

Question and Answer

Q1 What is the Yellowknife Periphery Area?

This is an area surrounding Yellowknife that will be the focus of further planning and evaluation. It is meant to encompass a wide variety of accessible outdoor activity settings in the area. It does not include municipal or federal lands.

Q2 Will this become an approved land use plan?

This is not a comprehensive land use planning exercise. We are examining issues related to recreational use of the land. The planning and evaluation will take into account all land uses but is focused on recreation management and not on creating outcomes for other land uses.

This recreation management plan will be advisory and will help inform the government in making decisions around recreational use of the land.

Q3 Are you considering mineral development and other land uses while doing this recreation management planning?

Yes. The development of the recreation management plan will consider all past, present and future uses in the area, including mineral development, traditional land use and agriculture. The focus will be on recreation management issues in the context of those other land values.

Q4 Why is the GNWT doing this planning in advance of a land claim settlement?

Recreation management planning may provide valuable information to a future comprehensive land use planning processes once Aboriginal land, resource and self-government agreements are finalized.

The recreation management plan will be subject to regional land use plans, and may need to be revised, when regional planning is completed. This process is not meant to replace a comprehensive land use planning process.



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Q5 How will my outdoor activities be affected by this planning?

The purpose of the plan is to provide direction and guidance to the GNWT for the management of outdoor recreation resources and opportunities in the area, in a way that is transparent, consistent and reflects public values.

Q6 Why are you doing this recreation management plan before the Recreational Land Management Framework is done?

This work is a part of the Recreational Land Management Framework. We have committed to examining the issues specific to the Yellowknife area as part of the Framework's development.

The Recreational Land Management Framework will inform the final Yellowknife area recreation management plan.

Q7 What is the status of the Recreational Land Management Framework?

The GNWT expects to release the draft Recreational Land Management Framework for public feedback later this summer.

Q8 Have Aboriginal governments been informed about the work that is taking place?

Yes. Aboriginal governments have been invited to participate in the development of the recreation management plan. Existing agreements and processes with Aboriginal governments will be respected. The recreation management planning process will recognize and respect Aboriginal and treaty rights.



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Q9 What was the telephone survey in January and February 2016 about?

The main objective of this telephone survey was to gain a detailed understanding of recreational use and demand within the area surrounding Yellowknife and along the Ingraham Trail.

The telephone survey gave us more information about outdoor recreation and land use activities in the area. The survey is one source of information and we continue to seek input from residents of Dettah, N'dilo and Yellowknife.

Q10 How long will it be before recreational leases are available again within the focus area along the Ingraham Trail and Highway 3?

That decision has not been made yet. An expected outcome of the recreation planning process is to identify opportunities for additional cabin leases. The process will also identify where cabin leases should not be issued due to non-compatible land issues.

Q11 Why did you stop issuing recreational leases along the Ingraham Trail and Highway 3?

The GNWT is committed to ensuring that the management and disposition of public land in the NWT is sustainable and meets northern needs now and into the future.

A temporary suspension will ensure that all new leases issued in this high density area incorporate the most up-to-date environmental protection and other land management standards.

Q12 The GNWT just issued a health advisory about arsenic in lake water in the Yellowknife area in April 2016. What is this about?

The NWT Chief Public Health Officer issued a health advisory in April 2016 to advise residents about precautions they can take to avoid exposure to elevated arsenic levels found in some small lakes located near the Giant Mine property. Complete details can be found <http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/avis/arsenic-lake-water-around-yellowknife>

We will be taking the health advisory and arsenic studies into the consideration during the plan development.

