BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Public Works,

(hereinafter referred to as the "Minister")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

THE GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, as represented by the Minister of Environment, Energy and Forestry,

(hereinafter referred to as the "Environment Minister")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Minister is the owner in fee simple of the property identified as property number, 50203 lying and being at Foxley River, Lot or Township No. 11, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached herein (hereinafter referred to as the "property");

AND WHEREAS the Environment Minister is responsible for management and care of the property;

AND WHEREAS the Environment Minister seeks to enter into an agreement with the Minister in order that the Environment Minister may designate the property as a Natural Area pursuant to clause 3(1)(a) of the *Natural Areas Protection Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. N-2;

AND WHEREAS the Minister is desirous of having the land managed in accordance with the management plan attached and identified as Schedule "B";

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH THAT:

In consideration of the mutual covenants and the mutual developments to be derived herein;

- (i) The Minister hereby grants to the Environment Minister and the Environment Minister hereby acquires an interest in the property to the extent that the Environment Minister may designate it, with the exception of buildings or structures thereon, as a Natural Area pursuant to clause (3)(1)(a) of the *Natural Areas Protection Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. N-2 with all the restrictions, benefits and other legal consequences which currently or in the future flow therefrom; and
- (ii) The Minister hereby agrees to allow the implementation of the management plan as set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto; and
- (iii) The Environment Minister hereby agrees to designate the property as a Natural Area as set out in Schedule "C" attached hereto.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENURE to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties herein, their successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED in the presence of:

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SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED in the presence of:

Government of Prince Edward Island, as represented by the Minister of Transportation and Public Works

Ron W. MacKinley Minister of Transportation and Public Works

Government of Prince Edward Island, as represented by the Minister of Environment, Energy and Forestry

Richard E. Brown Minister of Environment, Energy and Forestry

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND situate, lying and being at Foxley River, Lot or Township Number 11, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being shown on the attached map and including all lands registered as provincial property number 50203, consisting of approximately 32.37 hectares (80 acres) a little more or less.

ALSO BEING CONVEYED BEING AND INTENDED to be the lands described in a Deed of Conveyance from the Prince Edward Island Agricultural Development Corporation to the Government of Prince Edward Island dated the 1st day of March, A.D. 1994 and registered in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Prince County, on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1994 in Book 585, Page 57, as Document No. 785.

EXCEPTING THEREOUT AND THEREFROM all that portion of the above described lands described as follows, that is to say,

COMMENCING at a point along the eastern boundary of the property located 190 metres north of the northeastern corner of provincial property 50385 now or formerly in the possession of Anne Gethin Keenan having GIS calculated coordinates Easting 221180.2 and Northing 240557.0;

THENCE in a Southwestwardly direction for a distance of 200 metres to a point having GIS calculated coordinates Easting 220999.4 and Northing 240470.3;

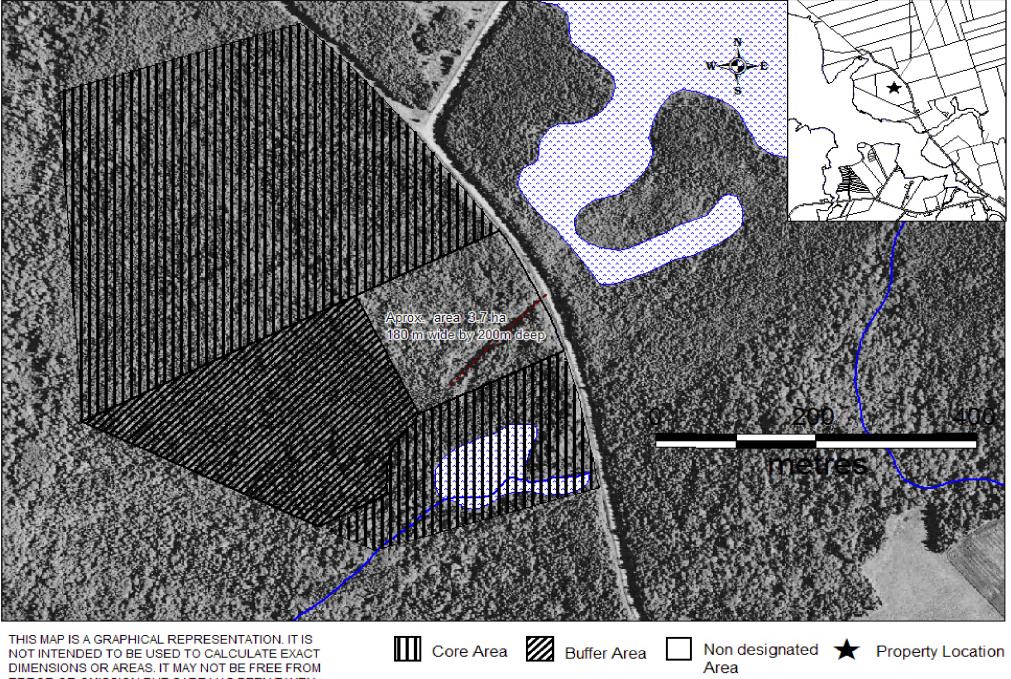
THENCE in a Northwestwardly direction for a distance of 180 metres to a point having GIS calculated coordinates Easting 220920.0 and Northing 240631.5;

THENCE in a Northeastwardly direction for a distance of 200 metres to a point having GIS calculated coordinates Easting 221099.0 and Northing 240721.3;

THENCE in a Southeastwardly along the properties eastern boundary to the point of commencement; containing 3.7 hectares (9.1 acres) a little more or less.

And as illustrated on the appended map Schedule "A1".

Schedule "A1" Map of PID 50203, Foxley River



DIMENSIONS OR AREAS. IT MAY NOT BE FREE FROM ERROR OR OMISSION BUT CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY.

SCHEDULE "B" FOXLEY RIVER JACK PINE NATURAL AREA

DEFINITIONS

<u>Natural Area</u> has the meaning as set out in the *Natural Areas Protection Act*. It includes both Property Core, and if present, Property Buffer.

<u>Property Core Area</u> or <u>Core</u> means that area containing the primary feature, the natural jack pine stand, which is the principal reason for protection of the Natural Area, and the wetland/riparian zone which are identified by the N to S lines on the attached map.

<u>Property Buffer Area</u> or <u>Buffer</u> means the area of the property surrounding and/or adjacent to the Core, and is identified in diagonal lines running NE to SW on the attached map.

<u>Total Site Area</u> is the collective site area of all property identified within the Foxley River Jack Pine Natural Area, for designation under the *Natural Areas Protection Act*, making up the entire Candidate Natural Area.

<u>S-rank</u> is a code which identifies the species and community rarity or conservation status at a sub-national (provincial) scale. In this document:

S1 means - **Extremely rare**, may be especially vulnerable to extirpation (typically 5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals);

S2 means - **Rare**, may be vulnerable to extirpation due to rarity or other factors (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals);

S3 means - **Uncommon**, or found only in a restricted range, even if abundant at some locations (21 to 100 occurrences);

SE - **Exotic**, an exotic established in the province (e.g., Purple Loosestrife or Coltsfoot); may be native in nearby regions;

SNA - **Not Applicable**, a species that is not a suitable target for conservation activities.

Note: The species and community Srank codes are developed by Provincial, Federal and Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centres experts and the data is maintained at the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre. These experts establish the Sranks based on the best available knowledge which includes the number of occurrences as well as other data.

Foxley River Jack Pine MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Natural Areas will be managed in accordance with the following principles:

- 1. All areas will be protected and managed to perpetuate or improve the natural features for which they are recognized.
- 2. Development of the natural area will be restricted to those activities which accommodate uses yet recognize the need for protection. This will include educational promotion while ensuring the health and safety of those visiting the site.
- 3. Use of the natural area will be in keeping with the protection of the natural features for which the site was recognized.
- 4. A minimum non-development buffer of 60 metres will be incorporated as part of a natural area where appropriate and when opportune and managed accordingly.
- 5. Existing development within the natural area that does not conform to the other management principles will be tolerated. All new development must conform to these principles.
- 6. Silviculture will be directed toward maintaining and improving the forest species for

which each site is identified. No development will be permitted except in nondesignated areas (see Schedule "A1").

7. Activities such as hunting, trapping, fishing and berry-picking are permitted, subject to the conditions and restrictions set out herein and all other applicable legislation.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The property core area contains stands of natural jack pine. The site will be managed for the protection and perpetuation of the pines and the wildlife associated with this habitat to allow for increased educational and recreational activities.

Natural Area Management Plan

SITE:	Foxley River Jack Pine Natural Area
CLASS:	Biological
PROPERTY NUMBER:	PID 50203
PROPERTY OWNER:	Government of Prince Edward Island
DESIGNATION DATE:	<i>Natural Areas Protection Act</i> , 2009
EXISTING USE:	Forest
PROPOSED USE:	Natural Area
PROPERTY CORE AREA:	22.4 ha (55.3 acres)
PROPERTY BUFFER AREA:	6.3 ha (15.6 acres)
TOTAL SITE AREA:	28.7 ha (71.9 acres)
MANAGING AGENCY:	Department of Environment Energy and Forestry
MANAGING AGENCY:	Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry (Forest, Fish and Wildlife Division) and such other parties as may be determined through agreement.

DESCRIPTION:

This property contains stands of jack pine which have regenerated naturally following the 1960 Portage forest fire which burned through the area. The core and buffer zones are depicted on the attached map (see Schedule "A1").

This tree species is considered to be part of the Acadian Forest Region and naturally occurring stands are relatively uncommon on the Island.

PRIME MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE:

The core zone and the designated buffer will be managed to perpetuate and conserve the native jack pine tree species, and the native wildlife associated within this habitat.

GOALS:

The primary management goal for this property is to ensure the conservation of the natural jack pine in the core area. Improvements within the core and the designated buffer may be done to enhance the natural jack pine habitat for native species associated with this covertype.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To maintain the site in its natural state as a biological site which can support controlled educational or scientific use.
- 2. To maintain access for educational purposes.
- 3. To allow recreational activities which cause minimal ground and vegetation damage to the core and buffer areas.
- 4. To monitor the Natural Area from time to time in an effort to prevent illegal activity and gather information.
- 5. To prepare and make available to the public information on the Natural Area.

MANAGING ACTIVITIES:

The following are general managing activities:

Prohibitions are specified in *Natural Areas Protection Act* Regulations. The following managing activities are exceptions to the regulations and unless specified, they apply to

both core and buffer:

- 1. Property boundary lines for the Natural Area may be determined and delineated.
- 2. Signs may be erected for educational purposes to identify the area as a natural area or to identify recreational corridors.
- 3. Inventory work which allows for specimen and/or data collection for educational and scientific purposes including but not limited to:

(i) Collection of plants with S1, S2 or S3 in their sub-national rarity ranks (S-rank) listing with the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre shall only occur in the amount of a maximum of one individual collected for every 20 individuals found;

(ii) Collection of animals for educational and scientific purposes shall be in accordance with Provincial or Federal legislation.

- 4. Plants with SE or SNA in their S-rank listing with the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre may be manually cut, mulched, or removed as biologically appropriate.
- 5. Stream improvement could be carried out to enhance fish habitat provided it does not interfere with the management goal and meets all government legislation.
- 6. Long-lived tolerant forest community enhancement practices such as retention of large cavities and coarse woody material, installation of nesting boxes for large cavity nesters, the planting of native species appropriate to long-lived hardwood forest communities may be encouraged.
- 7. Silviculture treatments designed to improve the health and diversity of the core jack pine and to reinstate original associated Acadian forest community species will be allowed provided a forest management plan has been approved and this plan meets the or exceeds the standards of the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry's Ecosystem Based Forest Management Standards Manual. No legacy trees (i.e. a standing live tree with great size (diameter and/or height), old age, historical value, or rarity) may be removed from the core area.
- 8. Forest stands in the buffer area will be managed in accordance with a forest management plan and silviculture treatments designed to improve the health and diversity of the forest community will be allowed.
- 9. Forest fires will be actively fought both inside and outside the natural area.
- 10. Maintenance and use of foot trails may be allowed.
- 11. Dumping of any material will not be allowed.
- 12. Motorized vehicles including all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited, except for motorized equipment used to achieve the forest conservation objectives identified in the management plan for this property. Such use is restricted to:
 - (a) the creation or maintenance of a parking area no larger than 0.2 ha;
 - (b) the creation or maintenance of a single path, natural terrain walking trail; or
 - (c) the suppression of wildfires.

SCHEDULE "C"

ORDER OF DESIGNATION OF CROWN LAND AS A NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Natural Areas Protection Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap.N-2 S 3(1)(a), I am empowered to designate any area of Crown land as a Natural Area;

AND WHEREAS the area of Crown land identified by property number 50203 lying and being at Foxley River, Lot or Township Number 11, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto has been identified as an area which merits protecting and preserving;

AND WHEREAS the Crown landowner, the Minister of Transportation and Public Works, is in agreement with the said lands being designated as a Natural Area and is desirous of having the land managed in accordance with the management plan attached and marked as Schedule "B";

AND WHEREAS I have published the required notice and considered public representations as required by *Natural Areas Protection Act* clause 3(4);

I THEREFORE HEREBY ORDER that Crown lands identified as property number PID 50203 lying and being at Foxley River, Lot or Township Number 11, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached herein are designated as a Natural Area.

DATED this day of

, 2009.

WITNESS

Richard E. Brown Minister Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry