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To all Red River Métis Citizens,

For many years, your Red River Métis Government has worked to protect your Section 35 harvesting rights, with a focus on conservation and sustainability. We recognize the challenges of land availability for harvesting across Manitoba and have taken proactive steps in recent years by purchasing land in the province's Northwest and Southwest Regions to ensure these rights remain protected and accessible.

As part of the 2026-2027 Métis Lands Harvesting Initiative, Red River Métis Harvesters may apply for access to these private Métis Lands. As part of a Harvesting Party, Harvesters may choose one of the three Métis Lands for a five-day access period and may harvest one big-game animal (e.g., one deer, one elk, or one bear); no other harvesting (e.g., moose, small game, or waterfowl) is permitted – no exceptions, zero tolerance. When applying, **the Captain of the Hunt must ensure all members of their Harvesting Party have a valid 2026-2027 CTF Sticker and follow the Métis Laws of the Harvest –3rd Revised Edition.**

To download an application form, please visit the MMF's website at mmf.mb.ca or contact the MMF's Energy, Infrastructure and Resource Management Department for information and assistance with completing the form. **Completed applications must be submitted to biggamedraw@mmf.mb.ca by August 15, 2026, at 11:59 pm.**

Please note: The Métis Lands in the Northwest Region have been impacted by severe flooding faced early this summer. While we are actively working to repair and maintain these properties for your use under this initiative, they may remain inaccessible for the 2026-2027 harvesting season.

Your Red River Métis Government is dedicated to safeguarding your rights and promoting conservation efforts for our future generations. We invite you to join us in this commitment and wish you all the best in your harvesting this year.

Respectfully,

Will Goodon

Minister Responsible for Natural Resources, Wildlife, & Traditional Lands
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