as a park i.e. where natural processes do not exist or create an imbalance and human intervention is required.

However, knowing that the current government will in all likelihood continue to allow commercial logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, then third, the management plan is deficient or lacks clarity in the following areas:

- The plan is deficient in outlining areas of required old growth forest, continuous across the landscape to support the species of animals, plants and pollinators that require older forests for their habitat needs.
- The plan is deficient in outlining protection of sensitive streams and wetlands from damage caused by logging (increased runoff, water yields, soil erosion etc.)
- The plan does not address cessation or reduction of activities in areas during breeding bird season.
- The plan does not adequately address road closure during logging, and road decommissioning to ensure minimal forest disturbances from motorized access.

To close, I do not believe the Province has provided the conditions to ensure the information needed for meaningful consultation is provided. LP should be directed to provide additional information to meet the revised guidelines as per Ref 1. The period for response should be extended.

Ref 1 - On February 11, 2021 the Manitoba Departments of Conservation and Climate (CC) and Agriculture and Resources Development (ARD) announced that a letter of intent had been signed by their respective Ministers to revise Manitoba's Submission Guidelines for Twenty Year Forest Management Plans (2007) (the Guidelines). The letter of intent sets out key activities intended to be accomplished by June 30, 2021:

- revising the Guidelines so that they are consistent with the requirements of The Environment Act (Manitoba);
- addressing the CEC's report recommendations regarding the approval process, including greater engagement of Indigenous communities and the public at large; and
- addressing any feedback on the revised Guidelines received through the Engage MB platform.

Michele Taylor, B. Sc., MNRM

To Elise Dagdick, Manitoba Environment Officer,

My family and I were outraged to learn what is being done in the Swan River Valley by Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd. (LP), especially at this time of climate crisis.

The deceit in the company's proposal process sets up a situation in which they will be able to deforest the area to an extremely damaging extent.

The company has used inflated rates of tree growth in order to justify their plan for the next decades, which means that their claim of ""sustainable"" development is false. The valley is in grave danger of losing far too much of its tree cover, which is crucial in its economy and well-being in a variety of ways.

Set beside a report by the Forestry Branch, LP's numbers for projected yields are shown to be ""massive overestimates"" and ""bogus"" (Sopravich, Letter to the Editor, Brandon Sun, 2021, July 3), which is, and should be, most troubling to us all.

With faulty rates of growth and yield, LP's Environmental Impact Assessment is likewise skewed, so that their logging activities will lead to a much larger area of destruction (in order for the company to achieve the volume they are proposing). The increased loss of habitat, carbon sink, and other important aspects of this forest threatens this area, its inhabitants, and the health of the planet more widely.

We are concerned that LP has been able to operate for the last 15 years without a long-term plan and long-term licence.

LP's 20-year forestry development plan needs far more scrutiny, and we call for a Clean Environment Commission hearing on this dubious document.

Please let me know when the hearing will be scheduled.

Thank you,

Dr. Lesley Glendinning

Department of English and Creative Writing

Brandon University

To Elise Dagdick,

Stop this travesty. Duck Mountain belongs to Canada. An American company will take our wonderful park and clear cut it. We cannot allow the American clear cut to happen.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Julia Cummins

To Elise Dagdick,

End Logging in Duck Mountain Park. Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions. No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

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Yours truly,

Bryan Kehler

To Elise Dagdick,

End logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. The contract to log Duck Mountain with Louisiana Pacific must not be allowed to go through.

- Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.
- Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.
- Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.
- Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.
- Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.
- No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.
- The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Hanna Hulsbosch

To Elise Dagdick,

So you are selling our park and the wood in it to the USA? Have you no shame? It is a park. For people to use to protect wildlife and free space. Water is a precious resource and you aren't protecting it and you are selling us out to the Americans. This is no way to honouring our First Nations communities.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Monica Novotny

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Garry Loewen

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. It is imperative that Manitoba should KEEP the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation! This is the only logical action. As we have seen an increase in our population heading to our parks, it baffles me that our province decides to sell off our PARK to an American Corporation!! Duck Mountain Provincial Park MUST be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's logging licence.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Elke Daraska

To Elise Dagdick,

Please end all logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. This practice has no place in our wonderful system of provincial parks. The fact that this province still allows logging in provincial parks is a national embarrassment. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Dale Purvis

To Elise Dagdick,

Our provincial parks are not for industrial logging, especially by an American company with the poor record of LP.

Come on, let's preserve our parks for people to enjoy, not for loggers to exploit.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Harold Welch

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action here. This resource belongs to all of us and though it may not show it on your balance sheet, is a resource worth far more than the money Louisiana-Pacific will pay.

Please do not sign this 20-year management plan with Louisiana-Pacific.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Dayna Kroeker

To Elise Dagdick,

To whom it may concern. I object to the forestry plan for Turtle Mountain for the following reasons:

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Oliver Bernuetz

To Elise Dagdick,

Our Parks are not tree farms.

Why is the government allowing them to do this?

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Cindy Danko

To Elise Dagdick,

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Shannon Stuart

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

We need to protect and enjoy our province's wildlands and parks.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

gilbert carriere

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Irma Neufeld R2G OE9

To Elise Dagdick,

This is Duck Mountain, one of our provincial parks. It is not a wood lot, not a tree farm, it is a provincial park which should be an area specifically set aside to maintain nature and biodiversity rather than inflict further damage caused by existing logging operations. It is a place where families in Manitoba and other provinces should go to enjoy camping, fishing, and other things that the park has to offer.

I fail to see how an American corporation will care for the well-being of a Canadian park. That the provincial government will allow this is absolutely despicable. Many Manitoba parks already suffer from a lack of care and pale in comparison to parks in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario. Actions like this will likely just cause further decline and will further damage the reputation of Manitoba's leadership.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Emily Hope

To Elise Dagdick,

Please quit logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park! It's a beautiful park and deserves to be left to grow!

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Kiera Morden

To Elise Dagdick,

I urge you to extend the period for public comment on the logging contract in Duck Mountain Provincial Park to August 30, 2021 to give more Manitobans an opportunity to voice their opinions.

I am opposed to the logging licence for Louisiana-Pacific in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. There should be no logging in parks. Parks should be set aside for the protection of streams, wetlands and wildlife.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Mary Ann Talbot

To Elise Dagdick,

Cannot believe the actions of this fascist-like government. If they continue on the path they're taking, hopefully we won't see another tory gov't for another few decades. Shame on them!!!

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Atarrha Wallace

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

doug krause

To Elise Dagdick,

Provincial parks must remain untouched to commercial ventures. Why are we logging in a provincial park? Once the land is logged it never returns to being a Forest despite attempts to plant seedlings. There is no diversity of species that is needed to make forests the complex environmental savours they are..

Reforestation is not conservation, it's just a tree plantation. As such, all the benefits of a true forest are lost to all its former inhabitants and to humans. What is saved economically in terms of what the Forest contributes to a healthy climate far out weighs the short term capitalistic benefits that is reaped by a few.

What short sightedness! And what ignorant and uninformed views on which to base the destructive action. A tree is not an independent entity to be cut down and replanted, but is part of a much larger above and underground network of biodiversity that supports, shares resources, and protects the flora and fauna within its boundaries.

Leave the Parks alone. More time is needed to hear from the public. Stop selling out our environmental future for short term profit. Listen to the science and do the right thing!

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Shelley Bates

To Elise Dagdick,

Logging activities in provincial forests are a shameful legacy of previous conservative governments and it's time to stop pretending protected spaces can be woodlots.

Louisiana-Pacific has a long standing record poorly managed resource exploitation in MB already, and there is no reason why this should proceed without a more substantial review.

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Yours truly,

Andrew Chambers ROE 1LO

To Elise Dagdick,

To Environment officer in charge of file 3893.10.

To Premier Pallister, Minister Sarah Guillemard, Minister Blaine Pedersen, your MLA, our Wilderness and Water Campaigner Eric Reder, and the EAB contact person to be included as a part of the public comments on this file.

To all members.

The logging of Duck Mountain Provincial Park must stop. Save our environment & save our earth. Do not allow our forests and wildlife to be harmed in any way.

My vote depends on your actions.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action. Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions. Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions. No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Tom Skraba

To Elise Dagdick,

Can you please explain to me how logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park is consistent with Manitoba's policy to prohibit logging in provincial parks, or, if it is not consistent with such a policy, why the policy is not being applied to Duck Mountain Provincial Park?

Given that these questions remain, the public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Jay Toews

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any plan that involves logging at Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. This forest must be managed as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park must be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's logging licence.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

In no way will I support this government again or any government that allows logging in the Duck Mountain Provincial Park or any park.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Charlene Currie

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a resource for sale by the provincial government. No destructive mining, harvesting, logging, etc. should be allowed in any Provincial Park.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Irene Raabe

To Elise Dagdick,

Please just leave Duck Mtn alone. It's not a business, and it's not yours to destroy. Whatever short term gains will amount to nothing if you continue to allow the park to be raped, by American interests no less. It's 2021, time for the dinosaurs making these decisions to wake up and get on with the program to fix the world, not make it worse.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Terry Toews

To Elise Dagdick,

Quit selling off and stripping Manitoba parks. They belong to everyone and not a select few who are abusing them for profit.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Kim Richards

To Elise Dagdick,

Diminishing our natural landscapes damages our future and the future of generations of Manitobans . We must be willing to look beyond economics and appreciate in the long run we are destroying our futures.

Our Provincial Parks need to be preserved and protected, that is YOUR responsibility to help us ensure our futures have a chance.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

We don't have the luxury of getting these decisions wrong..

Help us.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Barrington Nichols

To Elise Dagdick,

Environment Officer:

If you are truly an Environment Officer, you will ensure the Environment is protected from big business predators.

All Manitoba provincial parks must be exempt from logging. When companies talk about tree farms, they will clear cut then replace with tree farms which take over 10 years for trees to replenish.

In this specific letter, do not allow Louisiana-Pacific any logging plans concerning Duck Mountain. When you drive down the highway with the view of Porcupine Mountain, Duck Mountain and Riding Mountain, it is a beautiful sight. These mountains are Manitoba's treasures. Do not allow any clear cutting. Tree farms are a ploy to cut what is there and then tree planting.

Thank you for sincerely working for the Environment.

Sincerely,

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Bev Carriere

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck mountain provincial park needs to be removed from Louisiana-Pacific

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Yours truly,

Patty Hryciuk

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park should be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's logging licence.

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Yours truly,

Harold Thwaites

To Elise Dagdick,

I thought the primary purpose of a provincial park was to conserve nature. Apparently, Duck Mountain PP is a tree farm for Louisiana Pacific. Their proposed 20 year management plan does not care for nature and forests with biodiversity in mind.

And let's finally ban personal ATVs from the park. They are extremely destructive as they terrorize wildlife and tear up everything they pass over. It's only a matter of time before one of them ignites a huge forest fire, just like one of them did in the Sandilands Provincial Forest in May 2008.

Louisiana Pacific's grade: F.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Kevin Miller

To Elise Dagdick,

I'm writing today because I'm concerned about the logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

We're living through a climate crisis. Now more than ever, we have to take care of wildlife and parks.

Do the right thing and stop logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Melissa ARCHER

To Elise Dagdick,

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

I ask that you please re-evaluate this practice.

Provincial parks are for all Manitobans. Not for international corporations.

Stand up for Manitobans and Manitoba.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Jonas Desrosiers

To Elise Dagdick,

I urge you to end logging in Manitoban Provincial Parks.

The 20 year plan for Duck Mountain proposed by Louisiana-Pacific is a betrayal of the public trust. It prioritizes short term, foreign, corporate profits over the longterm health and wellbeing of our ecosystem, population, and planet.

Manitoba's Provincial Parks must be protected from extractive industrial use. They are essential to the protection of our environment and they are a public good that should be managed for the benefit of not only the citizens but also the earth. Destroying ecosystems and damaging the biodiversity of our province does not do this.

Please extend the comment period on the proposal at least until the end of August to allow for proper representation of the public's opinion.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Matt Gilbert

To Elise Dagdick,

I, my friends, family and associates are united in whatever resistance we will take in order to stop logging in Manitoba's parks and forests. Ga day.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Cameron De Baets

To Elise Dagdick,

I am deeply disappointed by the proposal to log Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Managing the forest as a park for nature will perpetuate its value for far longer and allow many more people, plants, and animals to share in it than turning it into a logging plantation. Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency. It will only deplete the long-term ecosystem services—the benefits we obtain from the environment in the form of, e.g., cleaner air and water, protection against flooding, and more aesthetically pleasing terrain—in return for only a small fraction of their value.

I am also disappointed to know, from on-the-ground expeditions that Wilderness Committee and others have conducted, that logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park has caused ample damage to streams and wetlands. Furthermore, the failure to close and decommission roads properly has caused ongoing forest disturbances.

I demand that the government of Manitoba extend the period for public commenting on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan until at least August 30 of this year, and preferably into the new year. Louisiana-Pacific must demand that Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from its logging licence, and neither Louisiana-Pacific nor any other company should be allowed to log forests during this crisis of collapse in biodiversity. This prohibition is especially important in provincial parks and while birds are breeding.

I believe logging is the wrong thing to do here. It will bring short-term gain for only a few people and long-term pain for many more people, as well as non-human organisms.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Michael Bagamery

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing today to express concern about the plans for future logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

I believe parks are intended to be preserved for nature. Wildlife suffers as breeding grounds are disturbed and old logging roads allow for off road vehicles to roam the back country.

Most of all, it makes our park into tree farms that are only invested in for the profitability of outside private agencies who are after our natural resources.

I believe our parks should be preserved for our Manitobans to enjoy, appreciate and be enriched by.

The future wellness of our people and planet is impacted as we keep destroying our natural spaces.

Please put an end to logging in the Duck Mountain Park.

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Yours truly,

Cori Enns

To Elise Dagdick,

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Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Ray Knispel

To Elise Dagdick,

I'm writing to express my deep concern regarding logging activities in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. The vast majority of Manitobans view their parks and forests as a natural preserve that must be defended at all costs so that wildlife can be protected for our greater good and that of generations to come. Louisiana-Pacific's current and proposed logging activities in Duck Mountain do not meet that expectation. Too much harm has already been done to nature and forests and it is high time that our government put an end to commercial logging in this park and in any other provincial park or forest. Therefore, I respectfully urge you to remove Duck Mountain Provincial Park from Louisiana-Pacific's logging licence and to extend the public comment period on this company's 20-year plan until at least August 30, 2021 in order to allow for more Manitobans to express their views on this very essential issue. Thank you!

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Yours truly,

René Vielfaure

To Elise Dagdick,

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Ainslie Schroeder

To Elise Dagdick,

This Provincial Government seems hell bent on allowing foreign capitalists to come to Manitoba and exploit its natural resources. The plan for a tree farm for the purposes of logging is yet another example. In our area there is a movement to extract silica sand from 200 ft. beneath the surface of the land right in the middle of the aquifer that supplies the southeastern portion of Manitoba with potable drinking water for the benefit of CanWhite Sands Corp. out of Alberta. Further to the west in our municipality, the Council has approved the Berger Peat Processing Plant which will clean and bag peat moss which is being stripped from what used to be forest land and shipped from the area of Hadashville to just east of the floodway in Springfield. Again a very bad decision for a commercial/industrial enterprise on land zone agricultural in a rural residential adjacent area. WELL THIS DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE PC'S IN THE NEXT PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

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Yours truly,

Heather Ericlson

To Elise Dagdick,

Provincial Parks are historically for use of Canadians to enjoy nature. Commercial logging goes against all logic in preservation of forests. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park and Louisiana-Pacific's management plan does not ensure that the biodiversity of the park will be preserved. Please extend the public comment period on the plan to at least August 30,2021

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Yours truly,

Lynda Regan

To Elise Dagdick,

I'm writing to ask for you and you colleagues in government to please reconsider the rush, the full environmental and habitat impact of the 20 year plan proposed by L-P for the Duck Mountains.

Since the proof on the ground from their current activities doesn't match what they are proposing, there needs to be more time spent in consultation, more effort on the plan to address environmental concerns and more care to ensure our provincial parks aren't treated as tree farms for multinationals to profit from.

I would like to be notified of any and all updates regarding file 3893.10.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Barry McKay

To Elise Dagdick,

Please end the logging for private profit in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. It is ridiculous that the American corporation Louisiana-Pacific is cutting down trees in our Provincial Park. Managing the forest as a park for nature should be government priority. Letting a foreign corporation use it as a logging plantation is unacceptable and ending this situation is the only logical action.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, roads are not closed and decommissioned properly causing ongoing forest disturbances. Further more, no forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan has been too short and hidden from the public and must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Please stand up for public assets, for our natural environments and for efforts against climate change.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Annette Gargol

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing because I have learned that public comment on Louisiana Pacific's 20 year lease runs out on July 6. Please extend this to later on summer or early fall. There is so much at stake. We are in a climate crisis and a biodiversity crisis. We must ensure that we are protecting forests, wetlands, and birds. I am not convinced that enough accountability is present in this lease. Ultimately, we cannot turn our provincial parks into tree farms. They are biodiverse ecosystems that we need desperately to preserve.

Thank you for your consideration. Balancing business and ecological interests is not simple or easy. I suggest it's time to tilt things toward the planet's health, or we will be facing more extinctions, invasive species, dying lakes, droughts, floods and forest fires. The inertia of commerce will not work in our favour without diligent accountability.

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Yours truly,

Geoff Thiessen

To Elise Dagdick,

I have fond memories visiting Duck Mountain (and other provincial park jewels) over 40 years ago with my father Val Werier. He wrote a series of articles in The Winnipeg Free Press about the need to protect these parks from logging and to preserve the natural habitat for its inhabitants.

During the pandemic, people have come to appreciate nature - parks, trees, forests, birds - in a way my father taught me as a little girl. How can it be that logging is still allowed? This is especially so now as bird populations have plummeted due to destruction of their habitat. How can logging be allowed even during breeding season? How can you continue to destroy vital wetlands? Don't you care at all about the environment?

There simply is no place for logging or private business in provincial parks. Do the right thing. Listen to the public, not narrow business interests who care nothing for the environment, only profits.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Judy Werier

To Elise Dagdick,

Logging in our Provincial parks absolutely needs to stop. The fact it's ever been allowed at all, never mind to an American company, seems outrageous to me. Please do something good for our people and our Province & end this atrocity now! Please do not allow this American company to pillage our forests for the almighty dollar! Do the right thing for the next generation of "Team Manitoba".

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Michelle York

To Elise Dagdick,

Stop selling our province on piece at a time. It is time this government seriously gives consideration to the environment, the wildlife, our lakes and rivers, the responsible use of our resources, and the hiring of more conservation officers to protect it all. We don't have to sell or privatize everything we own.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Louise Simard

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Amanda Nicholls

To Elise Dagdick,

Force Louisiana Pacific to us SELECTIVE logging and stop the destruction of the Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Selective logging techniques are known to produce more wood over the long term while maintaining a completely intact, biodiverse forest in perpetuity. Selective logging is recommended by foresters everywhere, but unfortunately Louisiana-Pacific does not use selective logging techniques. The LP logging plan is NOT sustainable. LP is busy destroying the Duck Mountain forest, harming local farmers, disrupting the watershed. The LP plan leaves swaths of destruction and turns the Duck Mountain Provincial Park into a tree monoculture.

I farm close to the Duck Mountain and the destruction caused by LP is obvious. LP methods cause flooding of farmland followed by drought. LP destroys the forest and roots that used to hold the water back and release it slowly. Now the water is pours off the mountains in a tremendous, farmland damaging flood and is then gone, leaving drought and dry dugouts and dry wells. LP is profiting on the backs of the farmers and destroying the forest and the Park.

I expected the Pallister government to care about the environment and force LP to work with nature. Premier Pallister has claimed to be a nature lover. Why won't the Pallister government stand up and protect our Duck Mountain Park and Forest from LP destruction?

Please reject LP 's foolish plan and short term thinking. Clear cut logging must be banned. Force LP to switch to real biodiversity sustaining SELECTIVE logging techniques that produce more wood over time and leave the forest intact.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Kate Storey

To Elise Dagdick,

I am very saddened and angered to hear that Manitoba's forests are being sold off to the private interests of an American company. How is it possible that our provincial government can sell logging rights on Manitobans' lands to a foreign company without a thorough public consultation and approval process? Since when do you own this right?

In addition to this, the impact on the land from this company's logging practices will surely impact our provincial ecosystem far beyond the loss of the trees themselves. How will all the flora and fauna be impacted? With the increasingly severe impacts of climate change increasingly apparent ever day, should we not be protecting these forests and all the living beings that call this place their habitat?

I went camping in Duck Mountain with my family as a child and hold dear the beauty of the forest and the richness of the area . I am very concerned with this government's blatant disregard of nature as a common good and the constant assault on trying to take access away from regular people by selling it off for private interests. This is the totally opposite direction we should be going in. I am utterly disgusted.

Your government is leaving a legacy of destruction behind you in so many ways. I hope you are happy with the destruction of the natural environment that you are leaving behind for all of our children.

Shame on you yet again.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Jacquelyn Hébert

To Elise Dagdick,

get the management system in place and give a real power to hold them to realize severe consequences if their end of the agreement is not upheld.

If you are not willing, or not able to do this, this is one of our last pristine parks, and no agreement should be made.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Wayne Janz

To Elise Dagdick,

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Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Guy Sain

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot, a tree farm, or anything other than a Provincial Park. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

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Yours truly,

Peggy Kasuba

To Elise Dagdick,

Preserve our natural lands! People and experiences before profit and industry

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Rebecca Laniuk

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park should not be part of the logging licence for Louisiana-Pacific. A Park should not be logged.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Bill Reid

To Elise Dagdick,

The old way of thinking is causing significant damage to the planet . there's 9 billion inhabitants sharing limited resources . I am so fearfull for future generations. When we will admit that we are in big trouble ! Global warming, pandemic, loss of biodiversity. All results of a overpopulated world. Sustainability over economic gain is only answer.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

G Veldman ROE OCO

To Elise Dagdick,

We need to stop the logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. If they keep on logging it is going to ruin the wonderful ecosystem that is home to many wild animals and birds.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

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Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Michelle Gaber

To Elise Dagdick,

Logging should absolutely not be allowed in Provincial Parks. Consider the current heatwave currently gripping Canada. Transpiration from trees keeps us cool and the more we log the more frequently we'll be seeing these heat crises which includes the countless deaths of tax paying citizens. Logging in Manitoba Provincial Parks absolutely must be stopped. Duck Mountain Provincial Park needs to be preserved for the value it already provides - an essential habitat for many of Manitoba's native flora and fauna. Logging by Louisiana-Pacific disturbs and destroys these animals and their habitat. Please reconsider allowing Louisiana-Pacific to log in any Manitoba Provincial Parks.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Cassandra Hilder

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing to you regarding File 3893.10, concerning a 20 year plan from Louisiana-Pacific Corp., an American building materials manufacturer, to log in Manitoba's Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

First of all, Duck Mountain Provincial Park is, as its title indicates, a Park and not a wood lot or a tree farm and the forest should thus be managed as a park for nature, species habitat, and climate benefits. The Louisiana-Pacific Corp. proposed a 20-year management plan that does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

The public comment period on the Louisiana-Pacific Corp. 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021. The initial public comment cut-off date of July 6th., 2021, is absurd for such a long proposal and detailed technical plan. An environment license for this proposal requires a lot more time.

However, Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions. Please, reject the Louisiana-Pacific Corp. 20 year logging plan for Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Marco Gruwel

To Elise Dagdick,

I am disturbed by the news that Louisiana-Pacific is requesting a 20-year renewal of its contract to log Duck Mountain Provincial Park. The company should not be granted a renewal. Ait is high time L-P be gone.

Duck Mountain is not a tree farm and the property of Manitobans should not be polluted for gain. For chipboard? In the end it would be a loss.

Think what future Manitobans will say as they contemplate a barren wasteland, waters polluted and wildlife non-existent. They will say, "How could they have been so stupid? So thoughtless? So money-grubbing?" They will tear down our statues and rightly so.

I understand that no other park in Manitoba allows logging. Let's make that a rule with NO exceptions.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Colette Brown

To Elise Dagdick,

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Jody Chalmers

To Elise Dagdick,

In an era where the dangers of climate change are becoming terrifyingly clear, logging in a park that is an important ecological refuge is unacceptable. Our natural resources should never be for sale or valued only for how they can be destroyed and sold. The A logging plan intended for a tree farm with no forest management plan is nothing but a tragedy for all of us. Destruction of streams and wetlands is especially disturbing, as is the risk of disrupting bird breeding season.

Finally, the public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021. It is an unfair abuse of power to prevent constituents from weighing in on our natural resources.

PLEASE REMOVE DUCK MOUNTAIN PROVINCIAL PARK FROM LOUISIANA-PACIFIC'S CAPITAL GRASP.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Alexandra Caporale

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing to voice my objections to logging in provincial parks, and more specifically in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Provincial parks should exist to protect and provide outdoor recreation and conservation areas, and this is not compatible with resource extraction.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

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Yours truly,

Jean-Stefane Bergeron

To Elise Dagdick,

To Whom it May Concern,

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Victoria P Crocker

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing that you stop Logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Here are but a few reasons why:

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.

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We are permanently connected to the environment.

We have taken so much that our planet is losing it's ability to protect us. If we don't pay money to fix these problems, then we will end up paying our debt through suffering. It is your job to prevent the worse from coming to pass, so WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE??

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Yours truly,

Pierce Plikett

To Elise Dagdick,

Logging the Ducks must stop!!

Just because it is a lesser travelled park does not mean it should be exploited !!

Protocols need to be tightened or send LP packing!!

They are taking advantage of the MB Govt and its constituents.

Regards,

G Meadows

BScAgriculture

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Yours truly,

Geoff Meadows; BScAg

To Elise Dagdick,

Stop logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency, streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

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Yours truly,

Curtis Muska

To Elise Dagdick,

Please reconsider the management plan for Duck Mountain Provincial Park. This pristine ecological wonder is a jewel to preserve for Manitobans. It takes courage and political will to protect these areas for future generations. Further public consultation is the least that could be done to address immediate concerns.

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Yours truly,

Amanda Bouchard

To Elise Dagdick,

Please, not another Manitoba Provincial Park being given up to private interests! Duck Mountain Provincial Park (DMPP) is and should remain a park for nature and for Manitobans to enjoy, not a wood lot or a tree farm for Louisiana-Pacific. Managing it as a park is the only logical action. It shouldn't become a logging plantation. The 20 year management plan proposed by Louisiana-Pacific does not care for nature and forests the way we need those to be managed during a biodiversity emergency. DMPP should be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's logging licence. The Wilderness Committee expeditions have documented that the streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging within DMPP and the roads that are supposed to be closed are not being decommissioned properly. It is causing ongoing forest disturbances. Forests should not be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis and never in a provincial park. The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan MUST be extended until at least AUGUST 30, 2021. There is no reason to rush the public comment period when we are discussing the fate of such an important Manitoba resource as our Public Parks!

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Yours truly,

Denyse Cote

To Elise Dagdick,

I am enraged to hear that Louisiana-Pacific has submitted a 20 year plan to log western Manitoba. Louisiana-Pacific clearly does not care about managing Duck Mountain's Provincial Park's forest, and its impact on biodiversity and climate. I don't want to see one of Manitoba's provincial parks turned into a tree farm. Duck Mountain must be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's capitalist grasp.

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Yours truly,

Nicholas Niebuhr

To Elise Dagdick,

To our leaders

We urgently need to protect our beautiful forests which are the lungs of our planet. Please stop the plan to log Duck Mountain Provincial park 3893.10.

We need to find ways to be more sustainable to meet the important criteria of Agenda 2030. Let this big American company source in their own country we don't need their money we need our forests more! The protected animals and birds need your urgent attention on this matter.

Thank you

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Yours truly,

Jade Last

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation should be the only action. No forests should be logged during bird breeding season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

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Yours truly,

Krystal Miller

To Elise Dagdick,

Upon hearing that an American company has the logging rights to the Duck mountains , and , they plan on logging in an uncaring and brutal fashion makes me believe we are not doing our best for our country and the beautiful environment we have. This beautiful park is meant to be protected, the wetlands and the wildlife are ours and need to be left alone.

Louisiana- pacific needs to request that the Duck mountains be removed from their logging license immediately. Also the public comment period , on the Louisiana- pacific's 20 year plan needs to be extended until at least September 31, 2021.

Louisiana pacific is not closing or decommissioning roads which leads to damage within

The park, which has been documented by on ground expeditions. It is up to us as Canadians to speak up and save what is rightfully ours to protect.

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Yours truly,

Judy Coy

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Shane Wiebe

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing this letter to request your support for the following issue, which is of great importance to me. I have lived in the Tuxedo constituency for 15 years now and vote regularly in elections.

My understanding is that Louisiana-Pacific has submitted a 20-year plan to log western Manitoba. This is problematic because Louisiana-Pacific's proposed management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that is required during a biodiversity emergency. In fact, logging would be devastating to the wildlife and only increase already-present biodiversity crisis. As the Wilderness Committee's expeditions have demonstrated, streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging. Furthermore, roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in the park, which causes ongoing forest disturbances. All to say, Duck Mountain Provincial Park is a park for nature, not a wood lot or a tree farm.

Protecting public parks is vital to preserving Manitoba's biodiversity, mitigating climate change, and ensuring Manitobans' well-being and relationships with nature. Therefore, I would like to request your support in the following areas:

1. Duck Mountain Provincial Park must be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's logging license.
2. The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's twenty-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration and support on the above items - they are extremely important to me, my family, and my community. I appreciate you having taken the time to read this letter.

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Yours truly,

Maria Nallim

To Elise Dagdick,

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Mark Campbell

To Elise Dagdick,

As a Manitoban I am completely disgusted by this practice. Provincial

Parks need to be preserved as logging in them needs to stop.

Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.

Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No logging should be occurring in a provincial park.

The PC needs to quit making the property of all Manitobans something they feel they can sell off.

I am sickened by this government and an election can't come quick enough.

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Yours truly,

Megan Pohl

To Elise Dagdick,

No forest should be logged during breeding bird season. The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20 year plan must be extended until at least August 30th, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Bella Ben-Ari

To Elise Dagdick,

We need to be able to put more energy and resources into finding alternative ways to build. Ones that do not take away from our already-diminished and dying forests and natural habitats. These plans are not sustainable or realistic in their projections for regrowth and forest maintenance. If plans like this worked then groups like this would not need to be moving to new areas. Stop moving in to new areas. Stay where you have already cultivated and learn how to make it work better there. Take time to process and take in what you are doing to our earth, instead of moving on and forgetting the devastation you leave behind.

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Yours truly,

Jessica Maxwell

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Jude Zieske

To Elise Dagdick,

To Environment officer in charge of file 3893.10,

As a concerned Manitoban regarding the management of our provincial parks, I implore you to extend the public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan to log western Manitoba until at least August 30, 2021. I am extremely concerned about Duck Mountain Provincial Park, where logging should not be allowed period! Our provincial parks should be managed properly for people to enjoy nature and as a healthy diverse ecosystem for animals and forests to thrive. Please stop sacrificing our provincial park forests for economic gains.

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Yours truly,

Monique Lavergne

To Elise Dagdick,

I am extremely outraged that the Manitoba government is considering further logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

The consultation that the Province plans to take in this regard, is pure ideological pursuit, as such it is an abdication of the Pallister's government responsibility to care for nature and wilderness.

Parks are a common good -- we need wilderness and biodiversity for our very survival and for the survival of this planet we keep senselessly trashing.

The additional logging proposal is ludicrous and thoughtless. Logging and mining do not belong in a Provincial Park, animals and plants need undisturbed habitats in which to live and thrive, and we absolutely need them to thrive if we are to survive.

There is scientific consensus that we need more nature, and more pristine, undisturbed nature to help heal our damaged world.

I have a profound dislike of governments that believe the bottom line is all about numbers and dollar signs. It is not. The bottom line is about the well-being of citizens and the lands that they share. It is about the health of our shared environment and the future of our children and grandchildren and their children and grandchildren and so on. If we lose our parks, or disfigure or reshape them towards resource extraction, it will be a travesty, a shameful legacy.

A pandemic, a biodiversity crisis, and a climate crisis all mean we need nature more than ever. Now is the time to rise as a province, and make Manitoba a shining example for the protection of biodiversity. There is never a time to exploit nature, but surely now, of any time in history, is the time to use our taxes and our talents to protect and enhance the pristine nature of our parks.

Do not exploit our parks, in whole or in part. Invest in them, support them and we will all reap the benefits.

It has never been o.k. to log or mine in a park. Now, with the global biodiversity crisis and increasingly long and difficult to control forest fires, it is imperative to protect Duck Mountain Provincial Park from industrial logging impacts.

As a Manitoban, I do not approve to expand logging in a park I love.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is valuable for its incredible native wildlife, for purifying air and water, storing carbon and soul-reviving recreational opportunities.

I therefore expect you to:

End logging for good in Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Extend the public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

A. Valentin

To Elise Dagdick,

It is embarrassing that Manitoba continues to allow natural resources to be harvested from its provincial parks. What is the point of setting aside critical and important natural habitats if you proceed to allow logging and mining to continue in these supposed protected areas (to the benefit of mostly the coffers of the government)? Why are they not solely designated as habitat for flora and fauna, as well as recreation and educational areas for Manitobans as well as all Canadians? It is bad enough that Manitoba's protected areas are isolated from each other and fragmenting the landscape for wildlife (few wild travel corridors between these areas). Duck Mountain Provincial Park is the only park in which logging is not just allowed by the government, but encouraged. You purport that this activity supports the local economy - to which I say, how is this enough of a justification for you to absolutely destroy the landscape? How about you provide targeted job training to rural Manitobans, and assist in setting up environmentally responsible industries or vibrant communities in underserved rural areas?

This ""proposal"" and ""consultation"" is a disgrace. The logging itself is a detriment to the park that I have witnessed and experienced first-hand. The logging that has taken place since the first logging licence was granted (to serve a gigantic AMERICAN corporation, Louisiana-Pacific) has changed the landscape of the park, resulting in erosion of soil and drastic runoff to occur, affecting provincial roads (washing them out repeatedly) as well as causing massive overland runoff towards cottage areas that have existed for 40 years. The renewal of this licence is not just paperwork, as the government seems to want to push it through as in the middle of summer. Are you hoping that the public won't notice? We do - and we care. I strongly opposed this renewal. In addition, I absolutely agree with the following points:

- Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action.
- Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.
- Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence.
- Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions.
- Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.
- No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.
- The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Listen to your biologists, respect the environment and the purpose of protected spaces from an ecological perspective, and give your heads a shake. Just because the logging is occurring in a ""quiet corner"" of the province with a low population does not mean that Manitobans are not watching you. Our votes count. You owe Manitobans more time to become familiar with this proposal and to provide their comments and opinions through a true consultative process. I strongly oppose this licence renewal.

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Yours truly,

Kelly Senkiw

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Lena Andres

To Elise Dagdick,

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No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Do the right thing and stop. Stop resource extraction in parks, full stop. No more mining, or logging, or whatever other schemes you come up with to profit off of land and water being destroyed.

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Yours truly,

Tyler Garbacki

To Elise Dagdick,

Dear Premier and Minister,

You were elected to be stewards of our public lands and especially of our Manitoba parks. But once again you are proving that you can't make the politically hard decision of choosing the responsible environmental policy of protecting our sacred parks over pleasing your political donors and electoral interests. This is very disappointing.

Manitobans are looking for hope and understanding as we face a pandemic and a climate crisis. Forests of the boreal region are at risk of due to the climate crisis. So what does the government of Manitoba do ? It tries to hide it's irresponsible behaviour and it adds to the climate crisis by supporting extractive activities in our most precious public lands. Stop logging the Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

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The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

Please listen to what 70% of Manitobans are saying- stop logging in Manitoba Parks.

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Yours truly,

Natalie Mulaire

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,

Brad Senkiw

Hi Elise,

I would just like to make a few comments regarding LP's FMP from a local perspective. I am the Environmental Management Teacher at the Swan River High School. LP has played a major role in helping to educate our students. They generously give of their time to provide presentations, they lead our classes on field trips all around the Duck Mountains, they have allowed us to sit in to watch their audit process and they are always willing to unique opportunities to our students that allow them to gain hands on experience. I can also comment that it is not only the high school that they are involved with, they provide these same opportunities for students at the elementary and middle school. They have volunteered to run stations at the both the Swan Lake and the Intermountain watershed festivals for many years and will be called upon in the future when things return to normal. During these interactions with students the information provided demonstrates the sustainable practices that LP implements into their planning for the area. The students gain a different perspective and a deeper understanding that in many ways these practices can be beneficial to the environment. Often students think that LP only focuses on trees, when in fact they realize the whole ecosystem management approach that LP implements. LP does a lot of research and data collection not only on trees but on moose, birds, plants, fish etc. and they share this data during their presentations to the students. LP is always very supportive of our local community. They provide significant yearly donations to our school's Envirothon team and if I need something specific to run my Environmental program, LP is always a company that I can go to for support. From a local perspective, I have nothing but positive feedback to provide. I appreciate all of their sustainable practices, efforts, time and commitment to our local community! Thank you LP!

Kari Goethe

To Elise Dagdick,

I am vehemently opposed to logging in provincial parks.

These lands are held in TRUST to protect the environment for present and future citizens of Manitoba. These lands are not the property of any government, agency, or corporation to do with as they wish to for short-term economic gain.

The proposed logging activity goes against everything we now know we must do to protect our ecosystem. We are in the midst of a global climate crisis which is rapidly escalating to more extreme levels. The planet is on fire. Governments MUST quickly move from denial of this inconvenient truth, to acknowledge the new reality we are faced with. Governments MUST find a way to manage and reconfigure industrial activity to ensure that it supports ecological restoration processes, rather than continue destroying our natural ecology.

We NEED those in government to find the courage and vision to address the ecological crisis now. EACH elected official, appointed representative, civil servant, and other party to policy development and implementation has a responsibility to speak up and take right action in support of responsible stewardship of our precious environmental resources.

Please use your individual power and agency to help turn the tide on environmental exploration and help lead the way to respectful and restorative ways forward.

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Yours truly,

Denise Prefontaine

To Elise Dagdick,

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No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

Lastly, the public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Natalie Lagasse

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park must be removed from Louisiana-Pacific's capitalist grasp NOW.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Lois Whyte

To Elise Dagdick,

Please do not approve the proposed 20-year management plan (file 3893.10) particularly because it includes Duck Mountain Provincial Park. At minimum, Duck Mountain Provincial Park needs to be removed from Louisinana-Pacific's logging licence, the public comment period should be extended until at least August 31st and the plan should only be for 5 years in length, if approved. Provincial Parks should not be logged. Keep them as protected areas please. Twenty years for that plan is way too long when we certainly won't know how biodiversity will be affected in the longer term due to climate change effects in the area.

I find the public comment process very unfair. There are so many issues that I would want to comment on but for an ordinary citizen like me, I don't have the time to review such long documents. I am thankful that the Wilderness Committee is informing me of proposals such as these and summarizing the issues.

Lumber is a needed product for Manitobans and the Province should prioritize the circular economy and create systems that make used lumber valuable so that we don't need to cut down as many trees for our needs. How many very good lumber pieces are brought to the landfill each year when they could be reused? The Province needs to incentivize lumber recycling. Logging jobs could be transitioned to lumber recycling jobs, for instance.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and for considering them.

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Yours truly,

Sylvie Hébert

To Elise Dagdick,

I am writing with concern that Louisiana-Pacific needs to demand Duck Mountain Provincial Park be removed from their logging licence. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions. Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, which is causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions. I do not think it is wise for forests to be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park. The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Christel Loll

To Elise Dagdick,

I can not believe what the Provincial Government is doing to our precious Provincial Parks. First we hear about the privatization and now the logging in Duck Mountain.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

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I am completely and absolutely disappointed in this government and their total lack of appreciation for the natural beauty and wonders of this province. All this government seems to be concerned with is the bottom line, and do not care how destructive they are in pursuit of their so called goals.

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Yours truly,

Linda Barry

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain Provincial Park is not a wood lot or a tree farm. Managing the forest as a park for nature and not as a logging plantation is the only logical action and is consistent with Canada's environmental promises.

Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Duck Mountain Provincial Park should be removed from the logging plan/licence.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

The public comment period on Louisiana-Pacific's 20-year plan must be extended until at least August 30, 2021.

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Yours truly,

Penny Hamzic

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Yours truly,
Clay Baum

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck mountain is not there for commercial exploitation. It is intended to be there for generations to come as a natural park. Logging does not belong in this park or any provincial park. The park belong to all of us.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,
Kelly Groening

To Elise Dagdick,

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Yours truly,
Maja Crawley

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Roads are not closed and decommissioned properly in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, causing ongoing forest disturbances, as documented by on-the-ground-expeditions.

No forests should be logged during breeding bird season, especially during a biodiversity crisis, and never in a provincial park.

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End Provincial Park logging in Manitoba!

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Matthew Lund

To Elise Dagdick,

Duck Mountain is a beautiful park with a large, mature forest. It is something we should not be taking for granted, and something we should be taking steps to protect, NOT log. We need to think beyond our generation and nurture our environment and our parks. Louisiana-Pacific NEEDS to remove duck mountain from their logging license. This is a park that has taken years to grow and mature the way it has, and we have no right to be cutting down these trees that nurture so many beyond us.

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Madison Meakin

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Kathy Henderson

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Brayden Shindak

To Elise Dagdick,

To those elected officials that have a responsibility to be the voice of the all of Manitoba, not just old white men that are greedy for money,

Please consider that long after you are out of our government, your decisions will impact everyone's future. You have that choice to help or the choice to hurt. Louisiana-Pacific's proposed 20-year management plan does not care for nature and forests the way that we require during a biodiversity emergency.

Stop thinking of only short term profit, you have all done that enough already. You have not represented the true values of all Manitoba , rather focusing selfishly on what is best for you. Streams and wetlands are being damaged by logging in Duck Mountain Provincial Park, as shown by Wilderness Committee expeditions. I want to be able to enjoy the nature we have for years to come, not lose it to money hungry companies that you let come in and ruin the beauty that is our province.

You have the choice to do the right thing. Nature, and all Manitobans, need you to do the right thing. Stop the logging of Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Kinley Graves

To Elise Dagdick,

It is urgent to managed our resources in a sustainable manner--clear cutting is not. We need to preserve the habitat for animals, birds, fish, and clean air. Responsible management of the forest is of the utmost importance. We are all witness to the damaging effects of unbridle harvesting of our forests, lakes, rivers and wetlands. We need to act responsively now!

Nature needs us.

Yours truly,

Louise Simard