

The McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest (MLMCF) has had another successful year and is pleased to provide tangible benefits to the communities of Mackenzie and the McLeod Lake Indian Band. For the past several years, the Community Forest has been harvesting trees killed by the mountain pine beetle, spruce bark beetle and blow down. Harvested areas are promptly reforested to reestablish healthy and growing for-

est ecosystems. Within the next year or so, the MLMCF will have salvaged the vast majority of damaged stands within the defined area of the CF and future harvest rates will decrease significantly to a long term sustainable level, and profits will significantly decrease.

The MLMCF is a limited partnership between the District of Mackenzie and the McLeod Lake Indian Band and is managed by a hard working Board of volunteer Directors: Chairperson Ron Crosby and Directors Stephanie Killlam, Alec Chingee, Lionel Chingee, Verne Solonas, Esa Aatelma and Amber Hancock. The General Manager is Jim Atkinson and the Administrator is Debbie Hale. Community members are encouraged to ask questions and become involved in the management of our 24,000 hectare community forest.

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