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OUTCOMES-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT

Project Objectives
To design an outcomes-based approach to forest management on Crown land with biodiversity as a priority that will support increased efficiency in forest management while ensuring ecological, social, and economic values are recognized and considered

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Key Deliverables
- Guide to outcomes-based forest management using key indicators for forest values
- Plan for implementing outcomes-based forestry management on Crown land, including key policy and/or legislative changes required

Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)
- Values and indicators for outcomes-based forest management on Crown land
- Options of models for implementation of outcomes-based forest management

Next Steps and Timelines
- Summer 2019: Conduct a jurisdictional scan to identify best practices/options for implementation in Nova Scotia
- Continue to develop values and indicators for stakeholder input in Spring/Summer 2020
- Project to be completed by end of 2020, with implementation to follow

What are key forest values that you think need included in a Nova Scotia Outcomes Based model?
Examples: Biodiversity, Soil Health, Water quality, Recreation, Timber supply, etc.

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