

# Forest resources management zones

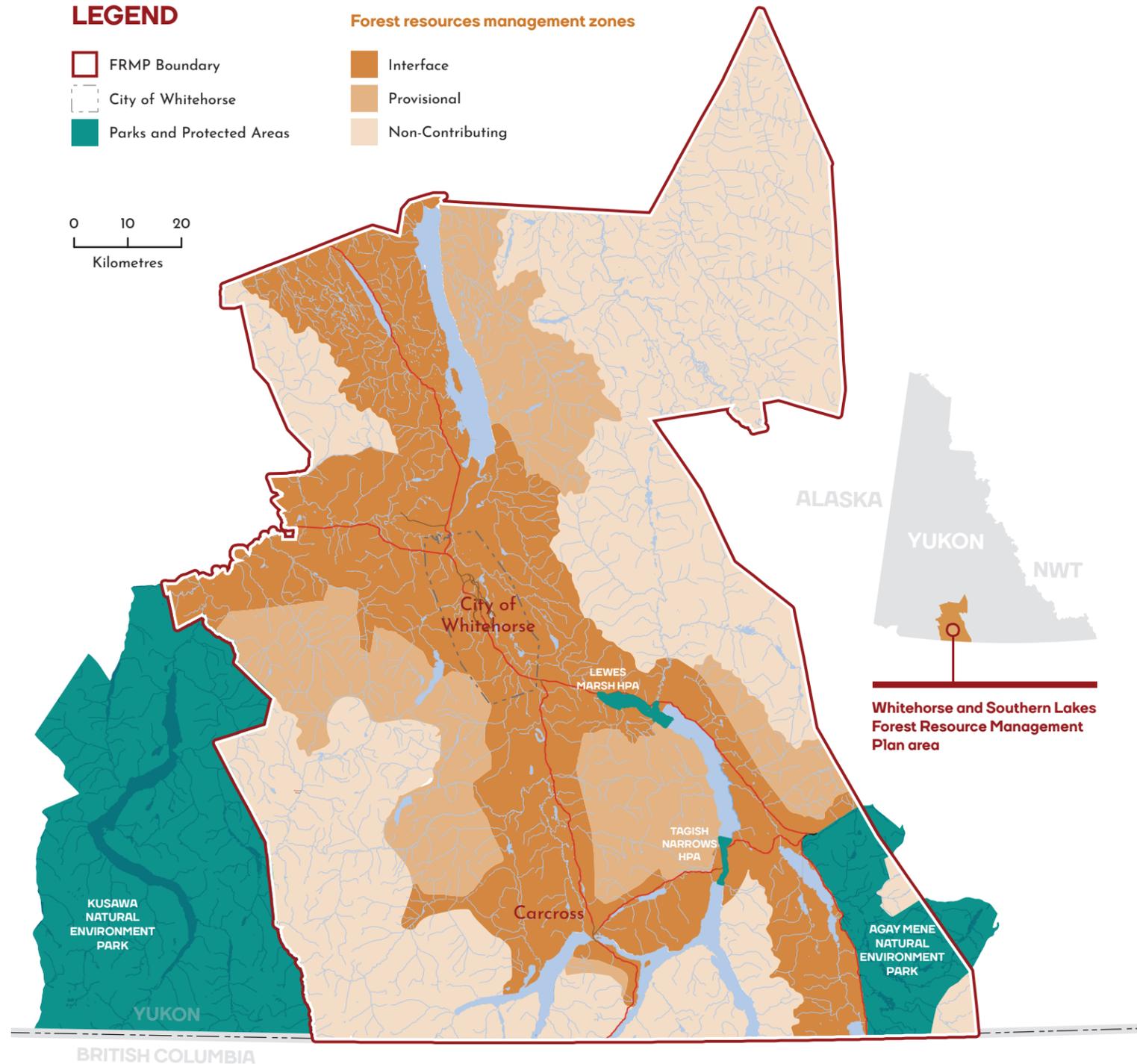
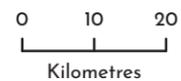
within the Whitehorse and Southern Lakes Forest Resources Management Plan

## LEGEND

-  FRMP Boundary
-  City of Whitehorse
-  Parks and Protected Areas

## Forest resources management zones

-  Interface
-  Provisional
-  Non-Contributing



Whitehorse and Southern Lakes Forest Resource Management Plan area

## INTERFACE

The priority in this zone is to protect existing values through timber harvesting and other forest management activities. Timber harvest plans may be developed in this zone and will be primarily aimed at reducing fire risk through community and landscape level fuel abatement, community forests, commercial licences, and research. Personal use fuel wood areas may also be developed in this zone.

Special considerations are required for timber harvest plans in important wildlife habitats or cultural areas. Timber harvesting which protects or enhances important wildlife habitat features will be prioritized.

Timber harvest plans must be designed to have a small impact on current and future wildlife and vegetation values and human uses.

Timber harvest plans are to consider direction from other plans including regional land use plans, local area plans, special management area plans, community plans and fish and wildlife management plans.

As this zone includes the City of Whitehorse, timber harvesting within the city boundaries should incorporate following conditions:

- Timber harvest plans and personal fuelwood areas must be designed to reduce or mitigate negative impacts on current and future wildlife values, and human uses.
- Harvesting should primarily be aimed at reducing fire risk near communities, research, restricted personal use and salvage from land use disturbance.
- Forest harvesting guidelines set out in the City of Whitehorse Official Community Plan, Parks Plans and bylaws must be followed.
- Harvesting may be considered if natural forest disturbance or change in land use makes salvage timber available.

## PROVISIONAL

Just over one-third of the planning area is designated as the provisional zone, where land is suitable for forest management under some conditions. This zone includes semi-remote wilderness, areas with limited pre-existing access, and areas with wildlife, tourism and cultural values.

Timber salvaging could happen in this zone following natural disturbances, including wildland fire, flooding, insects or disease. Fuel management may occur to protect values.

Timber harvest planning will be based on the presence of a natural disturbance or other land use activity and evaluated case-by-case. Harvesting will have more restrictions to avoid risk to existing values.

## NON-CONTRIBUTING

Nearly half of the land base is the non-contributing zone, where forest harvesting is not available until determined otherwise through a plan review and amendment. This zone includes remote wilderness, areas with limited or no existing access, and areas with high wildlife, tourism and cultural values.

This zone is not identified for timber harvesting or operations for the next 10 years, with three exceptions:

- Where existing activities occur, including traditional use, Aboriginal rights and title, trapping, commercial wilderness lodges, outfitters and personal fuel wood harvest.
- For harvesting salvage wood on any future land-use disturbances (for example, mining roads or mine sites) or other allowances under legislation (for example, incidental harvest, First Nation traditional use, or emergency purposes).
- While allowing natural ecological process to occur is the priority in this zone, there may be circumstances where the protection of values from wildfire through fuel management activities is required.

This zone is not intended for the construction of new access to salvage fire-killed trees or dead timber due to forest insects or other diseases.