

Don't it always seem to go...

It's true what they say; you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone. Since last November the FRP's Extension Forester, Nancy Young has been on leave, adding her expertise to the Forest Management Plan (FMP) team for Algonquin Provincial Park. Based at the Operations North office in Pembroke, this temporary contract has provided Nancy with the opportunity to try her hand at forest management, in one of Ontario's largest and most visited multi-use parks.

As the FMP Project Forester, Nancy has primarily been responsible for reviewing and approving the Annual Work Schedule (AWS) revisions, amendments and reports; as well, as public and Aboriginal consultation and advertising. She has also taken on various sub-projects, including; socio-economic analysis, cultural heritage values and Aboriginal background information reports related to the park. During this time she has also managed to get out and enjoy Algonquin's scenic and diverse surroundings during field work on forest operations compliance and wildlife surveying. All of these collaborative experiences have placed



Nancy in an optimal position to represent Ontario Parks during meetings with various stakeholder groups, which she does on a regular basis.

“I'm learning a great deal about the natural and industrial history of Algonquin Park including the very unique operational and political challenges presented by logging within a park,” said Ms. Young. “I'm developing skills in forestry, planning, policy, and negotiation in this new position while trying to bring my FRP/extension experience to the table as well,” added Nancy. “I'm looking forward to returning to the FRP with fresh perspective and new ideas for extension in the wider forestry community!”

All of us here at the FRP, as well as colleagues and friends in the greater Canadian Ecology Centre (CEC) collective, wish Nancy continued success in her current position and trust that paradise won't be paved on her watch.

For more information on the Forest Management Plan for the Algonquin Park Forest please visit <http://www.algonquinforestry.on.ca/summary.htm>.