



The forest is an important natural resource to the human world. We use and depend on forest products everyday — from the homes we live in to the paper we write on. We also depend on forests as an important part of our environment, providing us with outdoor recreational opportunities, a home for birds and wildlife, and even helping to cleanse the air we breathe.

The forest is vitally important to us all. That's why DMI invites public input and we strive to accommodate the needs of other forest stakeholders. We appreciate your interest and look forward to your continuing involvement in our planning process.

### General Development Plan Planning Cycle



## The Planning Cycle

Forest planning at Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. (DMI) takes place at various levels. The first level involves developing a long-term Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) covering the forest area in which DMI holds a Forest Management Agreement (FMA). This plan includes a detailed forest inventory and identifies all factors that might influence forest management, such as; timber diversity and condition; watershed protection; wildlife management; other forest users; and public recreation opportunities. The DFMP covers a time-frame of about 140 years (essentially the normal period from first harvest, through regeneration, a second harvest, and regeneration again).

This plan provides the broad framework to guide more specific, shorter-term planning. Once prepared, DFMP's are revisited every 10 years or more often if conditions in the area change for any reason, i.e. fire.

## General Development Plans

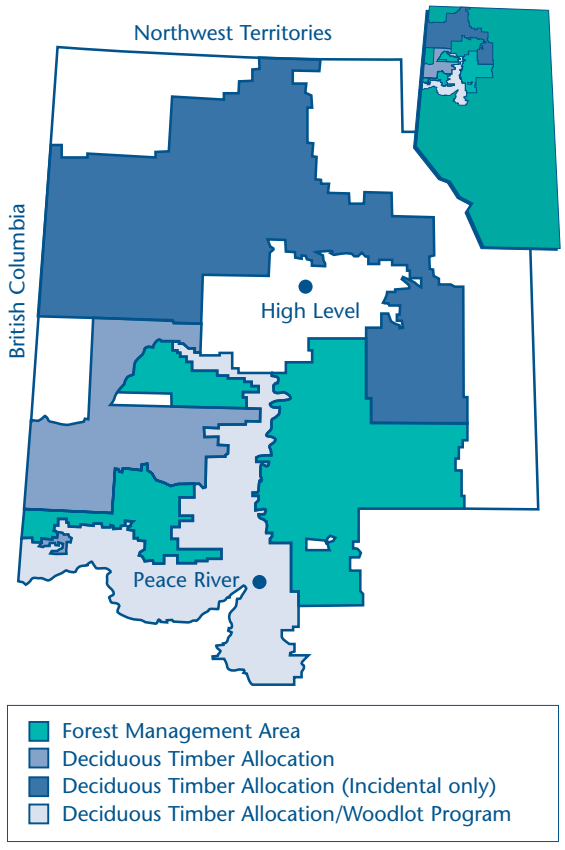
The next level in the planning process is the General Development Plan (GDP). This plan takes the DFMP harvest sequence and in more detail projects wood supply requirements for a six year period. Although it covers a six - year period, a new GDP is developed each year reflecting the previous years harvesting activities and adding a "new" year to the end of the cycle. This provides the public with six years notice of proposed development activities. The plan identifies cutblock locations, road requirements, outlines how development will

be approached during that timeframe, and includes information on reforestation activities, fire control plans, and emergency spill response. The detail in a GDP progresses from quite specific in the case of the first year to general for the sixth year.

## Annual Operating Plans

Included within the GDP are Annual Operating Plans (AOP) prepared by Peace River Pulp Division (PRPD), and other forest products companies permitted by the government to harvest timber in the FMA. AOP's contain a vast amount of detail about proposed harvest areas, roads, road maintenance, how fish and wildlife habitat will be protected during operations among other things.

AOP's may include Detailed Cutblock Plans for sensitive areas. Detailed cutblock plans include, but are not limited to things such as wildlife habitat, steep slopes, areas close to watercourses, or areas with a large amount of young coniferous trees called understory. These plans describe how operations will be conducted in the area to minimize environmental impacts and ensure that new stands of healthy trees are regenerated on the site.



**Coniferous landbase** — coniferous stands of trees managed for coniferous production to supply area sawmills and reforested to conifer after harvest.  
**Deciduous landbase** — deciduous stands of trees managed for deciduous production to supply the Peace River pulp mill and reforested to aspen after harvest. Peace River Pulp Division's forest management area and other timber quota is deciduous landbase.  
**Incidental coniferous volume** — left over coniferous timber which is harvested from the deciduous landbase.  
**Incidental deciduous volume** — left over deciduous timber which is harvested from the coniferous landbase.



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## Engaging the Public

Once PRPD has completed the annual GDP, it is forwarded to various government departments for final approval. It is also presented to municipal districts in or near the FMA, and submitted to the Public Advisory Committee for their review and feedback. In addition, PRPD asks for public input at open houses and public meetings. This input is incorporated into the plan.

## Monitoring Operations

When the GDP has been approved and harvesting operations are underway, continuous monitoring is carried out by both PRPD and the Alberta Government to ensure that operations are being conducted in accordance with the AOP, the ground rules, and FORESTCARE guidelines.

PRPD monitors all activities of employees and contractors for consistency with the plan, while Alberta Land and Forest Service conducts random audits of performance in all areas — ranging from erosion control, to cutblock design and size, road building and reclamation, reforestation, and more. Any minor deviation from the plan must be documented and discussed with the Alberta Land and Forest Service. There are penalties for any unauthorized activities.

## We want Your Opinion!

Public input is important to Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd. We recognize that we have been entrusted with the stewardship of a significant natural resource which is valued by everyone, from forest products companies, to hunters and trappers, wildlife enthusiasts, outdoor recreation lovers, and many others. Our forests must be managed in a way that meets the needs of all the users, while ensuring we will continue to have healthy forests well into the future.

The General Development Plan is a public document, available for viewing, and PRPD welcomes all comments, questions and suggestions. If you would like to view a copy of the General Development Plan or learn more about forest planning activities, please call 624-7415 and ask to speak with our Woodlands Planning Supervisors.

Or you can write to us at:

**DMI — Peace River Pulp Division,  
Woodlands Planning Supervisor,  
Postal Bag 6500, Pulp Mill Site,  
Peace River, Alberta T8S 1Y4.**

Your input makes a difference. For example, public feedback helped us to identify log haul safety as a public concern and aided us in modifying safety policies and regulations for all of our operations. Please keep your suggestions coming!

# Securing the Future

## Responsible Forest Management at DMI



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