

## **Esthetic quality of the landscape in Forest Management Unit 085-51**

### **Integrated Land and Resources Management Panel of Valcanton and Villebois**

#### **Concern:**

Logging on a large scale completed in areas that are not very wooded can greatly alter the quality of landscapes near recreational tourism and resort sites.

The issue of the esthetic quality of the landscape can be divided into two issues or objectives that are respectively related to the sensitive sites (or recreational tourism sites of interest) and to canoe camping courses. To meet the two issues established by the members of the TGIRT, the sites of interest and the canoe camping courses previously identified by the delegates were mapped along with two perimeters of 500 metres and 3,000 metres respectively around interest sites and a buffer zone of 100 on either side of the canoe camping courses. Afterward, the members of the TGIRT established forest management conditions specific to each zone.

This issue developed was translated into value, objective, indicator and target (VOIC) elements. This VOIC is not part of the tactical plan for integrated forest management for 2018-2023

#### **Issue (value):**

Esthetic quality of the landscape

#### **Needs (objectives):**

- a) Maintain an acceptable quality of the landscapes for recreational tourism activities and maintain a forest cover predominance in the landscape of sensitive sites.
- b) Ensure to maintain a forest atmosphere along the canoe camping courses and along the access roads leading to resort sites.

## Terms of forest management around recreational tourism sites and along canoe camping courses

**Table 1: Terms applicable to the resort lakes and recreational tourism sites**

Buffer zone of 0 to 500 metres	Sensitivity level		
	1	2	3
Eligible proportion of visible logging (stands of less than 3 metres)	<15%	<25%	<33%
Maximum visible height of a logging surface of a single title holder (hectares)	<25	<40	n/a
	Sensitivity level		
	1	2	3
Admissible proportion of visible cuts (stands of less than 3 metres)	<25%	<33%	<33%
Maximum visible height of a logging surface of a single title holder (hectares)	n/a	S.O.	S.O.

**Table 2: Terms proposed for the canoe camping courses**

Buffer zone of 0-100 metres	Boivin River course	Turgeon and Wawagosic river courses
When possible, favour one type of final harvest with a cover retention or maintenance if it is appropriate for the stand.	X	
Disposition of residual forest masses (or non-harvested wood areas) in order to maintain the forest atmosphere (ex. Alternating logging areas and wooded areas on each side of the courses)	X	X

**Table 3: Description of recreational tourism and resort interest sites**

Sensitivity level	Zone of interest	Recreational	Tourism	Resort	Economy
<b>Resort and/or recreational tourism lakes</b>					
1	Turgeon Lake Interest site: The observation points from where the visible landscape is considered are the resort sites and interest sites previously identified in the 2003 Turgeon Lake TGIRT agreement, i.e. the wharf, Polson beach and the trading post.	Yes, canoeing course	Fishing (winter/summer) Canoe Beach Wharf / rest area	50 cottages Visual landscape	Tourism
1	Pajegasque Lake Abitibi hills Site of interest: The observation points from where the visible landscape is considered are the resort cottages individually, the beach, campground and wharf.	Walking trail (winter/summer) Snowmobile Cross-country skiing Canoeing (portage between 2 lakes) ATV trail	Camping (54 sites and development project for 10 more)	63 cottages Visual landscape	Tourism
3	Imbeau Lake Abitibi hills	Interpretation trail Canoe camping course in the wild Rest area	Yes	No cottages 2 hunting camps	Tourism
3	Boily Lake	Beach Picnic area Camping site	Local use	2 cottages	Onibi source
3	Vert Lake and Aldas Lake			Yes, visual landscape	No
<b>Recreational tourism site</b>					
1	Mont Fenouillet Site of interest: camping	Camping	150 camping sites	Yes	Festival Infrastructures
2	Mont Fenouillet Site of interest: horse riding trail	Horse riding trail	Attraction for horse riding	No	Dense riding network
<b>Canoe camping courses</b>					
4	Sud-Boivin Canoe camping course	Local canoe camping course	Moderate usage	No	Traveling visitors
5	Wawagosic canoe camping course	Canoe camping course	For advanced canoemen	Non	Negligible
5	Turgeon River canoe camping course	Canoe camping course	For advanced canoemen	Non	Negligible