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Dawson Forest Resources Management Plan finalized

WHITEHORSE—The signing ceremony of the Dawson Forest Resources Management Plan by Premier Darrell Pasloski and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief Eddie Taylor yesterday marks an important step toward sustainable forest management in the Dawson area and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory.

"This plan is the result of years of collaborative work between the Yukon government, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council and the regional forest industry," Pasloski said. "I want to thank everyone for their participation and hard work in developing this plan. It is another example of diversifying the economy while protecting the environment."

The Dawson Forest Resources Management Plan provides the framework for preservation of the forest land base, sustainable harvest levels and economic opportunities from timber and non-timber forest resources. It also integrates ecological, traditional, heritage and other community values.

"The finalization of this plan comes after many years of work between government and industry representatives and the citizens of Dawson City," Taylor said. "This document delivers the planning framework needed to sustainably manage forests within our traditional territory."

"Extensive consultation during the planning process ensures that this plan has taken into account stakeholder and public opinion," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers said. "This plan will support sustainable management of our forests and will provide a platform for forest industry development long into the future."

The next steps will include determining the annual allowable cut for the area, detailing a development plan on identified landscape areas, completing a baseline indicators report, and issuing timber tenures.

Visit www.forestry.gov.yk.ca to view the plan.

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