



2025 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Canadian Forest Products Ltd. in Grande Prairie and Hines Creek are advising public members that they will be conducting vegetation management activities within their operating areas this summer as described below:

Canfor will be managing glyphosate herbicide application on 3983 hectares.

In addition, approximately 2271 hectares will be assessed this spring, to be potentially sprayed in August.

The 2024 stand tending program is proposed to maintain Canfor's investment in the reforestation efforts in selected cutblocks. The proposed cutblocks have been assessed and have been determined that the planted conifer growing stock requires stand tending in the form of glyphosate herbicide to temporarily disrupt competing vegetation, to allow the conifer to get ahead of its competition before it grows back.

The aerial herbicide application will use glyphosate, an isopropyl salt, to stop the growth of the herbaceous plants and some broadleaved species. The target species for this program is *Calamagrostis canadensis*; a thick, mat forming, barbed rye grass and some deciduous saplings and shrubs that are currently impeding the growth of planted conifer seedlings. Within the application area most plants except for the hardened off conifer species will die. Subsequently, those plants targeted by the herbicide will germinate and re-colonize the site slowly. The target vegetation will take two to three years to recover while the planted conifer will take advantage of this time to maximize the growth and establish themselves as the dominant species on site.

AREA

The following treatments are scheduled within Canfor's operating areas (Grande Prairie (GP) and Hines Creek (HC)). Backpack area will be determined at a later date, however, are included in the plan as aerial currently.:

Tending Type	GP Area (ha)	HC Area (ha)
Aerial	2204	1779
Backpack	To be determined	To be determined

The following areas will be assessed this spring, to determine if a herbicide application will be needed this summer.

Tending Type	GP Area (ha)	HC Area (ha)
Aerial	1922	350
Backpack	To be determined	To be determined

TIMING - The proposed timing of aerial and ground application will be on or after July 28th. Trees will be checked and once they are confirmed to be dormant, the aerial and backpack programs will begin. The program will be completed by no later than August 30, 2025.

LOCATIONS

The locations of operation for Canfor are as follows:

- Twp 63, Rg 22, W5M
- Twp 64, Rg 22, 23, 24, 25, W5M
- Twp 65, Rg 23,24, W5M
- Twp 59, Rg 4, 5, W6M
- Twp 60, Rg 5, W6M
- Twp 61, Rg 1, 2,3, 4, W6M
- Twp 62, Rg 1,2,3, W6M
- Twp 65, Rg 3, 4, W6M
- Twp 82, Rg 7, W6M
- Twp 83, Rg 7,8, W6M
- Twp 84, Rg 7,8, W6M
- Twp 85, Rg 3,4, W6M
- Twp 88, Rg 2,3, W6M
- Twp 89, Rg 3,6, W6M
- Twp 90, Rg 8,9,10, W6M
- Twp 91, Rg 7,8, 9,10, W6M
- Twp 92, Rg 8,9,10, W6M

CANFOR will HOLD OPEN HOUSES this year:

- In Hines creek - Seniors Center - Monday March 10th from 4 pm to 7pm

- In Grande Prairie (Canfor only) - GP tourism center - Al Robertson Room - Wednesday March 12st from 4 pm to 7 pm.

We look forward to discussing our program and objectives, either at our open house or at your convenience, either by phone or email.

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