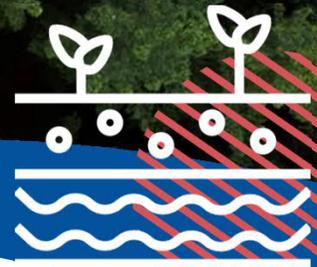




Field Notice



Vegetation Field Program, Bat ARU Pickup and Caribou Mortality Investigation

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What's Happening?

The Vegetation Field Program is continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN)'s proposed Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

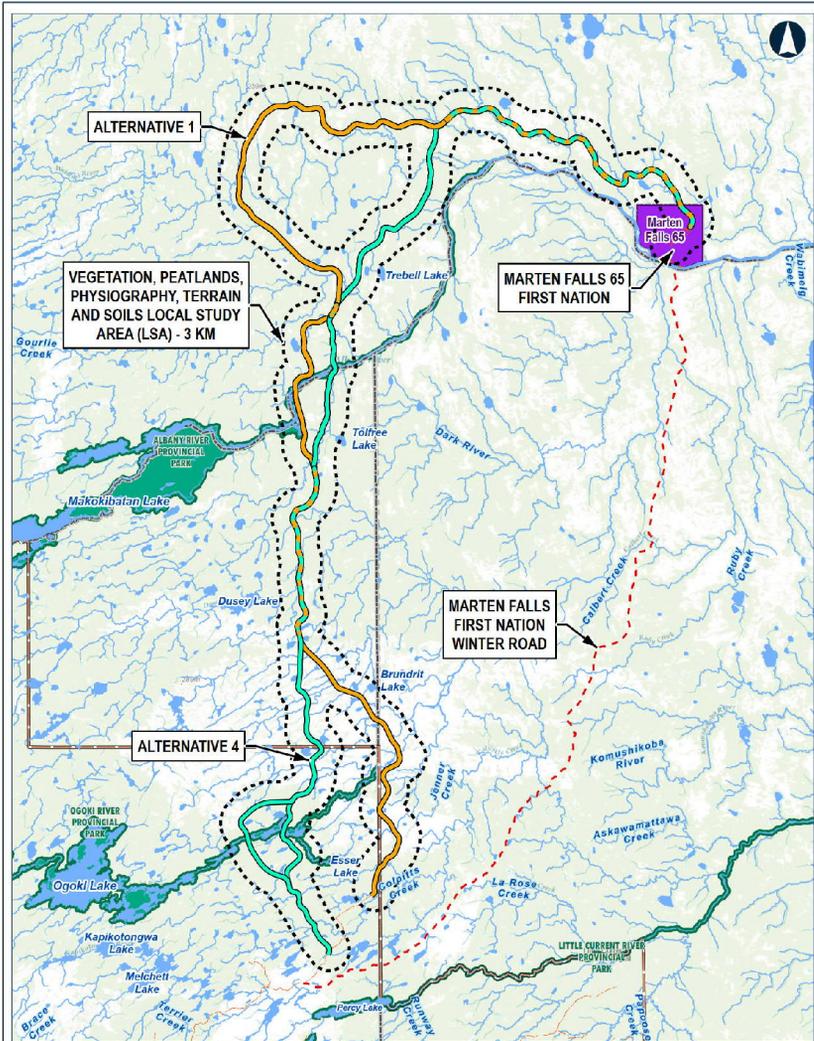
An important part of the EA and IA is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on plants in the area. To better understand this, MFFN will be visually observing and documenting plant communities in select field plots; field staff will either observe the plots on the ground or from the air in helicopters. This is a continuation of field studies that took place in June 2019.

While in the area, field crews will also be picking up the audio recording units (ARUs) that were installed in June 2021 for the Bat Acoustic Monitoring Program. The field crew will also be undertaking mortality investigations associated with two caribou collars that were deployed in the study area in February 2021. The mortality investigation includes determining the cause of death of the animal (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and collecting the collar from the field.

When?

- The Vegetation Field Program will run from September 18 to October 1, 2021.
- Field crews will be around the MFFN community on September 19 and 20 to collect two of the ARU and sample vegetation sites.
- The field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, you may notice them in the area. The helicopter will only land in natural clearings or airports.





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