

Proposal

To designate Amisk Park Reserve, excluding the Treaty Land Entitlement and any other First Nations land selections, as a Provincial Park.

To classify Amisk as a wilderness park and to classify all lands in the park a wilderness land use category.

To work with Nisichawayasihk, Tataskweyak, and O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nations on management of the park in the context of their traditional lands and Resource Management Areas.

Your input

You can help determine the future of Amisk Park Reserve. Please provide any comments, suggestions and concerns on the accompanying page and send it to the address noted, no later than April 14th, 2008.

You are invited to drop in at the following open house meetings and share your ideas.

Manitoba Provincial Building

59 Elizabeth Road Thompson Manitoba
Wednesday March 12, 2008
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Best Western Charterhouse Hotel

330 York Avenue, Winnipeg
Thursday March 27, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Everybody is welcome. Your participation will help shape the future of this park reserve.

Please feel free to attach additional pages to your response! For more information, call Ken Schykulski at (204) 945-6797 or Shauna Kortz at (204) 677-6647. Please respond by April 14, 2008 by email parksystem@gov.mb.ca or mail:

Amisk Park Reserve Review

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Amisk Provincial Park Reserve

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Introduction

Amisk was first established as a Provincial Park in December 1994.

The Provincial Park designation was changed to a five-year Park Reserve in September 1997 to allow for meaningful consultations with the affected First Nations. In the ensuing five years, First Nation support was obtained to extend the Park Reserve designation for an additional five-year period. Amisk Park Reserve was renewed in 2003 for a second five-year period ending May 31, 2008.

What is a Park Reserve?

To assist in the creation of new parks and protected areas, The Provincial Parks Act provides for the establishment of park reserves. Park reserves provide interim protection for lands, while they are being considered for inclusion in the Provincial Park system.

Park reserves are placed on candidate areas for an initial period of six months, and can be extended for a period of five years. Public review occurs during this period to determine a final designation, select park boundaries and identify land use categories.

Description

Amisk Park Reserve is located about 90 km north of Thompson. It straddles the traditional territories of Nisichawayasihk, Tataskweyak, and O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nations. Both Nisichawayasihk and Tataskweyak Cree Nations participate with Manitoba in Resource Management Boards (established as part of Northern Flood Agreement Comprehensive Implementation Agreements) that have responsibilities for land use planning in the Amisk area. No such board currently exists with the O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation. O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation has selected five areas through Treaty Land Entitlement within the

park reserve. These, and any other land selections destined to become reserve lands, will be excluded from the park.

Amisk Park Reserve is 1,980 km² in size and is located in the Precambrian Boreal Forest. It features Cousins Lake in the west, Jensen Lake in the east and a portion of Baldock Lake in the south. The Gauer River flows through the park reserve.

Manitoba's goal in protecting natural lands is to protect areas that contain representation, or

examples, of the province's varied landscapes. These varied landscape qualities are known as "enduring features". Amisk Park Reserve includes representation of 10 different enduring features, either adequately, moderately or partially. It is the only protected area that rests entirely within Natural Region 4a - the Churchill River Upland. Amisk Park Reserve is surrounded by Areas of Special Interest to the north and south which contain other enduring features which could eventually provide complete representation of this area.

