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Dear Mr. Moran,

Thank-you for your letter of October 16, 2016 expressing concerns about recent forestry activity in an area immediately adjacent to Jack Lake Road in the Township of North Kawartha. The area you have identified in your letter is located on Crown land and is part of an area approved for forestry operations in the Bancroft-Minden Forest Management Plan (FMP).

In your letter, you have acknowledged the importance of logging and the benefit it has to the local economy. Forestry operations and harvest activities are important components of sustainable forestry practices conducted on Crown lands. Sustainable forestry is beneficial for the long-term health of the forest, and certain aspects of forest operations help to initiate regeneration or improve already regenerated sites. This leads to improved growth of the future forests and is one small component of forest management. On Crown land in Ontario, harvest allocations along with all proposed forest management activities identified in FMPs are confirmed to be sustainable during the development of the FMP.

Part of the forest management planning process ensures the areas selected for operations will not adversely affect fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation and commercial tourism interests, etc. This is done, in part, through the use of Area of Concern (AOC) planning as well as Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs). In the case of Block 1101 (which is the area you have identified), the adjacency of it to the township road was one of several forest values considered during the planning process. Similar to provincial highways, this road is a value that did not require any form of protection buffer in the FMP. Forestry operations are permissible to the edge of the cut road right-of-way. To address your questions related to the municipal road allowance along Jack Lake Road, I encourage you to continue to pursue this with the municipality. The Township of North Kawartha is responsible for the road and road right-of-way, and is the appropriate agency to provide you with these answers.

Forestry operations are permissible to edge of Right of way but Trees were illegally harvested on the North Kawartha owned ROW and North Kawartha took no action

With regard to your question about enforcement activities on this site, I am aware that upon completion of harvesting operations in late fall 2015, MNRF compliance inspectors from this office conducted site visits to ensure FMP requirements and detailed site specific plans were implemented as planned. **The operations were found to be in compliance** with the FMP, and the objectives for renewing the site should be achievable based upon the harvest and site conditions created from the cutting and skidding of the timber. Forest compliance inspections are part of our regular work activities relating to forest management and harvest activities on Crown land, and these inspections are carried out by certified compliance inspectors. The Sustainable Forest Licence company also employs compliance inspectors who monitor all of their operations.

For additional information related to the forest management plan and the planning process, I recommend that you visit the Ontario web site at www.ontario.ca/page/forest-management-planning. If you wish to discuss your concerns in greater detail, please feel free to contact Tim Reece, Management Forester, at the Bancroft MNRF Office. He can be reached at (613) 332-3940, extension 248, or by e-mail at tim.reece@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,



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Strange compliance officers would not notice obvious removal of timber on Township owned road allowance