

FOLLOW-UP REPORT OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE OPERATIONAL INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Management unit: 026-61

Public consultation held from August 4 to 28, 2025

MINISTÈRE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES ET DES FORÊTS



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List of abbreviations and acronyms

EIJBRG:	Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government
MRC (in English, RCM)	Regional county municipality (in French, Municipalité régionale de comté)
MRNF	Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts
PAFIO	Operational Integrated Forest Management Plan (in French, Plan d'aménagement forestier intégré opérationnel)
SFDA	Sustainable Forest Development Act
TLGIRT	Local Integrated Resource Management Planning Panel (in French, Table locale de gestion intégrée des ressources et du territoire)
MU (in French, UA)	Management unit (in French, Unité d'aménagement)

CONTEXT

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Under the *Sustainable Forest Development Act* (SFDA), the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (the Department) is responsible for producing the operational and tactical integrated forest management plans.

This Act requires that integrated forest development plans must be the object of a public consultation held by the body responsible for the composition and operation of the local integrated land and resource management panel (TLGIRT) or, if applicable, by the regional county municipality (RCM) to which that responsibility was entrusted under section 55.1.

The *Manuel de consultation publique sur les plans d'aménagement forestier intégré et les plans d'aménagement spéciaux* (Public consultation manual on integrated forest development plans and special development plans) indicates that, following receipt of the consultation report prepared by the body responsible, the Department prepares a follow-up report on the public consultation. This one integrates the summary of the comments present in the consultation report produced by the body responsible and the follow-ups it intends to give them.

The Department has mandated the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government (EIJBRG) as the body responsible for the deployment of the TLGIRT, to support it in organizing public consultations.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATION

The public consultation on the forest development plans has the following objectives:

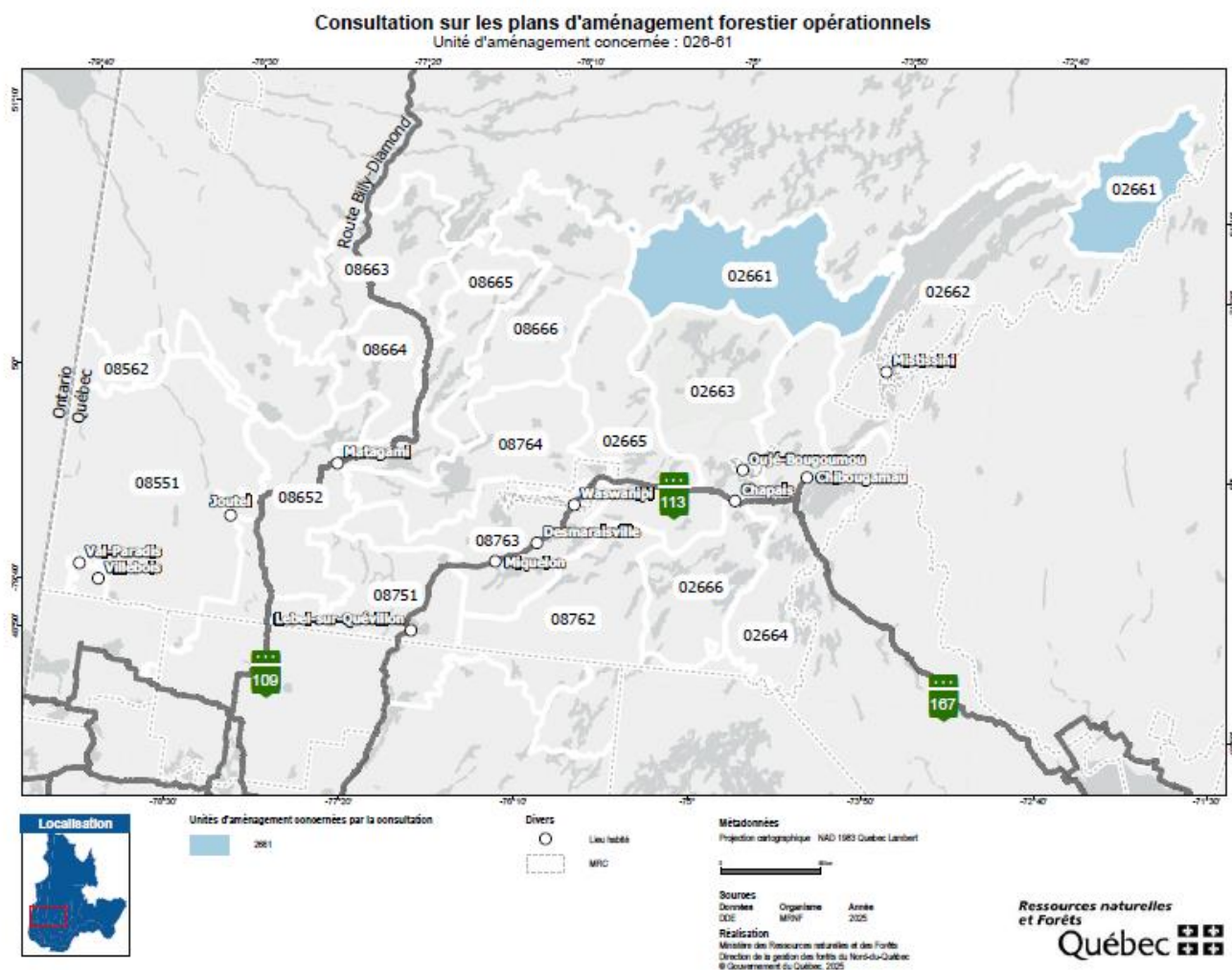
- Respond to the population's wish to be informed and listened to, and see their interests, values and needs to account for them in the decisions relating to forest management;
- Favour a better understanding by the population of management of the Québec public forest and, more specifically, of planning of forest management;
- Enable the population to express themselves regarding the proposed forest management plans and integrate, when possible, the interests, values and needs expressed;
- Reconcile the diversified interests of the many users of forest resources and land;
- Harmonize forest management with the population's values and needs;
- Enable the Minister to make the best possible decisions, in view of the circumstances.

Source: *Manuel de consultation publique sur les plans d'aménagement forestier intégré et les plans d'aménagement spéciaux*, 2021.

PERIOD AND MANAGEMENT UNITS CONCERNED

From August 4 to 28, 2025, the government invited the public to express its views on the Operational Integrated Forest Management Plan (PAFIO) of management unit (MU) 026-61.

The public was informed of the holding of the consultation through the distribution of the public notice presented in the appendix.



Map 1 - Management unit covered by the consultation

INFORMATION MADE ACCESSIBLE

During the consultation period, the Department produced and posted online an interactive map which enabled the consultation of the detailed forest management plans. This map was posted on the Department's website on the regional forest plans and consultations page: [Plans forestiers régionaux et consultations | Gouvernement du Québec \(quebec.ca\)](https://www.quebec.ca/plans-forestiers-regionaux-et-consultations). Users could position on the map a point identifying the site concerned by their comment and submit it with an integrated form.

Those wishing to obtain further information on PAFIOs could contact the Department's teams during office hours.

Once the public consultation is over, those who wish to review the elements that were the subject of this consultation can find them on the map of previous consultations available at the following link: [click here](#).

REPORT ON PARTICIPATION

In the context of this public consultation, one person sent comments by means of the electronic form. In total, one comment was received and submitted by an organization.

Table 1 - Number of people who participated in the public consultation

Breakdown of comments received				
Management unit	Number of respondents		Total comments	
	Personal	On behalf of an organization	Number	%
026-61	0	1	1	100

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO PROVIDE

The following table summarizes the comment received and summarizes the analysis carried out by the Department.

Table 2 - Summary of the comment and the Department's proposed follow-up

Topic	Participant category	Comment summary	Follow-up from the Department	MU
Other and completion of work	Organization	Requests that access to the body of water be opened or developed as close to the lake as possible. Requests that the work be completed before the end of May or after Labour Day.	The request for access to the body of water has been forwarded to the designated supply guarantee beneficiary. The latter will examine the request to determine whether the requested work can be carried out and will provide feedback to the organization.	026-61

Conclusion

The PAFIOs are dynamic and present the locations with the necessary potential to carry out the various development work. To consult the various forest planning documents relating to the Nord-du-Québec region, visit the Department's website.

Public consultations on the PAFIOs are organized each year with the goal of collecting comments from organizations and individuals during the validity period of the plans. These consultations are generally held in January.

To view information related to operational forest planning, consult the interactive map of the region on the Department's website or address one of the management units mentioned below.

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Appendices

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOLDING OF THE CONSULTATION

The following table presents all the different means used by the MRNF or by the responsible body for the distribution of the announcement of the public consultation.

Table 3 - Means used to announce the public consultation

Means	Target audience	Information	Number	Date
Email	TLGIRT delegates and alternates of Chapais-Chibougamau-Mistissini-Oujé-Bougoumou TGIRT	Announcement of the public consultation and information session, and sending of amendments to delegates	37 delegates and alternates	July 9, 2025
Email	Citizens wishing to be informed	List of citizens who expressed their interest in being informed about the public consultations	99 persons	August 4, 2025
Public notice	Readership of daily and weekly newspapers	Newspapers distributed in the territory of the forest management units	Readership of the <i>Citoyen Abitibi-Est et Ouest</i> (44,447 copies)	August 6, 2025
			Readership of the <i>La Sentinelle</i> (2,500 copies)	August 12, 2025
			Readership of the <i>Nation</i> magazine (7,500 copies)	August 8, 2025
	Citizens	Public notice posted in the offices of the EIJBRG in Matagami	1 posting site	August 4, 2025
Social network	Subscribers to the Facebook and LinkedIn pages of the Department	Public page managed by the Department	1 publication	August 4, 2025
Press release	Citizens	Public page managed by the Department	1 publication	August 4, 2025
Website	Citizens	Website of the EIJBRG	1 publication	August 4, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE AND INFORMATION ACTIVITY HELD

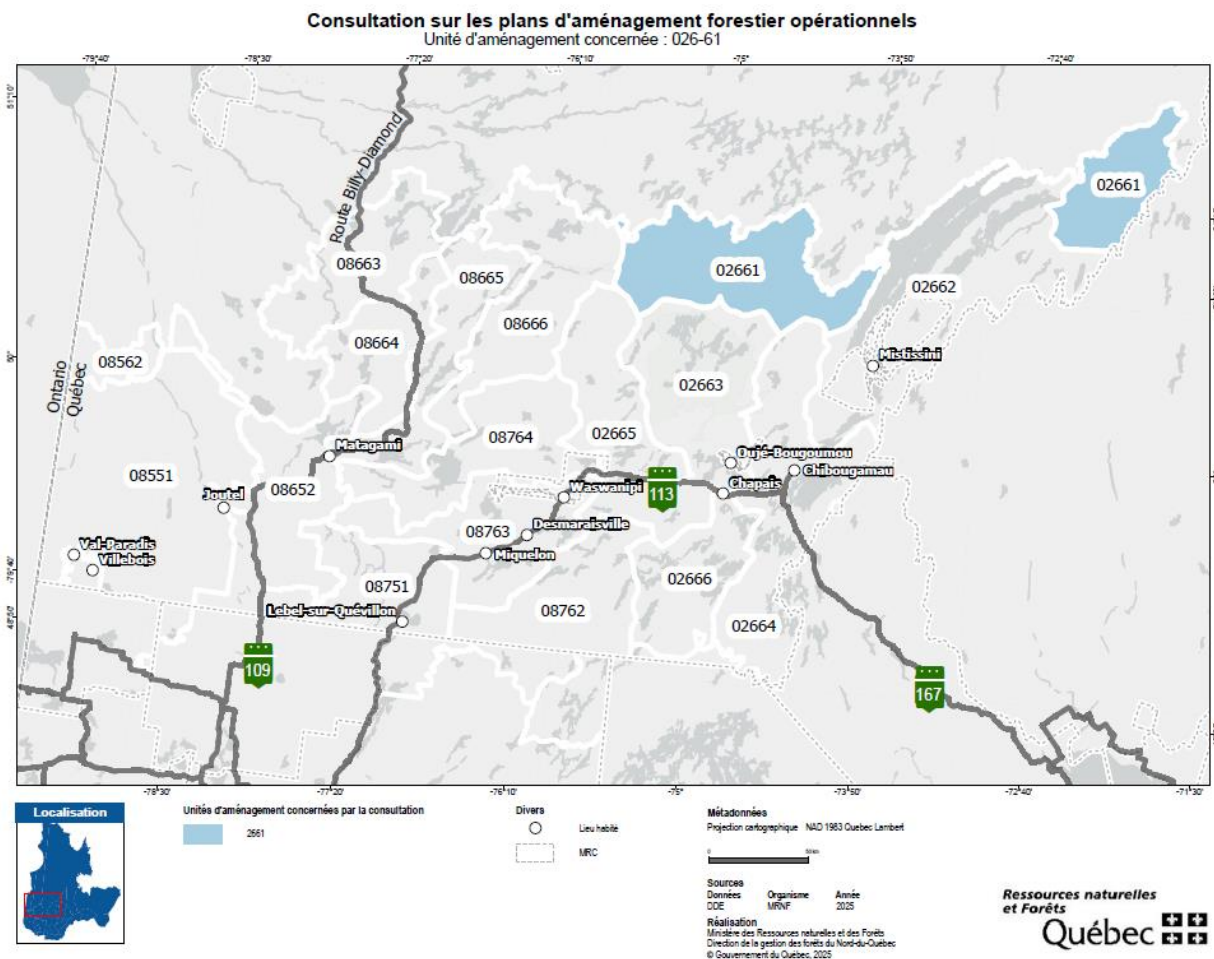
PUBLIC NOTICE

Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE NORD-DU-QUÉBEC REGION From August 4th to 28th, 2025

The Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) invites the public to participate in a public consultation on the planned modifications in the Integrated Forest Management Plans - Operational (PAFIO) on public land in the Nord-du-Québec region.

This PAFIO present potential forest operation zones where timber harvesting are potentially planned in management unit 026-61.



To consult the plans and submit your comments:

[Québec.ca/consultations-foret-nord-du-quebec](https://quebec.ca/consultations-foret-nord-du-quebec)



You have until **August 28th, 2025, at 11:59 pm**, to provide your comments.

INFORMATION ACTIVITY

Departmental experts will hold an information session to specify the areas for potential intervention for public consultation, the way to provide online comments, and the follow-up that will be done regarding addressed concerns. A question-and-answer period with participants will conclude the activity.

Management units 026-61: Wednesday, August 20th, 2025, starting from 6:30 p.m. - Chibougamau: City Hall Council Room (650, 3e Rue)

For more information

Specialists are also available by appointment from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. using the following contact information:

By email: nord-du-quebec.foret@mrnf.gouv.qc.ca

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Note: This consultation does not allow for the review of the use of public land, or the rights granted to it.

INFORMATION ACTIVITIES HELD

In collaboration with Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government, information activities were held on August 20, 2025, to introduce the public to the interactive map and the public consultation process, and to inform them of how to submit comments.

Town/Locality	Management unit	Date and time	Number of participants
Chibougamau	026-61	August 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM	1

