



**MINISTER OF CONSERVATION**

Legislative Building  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA  
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***RE: MANIGOTAGAN RIVER PARK RESERVE***

For the past year public and community meetings and discussions have been held to consider the establishment of a permanent park on the Manigotagan River.

Discussion has confirmed that protection of the river means protection from logging, mining and Hydro-electric development, but would not affect present use including hunting and trapping, traditional use, or future land claims. There has been some discussion on the need to involve members of all three communities in a meaningful way in the management of the area over time, and the value in using the protection aspect of a park designation to safeguard community drinking water and traditional use activities on the river into the future.

One issue that kept coming up in community discussions was the need for additional time to more fully explore these matters. The province has recently confirmed that the parks legislation contains the option to extend the park reserve consultation process for a further five years

The Manigotagan River Park Reserve expires September 11, 2002. Your opinion respecting the value of extending this time period to more fully explore the idea of a protected park corridor on the Manigotagan River is requested. Please contact Gordon A. Jones, Director of Parks and Natural Areas, in writing, at 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3 or by fax at 204-945-0012 or by email at [pai@gov.mb.ca](mailto:pai@gov.mb.ca) by August 30, 2002.

Thank you in advance for your continuing contribution to this consultation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Lathlin', with the initials 'O.L.' written below it.

Oscar Lathlin  
Minister

cc: Premier Gary Doer