



## Why an FMA?

Spray Lake Sawmills (1980) Ltd. is a family owned company and has operated in the southeast foothills of Alberta since 1943. Historically, most of the company's cutting rights have been under the province's quota tenure system.

The conversion from a timber quota to a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) transfers additional workload and planning responsibilities to the company, which have historically been carried out by the Crown. This includes such responsibilities as maintenance of a forest inventory and development of a detailed forest management plan. In exchange, the company receives greater security of a sustained wood supply for the mill. This improves the company's position for long term strategic planning for both forest management activities as well as business and employment opportunities.

The Forest Management Agreement area covers approximately 38% of Kananaskis Country, outside of any parks and protected areas. It also extends north of Highway #1 up to the southern boundary of Sunpine Forest Product's FMA. A map of the FMA area can be viewed on Spray Lake Sawmills' website at [www.spraylakesawmills.com](http://www.spraylakesawmills.com).

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