Private Land Programs:

Services and opportunities for Woodlot owners

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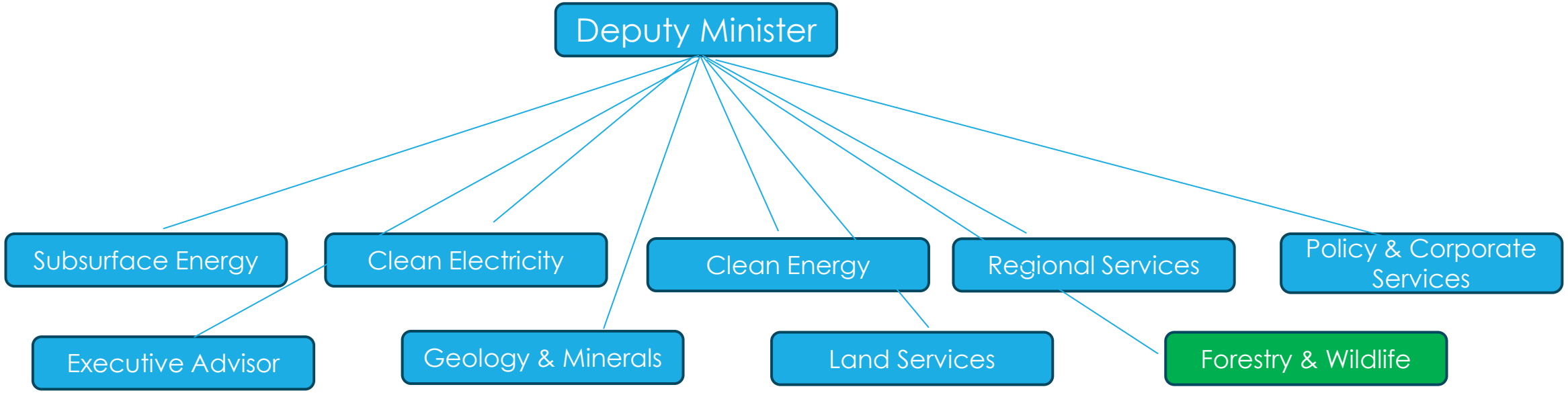
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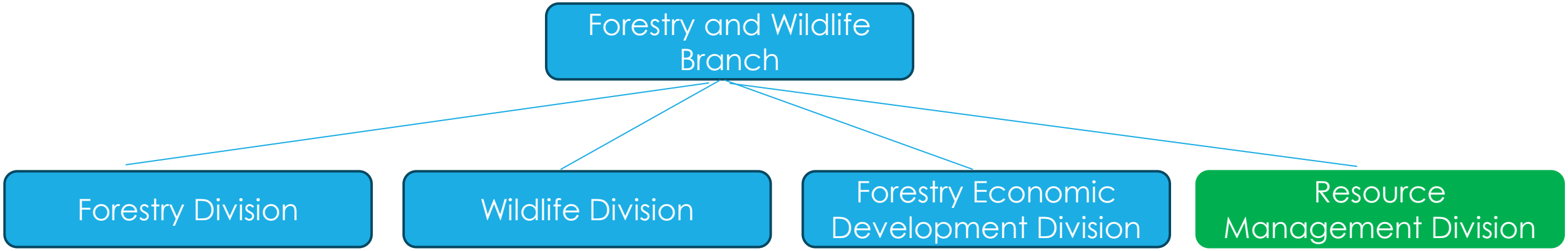

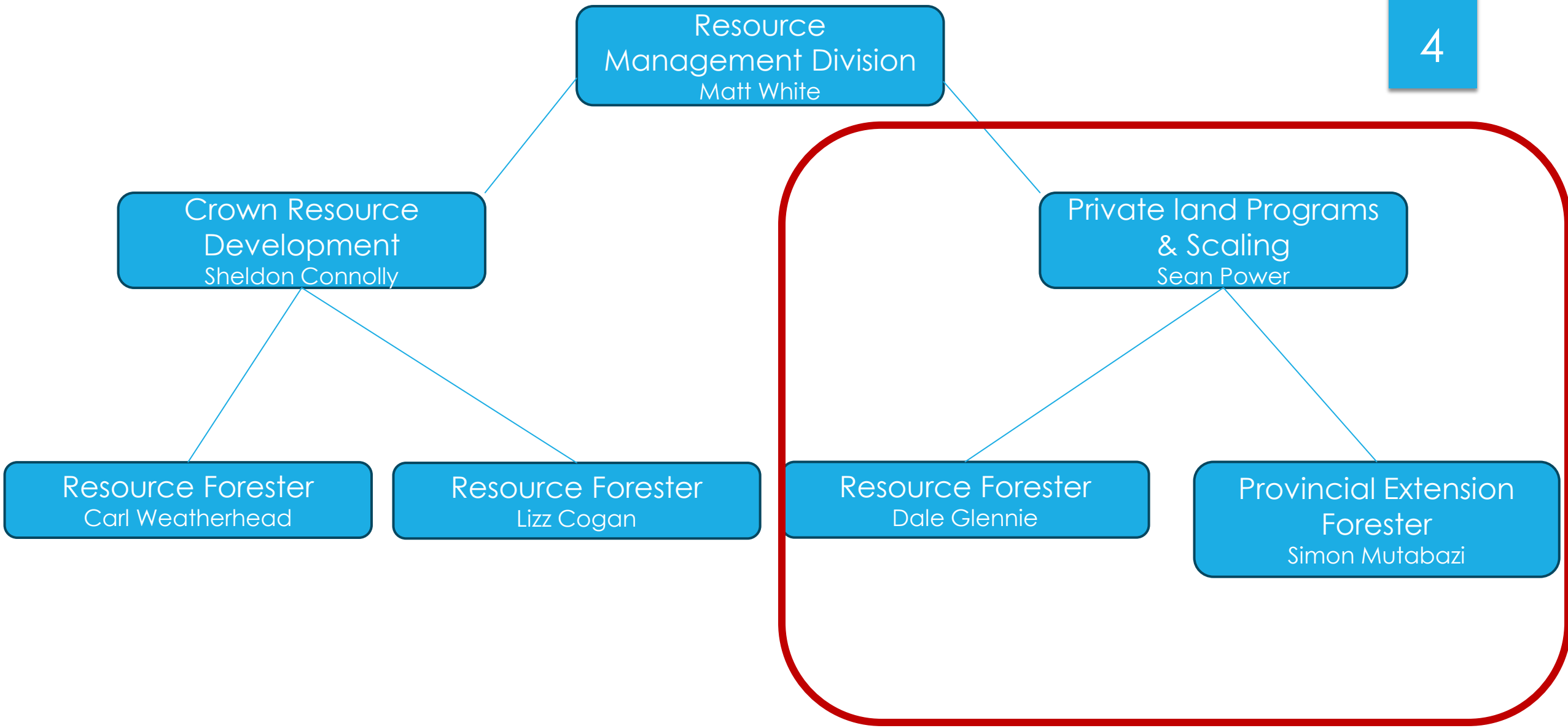
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Private Land Programs

- **Private Land Silviculture**
- **Hurricane Fiona**
  - **Hurricane Clean up Program**
  - **Private Land Road Clean up Assistance Program**
  - **Low Grade Challenge Fund**
- **Gas Tax Road Access Program**
- **Private Woodland Service Area Groups**

Private Land Silviculture

Association for Sustainable Forestry (ASF)

- Annual budget of ~1.9M
- Moved last year to fund one year in advance to facilitate planning of Silviculture work
- Available to private landowners and/or Contractors

Registered Buyers funding agreements

- Annual budget of ~1.9M
- Available to Registered Buyers who conduct Silviculture operations on non-industrial private lands

Private Land Fiona Clean-up Program

- **Harvest Clean-Up**
  - **Softwood/Hardwood**
  - **Severe/Blended/Moderate/Previously treated/travel**

- **Boundary Line work**
  - **Identification**
  - **Retracement**
  - **Establishment**

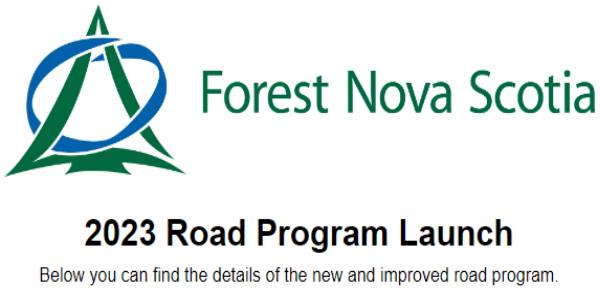
- **$5M**

Private Land Fiona Low-Grade Challenge Program

- **$7,000,000 to help with Hurricane Fiona and the challenge with low grade fibre**
  - **Two-year program**
- **The ASF will be looking for proposals from the sector**

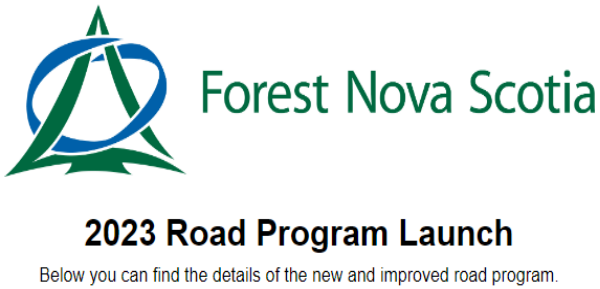
Private Land Road Programs

- **Private Land Road Clean-up (Fiona) Assistance Program (2023)**
  - **$1 million program fund**
  - **Brushing, culvert, ditching, ECC culverts and Bridges**
  - **GPS file needed**
  - **Survey sent in March of 2024 for feedback**



Private Land Road Programs

- **Private Land Road Clean-up (Fiona) Assistance Program (2024)**
  - **An additional $1 million program fund (retro)**
  - **Funding caps increased**
  - **The addition of a new road category was added**
  - **Changes to application process (first come, first serve)**
  - **GPS file needed**



Private Land Road Programs

- **Gas Tax Road Access Program (2023/2024)**
  - **$720K program fund**
  - **Ditching, brushing, gravelling, grading, culvert, bridges and new road construction**
  - **GPS file needed**

Forest Nova Scotia

2023 Road Program Launch

Below you can find the details of the new and improved road program.

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- ❑ **Woodland Conferences**
- ❑ **Home Study Program**
  - ❑ **Program now on Learning Platform**
  - ❑ **Review and update modules**
- ❑ **Woodlot Owner of the Year**

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- **Woodlands Management Home Study Program**
  - **This is now online**
  - **Looking into a way to easily print hard copies**

Woodland Management Home Study Program

Standard Operating Procedure for Woodland Management Training Course (Woodlot Management Home Study Series)

Want to learn more about woodland management? This free program consists of a series of easy-to-understand modules on topics that relate to woodland stewardship.

The modules can be done right in your home at a time convenient to you! Here are the **six steps** for creating an account and easy enrollment to the program:

Step1: **Click Here** to set up your My NS Account. **Welcome / Bienvenue (novascotia.ca)**

Step 2: Log Into the Account once your account has been set up.

Step 3: Once signed in, open a second browser in internet explorer and click the link **Nova Scotia Moodle: Log in to the site (ednet.ns.ca)** to access the Moodle learning platform.

Step 4: Once in Moodle, select the ***Home*** tab at the top of the screen and then select ***Woodland Management Training***.

Step 5: Once you see this screen, select ***Woodland Management Training*** again just above the picture.

Step 6: Select ***Enroll me*** at the bottom of the screen and then you will enter the course.

Shortcuts...

Click Here to visit the site and create your account

Click Here to create account for Woodland Management Training

Scan Me

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Private Land Service Area Program

- Supports for:
  - Service Area Programs (6)
  - Some other small outreach and sponsorships
    - MELC- Nikani Awtiken Camp
    - Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative
    - CWF
    - Teachers Tour
    - Envirothon…..

Private Land Service Area Program

- Western Woodlot Services Cooperative Ltd
  - Operates through the 7 western counties in the province
    - Consultation
    - Management plans
    - Silviculture
    - Harvesting
    - Timber Cruising
    - Field Tours

Private Land Service Area Program (MTRI)

- MTR has received funding from DNRR through their stewardship division since 2009.
- Initially did a feasibility study, landowner outreach and collaborative development of a Forest Stewardship Council **certification program**.
- Has delivered over 100 forest related training courses, workshops and seminars for landowners and forest managers over the past decade.
- Provided organizational support to W**oodlands conferences, WOYA field days, Kids in the Forest events and Open Forest days**
- Has produced several written **information guides** for landowners (e.g. SAR guides, Healthy Lakes and Wetlands guide, FSC for woodlot owners)

MTRI is a non-profit co-operative with a mandate to promote, conserve and sustain biodiversity in Kespukwitk (southwestern Nova Scotia) and beyond.

Thank You