

Guyed Lattice Steel Structure (Photo: Olivia Mancuso)



5.1 Introduction

'Harvesting' is a recognized Metis right, and is outlined by the MMF-Manitoba Harvesting Agreement. Participant M346 states that harvesting "...makes you feel a part of the land rather than making the land a part of you." 'Harvesting' was consistently raised as a concern during preliminary workshops in terms of displacement of species, perceptive effects, changes to vegetation, and changes to access. Participant M332 summed up 'Harvesting' in that "...the land is sacred. If you don't have land, you can't live." Many Participants indicated that 'Harvesting' is not just a recreational activity;

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— M.3.32

instead it encompassed subsistence, cultural and economic aspects. Participant M338 indicated that they didn't hunt "...just for the sake of hunting. I hunt and harvest to provide for our family. I don't do it for sport."

5.2 Existing Conditions

Baseline data related to 'Harvesting' including preferred species for harvest, use of the harvest, best season for harvesting as well as frequency and success rates was collected for the following activities: hunting, trapping, fishing, berry and berry plant gathering, plant, mushroom and medicine gathering, tree and tree product gathering and rock and mineral gathering.

During the Survey process, MMF Participants were asked to identify locales where they specifically exercised their Metis rights. 98% (n=47) of Participants indicated specific harvesting activities within the RAA, LAA and the PDA.

281 specific use sites were identified as intersecting the PDA.

Traditional Land Use Study results reflect that the majority of use is located on the Unoccupied Crown Land located within the RAA. Generally, the use data did not occur on private land, the existing transmission ROW, or within general municipal or city boundaries.

Please note, the category of Occupied Land on the following maps means Private and Occupied Crown Land.



White Birch Trees





