

Why do we need a forest resources management plan

FOR THE WHITEHORSE AND SOUTHERN LAKES AREA?

There are many factors to consider in developing a forest resources management plan for the area. This plan attempts to provide a balanced approach to addressing these varied interests and issues.



ENVIRONMENT

WILDFIRE

Wildfire is a natural and important ecological process in the region and balancing the potential benefits and risks of fire is a complex task.

WILDLIFE

We share the area with wildlife and need to protect wetlands and other habitat.

LONGEVITY

Cumulative impacts like increased access and climate change can alter forest ecosystems.



RELATIONSHIPS

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Traditional knowledge and values guide forest management in the Southern Lakes area.

GOVERNANCE

Multiple governments have management responsibilities over forest resources.



HUMAN ACTIVITY

RECREATION

Many people enjoy spending time in the forest for recreation and leisure.

HOMEOWNERS

Many people heat their homes with fuelwood and enjoy having access to local wood products.

INDUSTRY

Some people make their living harvesting fuel wood, saw logs, and other forest products.

DENSITY

Most of Yukon's growing population and infrastructure are located in the area.