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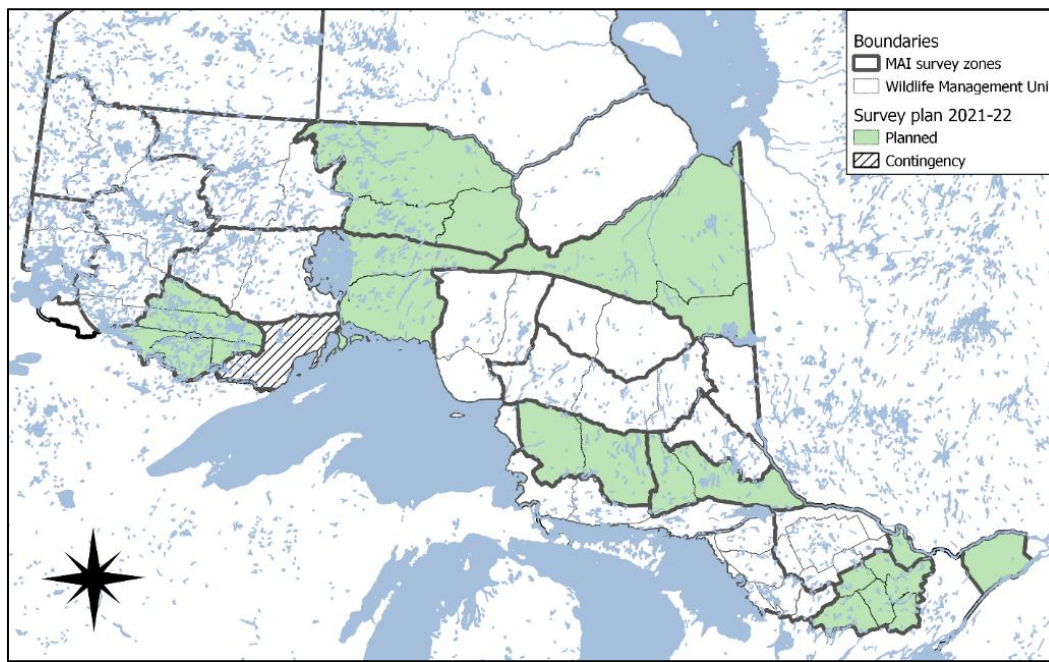
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SUBJECT: 2021/22 Moose Aerial Inventory Surveys

Dear Mr. Marcil,

From December 16, 2021 to mid-February, 2022, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) will be conducting moose aerial inventory (MAI) surveys. The MAI survey program is designed to monitor moose populations across Ontario. Staff use aircraft to look for moose and their tracks in fresh, deep snow, following standardized, science-based provincial protocols. Survey information on the number, age, and sex of moose is used to inform moose and habitat management.

This winter, NDMNRF is planning surveys that include Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 11A, 11B, 11C, 12A, 12B, 14, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 24, 26, 27, 35, 38, 39, 41, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 65. WMU 13 has been identified as a contingency survey, and could be flown if weather conditions aren't suitable in other areas or if time is available after completion of the planned surveys. As is the case every year, completion of surveys is dependent on appropriate weather conditions such as snow to ensure staff are able to reliably detect moose and moose tracks from aircraft. Therefore, surveys for all of the WMUs listed above may not occur if the required weather conditions are not met within the survey window.



More information about moose management and monitoring, including the most up-to-date WMU population estimates, is available at www.ontario.ca/page/moose-population-management.

If you have any questions about moose aerial inventory surveys, please contact myself at peter.addison@ontario.ca or 705-772-8912.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Addison', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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