

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Red Pine Thinning and White Cedar Operations along Mooz Miikan

May 21, 2021 – This notice is to advise the membership about pre-commercial Red Pine thinning and White Cedar operations along Mooz Miikan (see map on page 2) starting **June 3, 2021**.

PURPOSE:

Red Pine Thinning: The purpose of this operation is to maintain Nipissing First Nation's Red Pine plantations with a Pre-Commercial silvicultural thinning treatment that will be accomplished by removing 1/3rd of the stems per hectare along with any other competing species to ensure the continued healthy growth of the trees in these plantations. These plantations were planted in the mid to late 1980's and most have not received any thinning maintenance as of yet. They are well overdue for this treatment to create a healthy plantation that will benefit the future generations.

White Cedar Maintenance: A selective cutting operation will also be done on the White Cedar stands that are adjacent to the Red Pine. This will result in the removal of half of the trees in the stands that have been identified. The unhealthiest trees will be marked and targeted for removal along with any other competing species that may be hindering the growth of these White Cedar.

This operation is needed to assist the cedar's growth by removing the unhealthy trees from these stands. Retaining the better-quality stems is a way of keeping the good genetics within the forest that will naturally re-seed the area with better quality seedlings that will benefit the wildlife in the area and as well the membership of Nipissing First Nation.

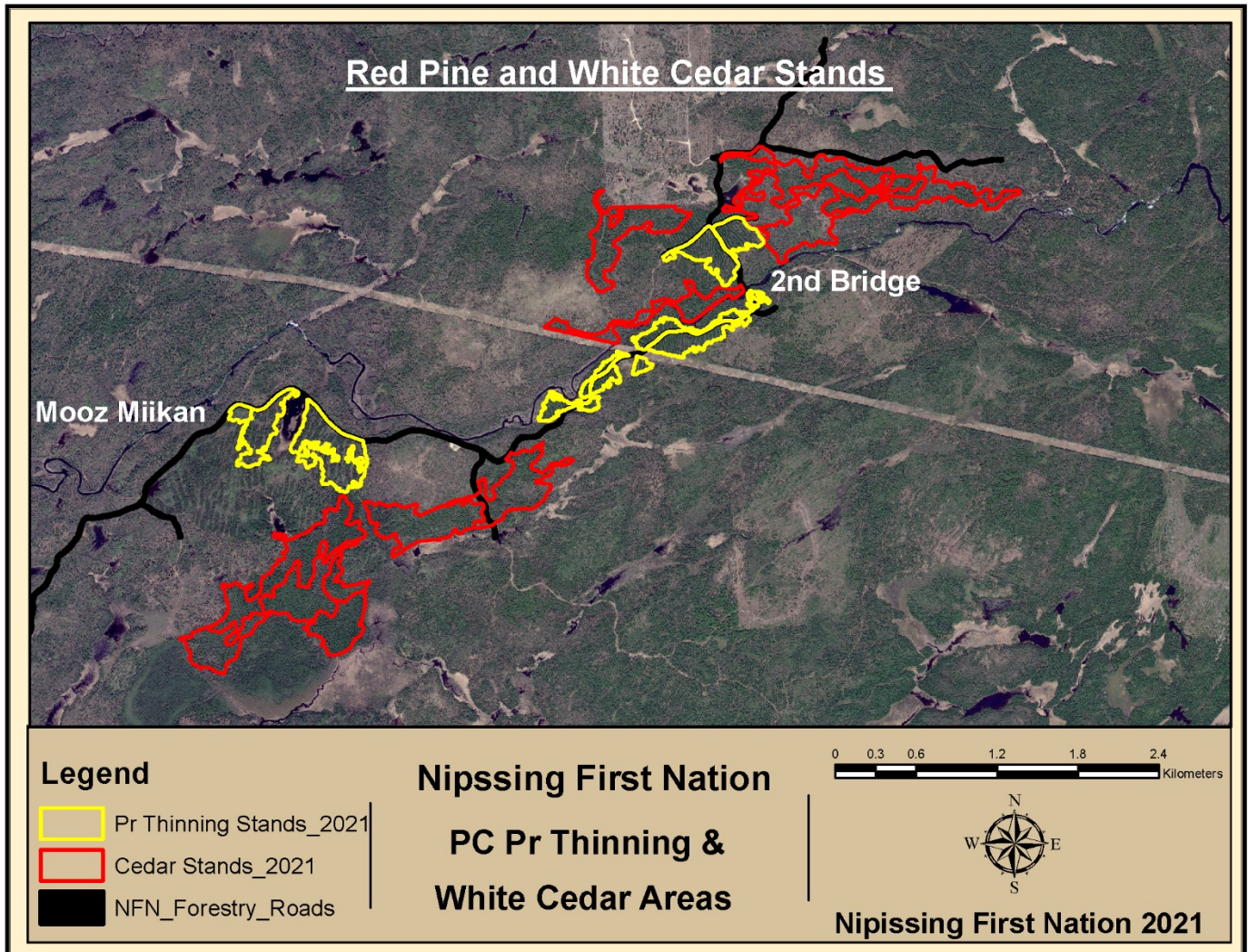
The Natural Resources Department has a monitoring plan in place to ensure that the environment is respected and that the operations have the best possible outcomes.

Contractor: Young Forestry Services

Contact: For further information or to make a comment, please contact NFN's Forestry Coordinator, Hugh Martel at 705-358-7293 or by email to hughm@nfn.ca.

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