

**KBM FORESTRY CONSULTANTS INC.
2004 INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT
PUBLIC SURVEY**



Every five years, as part of the province's responsibility for resource management in Ontario, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) contracts firms to evaluate forest management activities on Crown lands. KBM Forestry Consultants Inc. of Thunder Bay, Ontario has been engaged by the MNR this year to conduct an independent forest audit of the Kenora Forest for the period 1998-2003.

As part of our evaluation, we would appreciate your input as a member of the public who has identified an interest in forest management on the Kenora Forest. If you have comments related to forestry activities during the five-year period April 1, 1998 to March 31, 2003, please complete and submit this form (please see back of sheet for more information on the audit process).

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act and the Environmental Assessment Approval Term and Conditions 86, 87 and Appendix 25. The personal information will be used solely by the audit team for the purposes of informing the Kenora Forest Independent Forest Audit. Any questions regarding the collection, use, and retention of the personal information can be directed to Herb Bax, Lead Auditor at 807-345-5445 ext. 30 (e-mail: hbax@kbm.on.ca) or to the company address indicated below.

Name: _____ Tel. and/or email: _____

1. What is your interest in forest management on the Kenora Forest?

Recreation

Employment (forestry, tourism)

Conservation

Other: _____

2. Can you identify any specific locations or activities on the Kenora Forest that illustrate good OR poor management practices, and that the audit team should be aware of in conducting their evaluation? (Please indicate if we may contact you for more information. (Yes No)

3. Have you ever contacted forest managers with comments or concerns during the 1998-2003 audit period? (e.g., local Ministry of Natural Resources, Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.) (Yes No)

4. If yes, were you satisfied with the response? (Yes No)

5. Feel free to add any additional comments (use additional sheet if required).

Please **mail, email, or fax** the completed survey (Attention: Troy Anthony) to the address/fax number below by **Friday August 13th, 2004**.

The survey can also be accessed through our website, located at www.kbm.on.ca

Although we cannot respond to everyone, we do take into consideration all comments received and thank you in advance for your input!

INDEPENDENT FOREST AUDIT

Kenora Forest

KBM Forestry Consultants Inc. has been retained by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to conduct an Independent Forest Audit, consistent with the Crown Forestry Sustainability Act, on the management of the Kenora Forest.

The audit covers the April 1, 1998 to March 31, 2003 operating period. You are invited to comment on the forest management activities on the Kenora Forest for this period of time. Please mail, email, or fax this form to:

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Alternatively, comments can be made directly to the Local Citizens Committee Chairperson:

Mr. Clarke Anderson, Chair
Kenora, Ontario
(807) 548-5241

Comments must be received by August 13, 2004.

Purpose of the Independent Forest Audit

The Purpose of the audit is to assess:

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

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

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

