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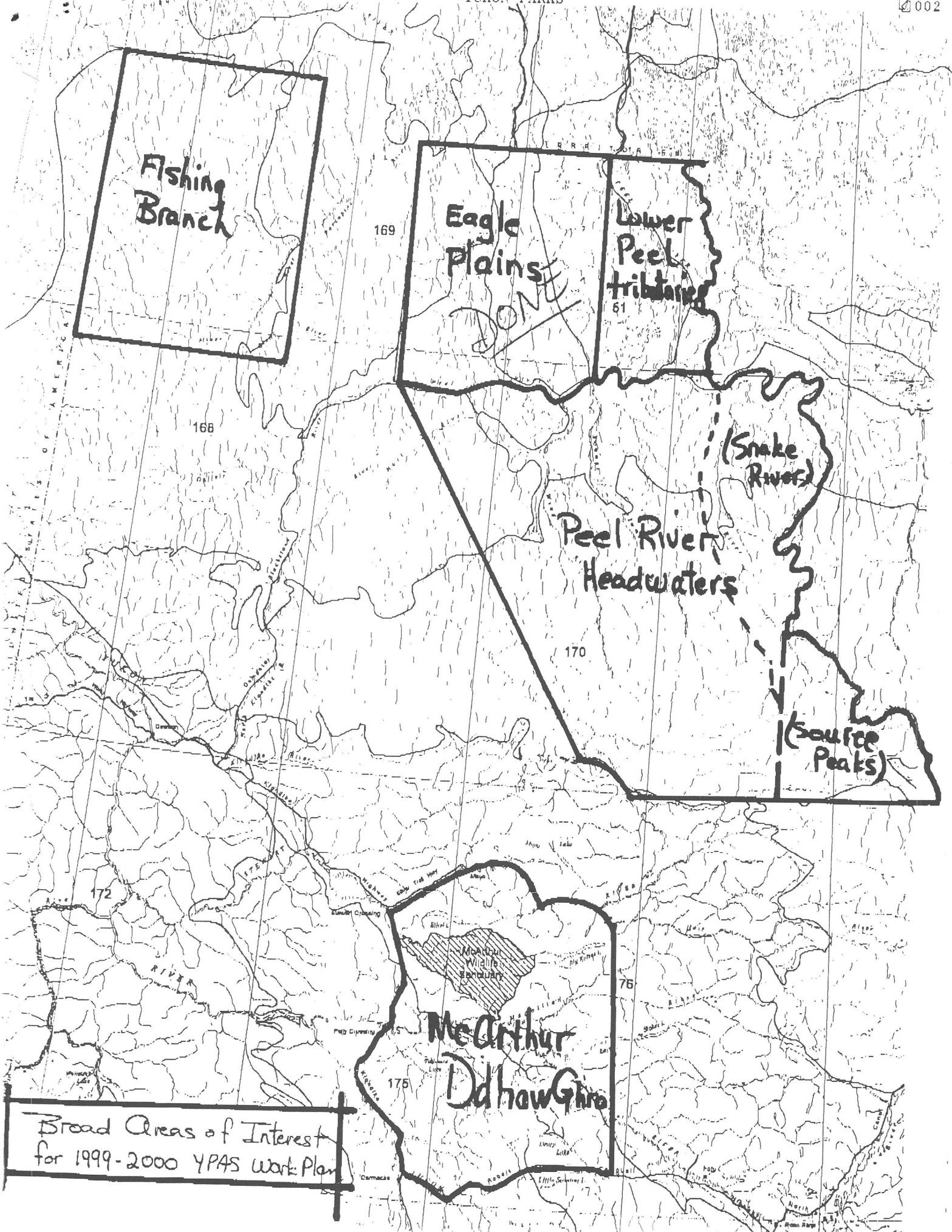
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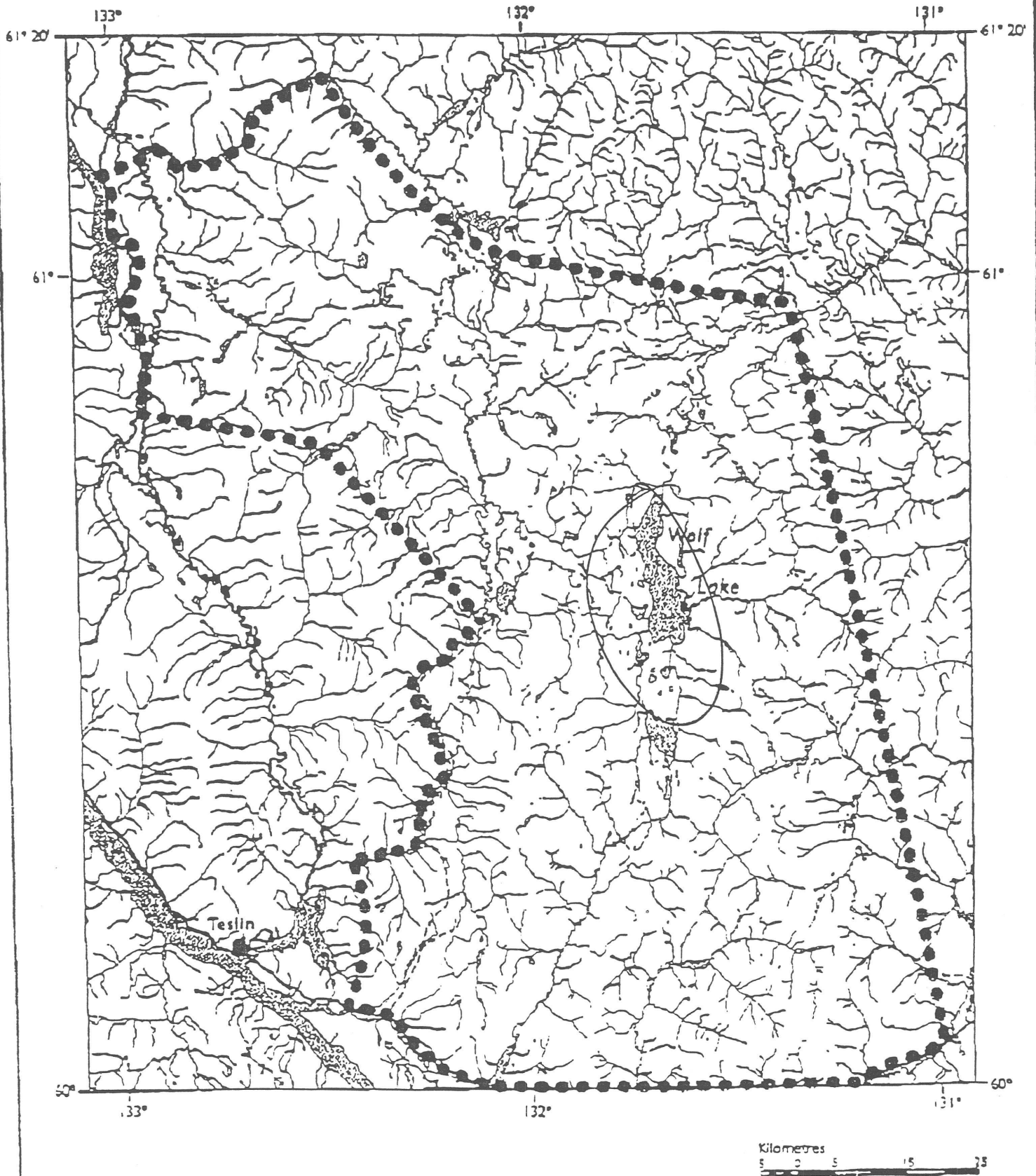
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Broad Areas of Interest
for 1999-2000 YPAS work Plan

Proposed Area of Interest National Park Feasibility Study - Wolf Lake



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Tasks	Protected Areas Work Plan Targets			
	March 1999	Sept 1999	March 2000	Sept 2000
1. Establish the Yukon Protected Areas Secretariat	<i>Establish Secretariat office</i>			
	<i>Established linkages with other agencies to coordinate implementation</i>		→	
2. Amend the Yukon Parks Act	<i>Draft Amendments approved to proceed with public review</i>	<i>Public review completed</i>		
		<i>Preparation of final draft</i> <i>Introduction to the Fall Legislature for <u>Proclamation</u></i>	<i>Implementation</i> →	
3. Establish formal linkages with other jurisdictions to coordinate implementation	<i>Inter-jurisdictional Accords with NWT and B.C. to coordinate the establishment of transboundary protected areas.</i>			

Tasks		Protected Areas Work Plan Targets			
4. Establish representative protected areas where land claims are settled.		March 1999	Sept 1999	March 2000	Sept 2000
Ecoregions	<u>Key/Known Areas of Interest</u>				
2: British Richardson Mtns 6. Eagle Plains	<u>Arctic Circle / Dempster Hwy</u>	<i>Study Areas Approved</i>	<i>Protected Areas Approved</i>	<i><u>Three or more Designations</u></i>	<i>Management Planning</i>
5. North Ogilvie Mtns.	<u>Fishing Branch expansion</u>				
7. Peel River Plateau 8. Ft. McPherson Plain	Lower Peel River tributaries				
9. Mackenzie Mtns.	Peel River headwaters: <u>Source Peaks</u> , Snake River, others	<i>Areas of Interest Identified & Local Planning Team Established</i>	<i>Study Areas Approved</i>	<i>Protected Area Approved</i>	<i><u>One or more Designations</u></i>
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17. Yukon Southern Lakes 20. Pelly Mtns.	<u>Wolf Lake Area</u>	<i>Areas of Interest Identified</i>	<i>Local Planning Team Established or Parks Canada Feasibility Study</i>	→	→
22. Highland Highland 23. Muskwa Plateau	* Unidentified – in progress	<i>* Areas of Interest Identified</i>	<i>* Study Areas Proposed</i>	<i>* Study Areas Approved</i>	<i>* Protected Areas Approved</i>
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5. Protect wetlands where land claims are settled.		March 1999	Sept 1999	March 2000	Sept 2000
	Horseshoe Slough HPA	<i>Management Planning</i>	<u><i>Designation</i></u>		
	Nordenskiold HPA	<i>Management Planning</i>	<u><i>Designation</i></u>		
	Lhutsaw HPA	<i>Management Planning</i>		<u><i>Designation</i></u>	
	Needlerock HPA	<i>Management Planning</i>		<u><i>Designation</i></u>	
	Other important wetlands	<i>Finalize strategic framework to identify priority wetlands</i>	<i>Consultation on priority wetlands</i>	<u><i>Designation of priority wetlands</i></u>	
6. Implement negotiated SMAs where land claims are completed.					
	Tombstone Territorial Park	<i>Protected Area Proposal</i>	<u><i>Designation</i></u>	<i>Management Planning</i>	<i>Management Plan Approval</i>
	Fishing Branch Ecological Reserve	<i>Management Plan completed and</i> <u><i>Designation</i></u>			
	Tatshenshini Heritage River	<i>Management Plan completed</i>	<u><i>Designation</i></u>		
	Numerous Other SMAs	<i>At various stages of implementation, involving management planning, designation, and land transfers.</i>			

7. Implement SMAs, subject to land claims settlement.		<i>March 1999</i>	<i>Sept 1999</i>	<i>March 2000</i>	<i>Sept 2000</i>
	Klutlan				
	White Mtn. /Tarfú-Snafu	<i>Implementation will be scheduled as land claim agreements are completed.</i>			
	Coal River				
	Others...				

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Broad Areas of Interest (Sources)	Partners	Ecoregions represented	Technical Data - Status		Level of Support/Interests YTG, Feds, YFNs, RRCs, NGOs...	Key Opportunities/Concerns
			* Protected Area Values	Resource Assessments		
✓ <u>Eagle Plains - Arctic Circle/ Dempster Hwy.</u> (1990 McD/ Beaufort LUP; 1993 Parks study; 1996 Peel River Watershed AC; 1997/8NWT Gwich'in LUP)	Vuntut Gwitchin, NND, NWT Gwich'in, GNWT	Portions of: #2 Br. Richardson Mtns. & #6 Eagle Plains	Good level of data for selecting areas of interest and study areas by March, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 mineral assessment / oil and gas assessment - adequate for study area selection • May require stage 3 assessment before March 2000. 	NND/NWT-G- good level of interest/support. Existing working agreements. Less involvement by VG so far – no formal overlap agreements – VG completing a Dempster TK study with interest in protection. Good support to establish Local Planning Team.	Need to bring VG up to speed as soon as possible.
✓ <u>Fishing Branch</u> (1972 Game Preserve Ordinance; 1970s IBP site; 1991 WWF carnivore conservation area proposal; 1995 VGFNFA reserve)	Vuntut Gwitchin	#5 North Ogilvie Mtns.	Moderate level of data - sufficient for identifying study area by March, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report by January, 1999. • May require stage 2 mineral assessment by March, 1999. 	Strong FN interest – no overlapping FN interests. Verbal estimates are that the area is not expected to be extraordinary for other resource interests. Strong conservation NGO support. RRC and FN eager to proceed.	Strong interest / support and likely to be little controversy.
✓ <u>Lower Peel River tributaries</u> (RR Parks study; Peel River Watershed AC; 1997/8 NWT Gwich'in LUP;	NND, NWT Gwich'in,	#7 Peel River Plateau & #8 Ft. McPherson Plain	Moderate level of data – sufficient for selecting areas of interest by September, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report by March, 1999. • May require stage 2 mineral assessment by September, 1999. 	NWT-Gwich'in – good level of interest / identified areas of interest in this area. NND - are conducting TK information to respond to TG proposals by March, 1999. CPAWS - completing research in this area - report expected soon with proposals for protection. Good support for Local Planning Team establishment.	Small portions of ecoregions located in Yukon, however, potential for integration with other protected areas to complete network of protected areas and bring certainty in this northern area.

✓ <u>Peel River headwaters: Source Peaks / Snake River...</u> (IBP site; Peel River Watershed AC; 1998 NWT Gwich'in LUP; GNWT interest; CPAWS proposal)	NND, NWT Gwich'in, GNWT	#9 Mackenzie Mtns.	Moderate level of data – sufficient for identifying areas of interest by March, 1999 and beginning the process of evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report before March, 1999. • May requires stage 2 mineral assessment by September, 1999. 	NWT-Gwich'in – good level of interest / identified areas of interest in this area. NND - are conducting TK information to respond to TG proposals by March, 1999. CPAWS - completing research in this area - report expected soon with proposals for protection. Good support for Local Planning Team establishment. GNWT interest in transboundary protected area in Source Peaks.	Potential is good to identify areas for protection and bring certainty to the area for future planning and development
✓ <u>McArthur/Ddhaw Ghro</u> (1970s IBP site & Game Preserve; 1990s FNFAs) others...	Selkirk, NND	#11 Yukon Plateau North & #12 Yukon Plateau Central	Moderate level of data – sufficient for identifying areas of interest by March, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report before March, 1999. • May require stage 2 mineral assessment by September, 1999. 	Long standing interest in protection in this area - however likely to be resource interest concerns wherever protection is considered due to high mineral interests throughout area.	This work should proceed in conjunction with management planning for the HPA.
✓ <u>Wolf Lake</u> (IBP site; 1994 Parks System Plan study; 1998 Parks Canada candidate)	Teslin Tlingit	#17 Yukon Southern Lakes & #20 Pelly Mtns.	Moderate level of data – sufficient for identifying areas of interest by March, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ???Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report before March, 1999.? 	Appears to be local FN support. Conservation NGO support.	Parks Canada interested in providing resources for protected areas planning and establishment in this area.
✓ <u>To be identified</u>	Kaska Dene	#22 Highland Highland & #23 Muskwa Plateau	Moderate level of data – sufficient for identifying broad PA values and areas of interest by March, 1999.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires stage 1 mineral assessment/oil and gas report before March, 1999. • Requires Stage 2 mineral assessment by September, 1999. 	Kaska are supportive of continued protected area identification work.	Land claims not complete, however development pressures suggest work must continue to identify areas for protection before options are lost.

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Yukon Protected Areas Strategy:

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Key Areas Addressed in the Oct 22 Draft:

Economic Development concerns:

- Stronger reference to criteria for selection of protected areas
- Greater emphasis on management plans which will consider compatible activities and sustainable resource management practices
- Clarification to the question, "How much will be protected?"
- Adds new principle which speaks to protected areas contributing to sustainable economic development
- Clarifies that the Secretariat, in consultation with LPT and PAS partners, will provide technical guidelines and Terms of Reference for assessments

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Stronger emphasis on the need for cooperation between governments and agencies.
- Stronger reference to federal role
- Adds reference to roles of Inuvialuit and Tetlut Gwitchi'n groups
- Clarifies linkage with Regional Land Use Planning Commissions
- Clarifies Local Planning Team membership selection and Terms of Reference

First Nations Concerns:

- Stronger reference to explaining the difference between negotiated SMAs and YPAS protected areas.
- New sidebar recognizing the Inuvialuit and Tetlit Gwich'in Agreements.

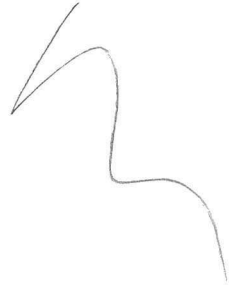
Work Plan

- Organizes the work plan as a stand alone report
- Gives faster timetable and more specific targets for on the ground progress re: ecoregion representation
- Speeds up progress on wetlands
- Makes specific reference to expected progress on Territorial Parks
- Clarifies targets for: March 99, Sept 99, March 2000, Sept 2000

Compensation

- Clarifies the approach to compensation
- Adds that gov'ts will make all reasonable efforts to reach negotiated agreements

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