

Forest Management Plan Amendment December 2022

The original 2018-2038 FMP came into effect on April 1, 2018.

This amendment (Amendment #1) addresses the requirement to update the FMP to reflect the approved Caribou Range Plan for SK2 West and will also update Silviculture Ground Rules to allow for additional treatment options and refine several existing VOITs as discussed at previous implementation meetings.

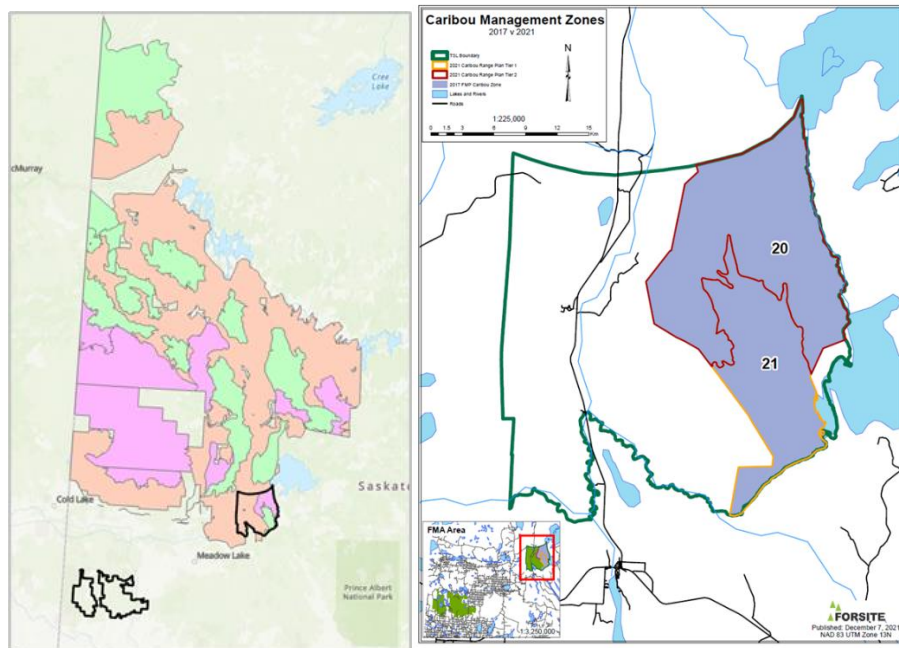
This amendment is targeted to become effective April 1, 2023.

Caribou Range Plan Alignment

The SK2 West range plan was completed in October 2021 and categorized the SK2 West zone into 3 categories:

- Tier 1 – Current caribou habitat where harvesting is to be avoided in the near term.
- Tier 2 – Future habitat for caribou where harvesting can occur in the short term to improve future habitat conditions.
- Tier 3 – Matrix area around Tier 1 and 2 areas managed for general connectivity.

The map below on the left illustrates the full range plan area and the TSL boundary (black outline). Only the Green/Sled portion of the TSL overlaps with the range plan (map on right).



The original FMP proposed a Caribou Habitat Management Area (CHMA) where harvesting would be deferred for the term of the FMP (2018-2028). As the original CHMA aligns with final Tier 1 and Tier 2 zones, the amendment proposes no change to the current strategy.