

# INTERLAKE WILDFIRE RESTORATION: NEKOTE LP PROJECT 2023

**FALL SEEDLING  
ASSESSMENT REPORT**  
Nisokapawino Forestry Management Corporation

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# Nisokapawino Forest Management Corporation NFMC

## NEKOTE LP

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**This past May, in Manitoba, members of the Nekote LP (Chemawawin Cree Nation, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, Misipawistik Cree Nation, Mosakahiken Cree Nation, Opawskwayak Cree Nation, Sapotaweyak Cree Nation, and Wusksi Sipiik First Nation) and Summit Reforestation planted 797,810 trees aimed to grow and sequester carbon in area ravaged by wildfire through BGPP's Interlake Wildfire Restoration Project.**

**This desolate area was logged once, and had a jack pine bud worm infestation before the fire came through. There were no plans to reforest until Blue Green Planet Partners secured a planting project with NRCAN's 2 Billion Tree Program funding to plant native jack pine seedlings in the affected area. Due to the lack of viable seed source after the wildfire, the area deemed slow to regenerate - if at all.**

**A recent report was completed on October 5th by the Nisokapawino Forest Management Corporation (NFMC) to assess the success rate and status of the seedlings planted in May 2023. NFMC's forest technician verified there was a high seedling survival rate. No dead seedlings were found during the assessment.**

**The BGPP team is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from the people that comprise the Nekote LP and Summit Reforestation. Ten members from the Nekote LP community took part in the challenging physical and mental work that tree planting entails, and the results were excellent.**

**BGPP is thankful to have the hard-working members of the Nekote LP communities. We are also grateful for the opportunity to involve Indigenous communities closest to the environment we were restoring.**

**In the next pages, you will find Seedling Survival Assessment Report, assessment photo of our seedlings, and a map of where the trees were planted.**

**Blue Green Planet is a growing initiative to plant trees in areas where the land and communities are most impacted by climate change. We could not operate to the capacity we do without the support of our partners. Visit [www.bgpp.earth](http://www.bgpp.earth) for more information.**



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## 2023 CFP 114 Nekote Limited Partnership 2023-2024 – 2 Billion Trees Program

### Seedling Survival Assessment Report

#### Block JB-64-2020-HARV (342.9ha)

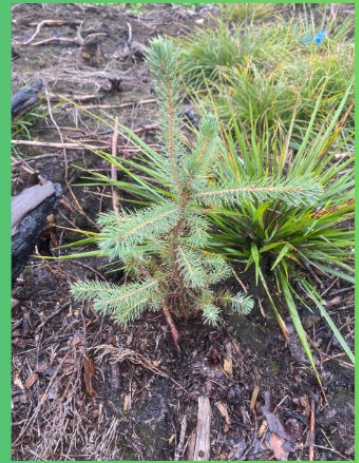
The block has been planted in May, 2023 in density of 2000 seedlings per hectare and composition of 95% Jack Pine (*pinus banksiana*) and 5% Black Spruce (*picea mariana*). Supervisors from Blue Green Planet Project and NFMC were constantly monitoring density and quality during the planting. Seedling Survival Assessment was conducted on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. High seedling survival rate was observed throughout the whole planted area. Red needles were present on some seedlings, which might be caused by planting shock or summer drought. This is usual occurrence during first few years after planting. There were few dead seedlings observed during the assessment (under 1%). Please see maps and photos for reference.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Stepan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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# ASSESSMENT PHOTOS





2023 2 Billion Tree Program  
JB-64-2020-HARV

**Legend**

**SILVNAME**

- Planted Area
- Not Planted Area
- Roads - In Block

**Seeding Survival Assessment Waypoints (Post-Plant)**

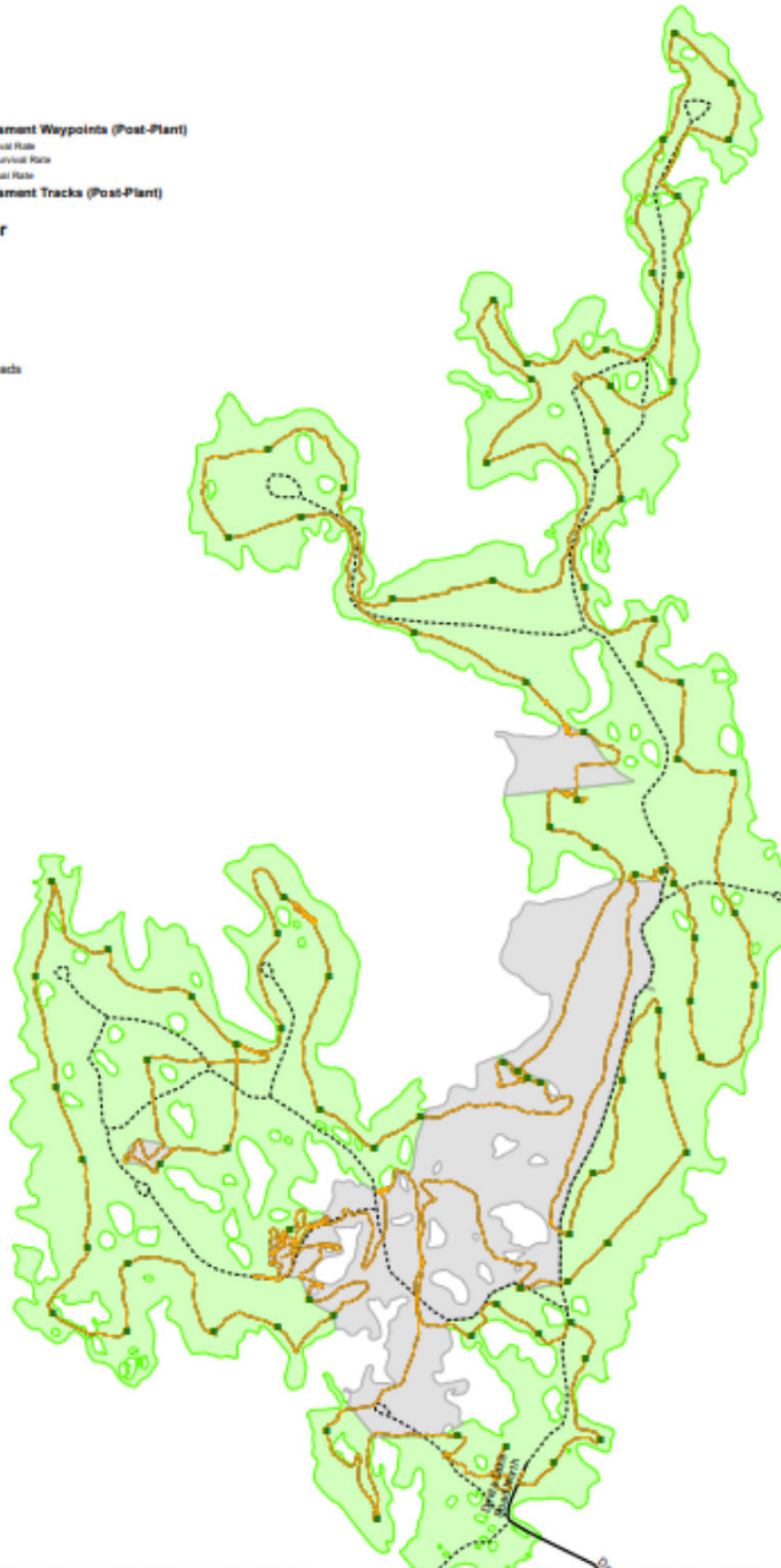
- High Density Seedlings Survival Rate
- Medium Density Seedlings Survival Rate
- Low Density Seedlings Survival Rate

**Seeding Survival Assessment Tracks (Post-Plant)**

- Monitor Steyer

**CKP Roads - Major**

- CKP All-Weather
- CKP Seasonal
- MNR
- Exploration
- Hydro
- LGD
- Federal Reserved Roads
- Winter Roads



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