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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

PANTAGRUEL CREEK PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE

This revised Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of the above Provincial Nature Reserve until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement.



**M. S. Millar
A/Regional Director
North Central Region**

Revised March 1991

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Date: 27.05.89

NAME:	Pantagruel Creek	<p>scale = 1: 600,000</p>
CLASS:	Nature Reserve	
M.N.R. DISTRICT:	Nipigon	
M.N.R. REGION:	North Central	
TOTAL AREA(ha):	2,686	
LAND:		
WATER:		
SITE REGION:	3W	
SITE DISTRICT:	3	
DATE IN REGULATION:	May 27, 1989	

LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

TARGETS

site type/ landscape unit	species/communities
Undocumented	

EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Timiskaming Interstadial	Kalashk Spillway representation: first post-glacial connecting route of glacial Lake Agassiz and early Lake Superior stages.

CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
Unknown	

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	N/A

INVENTORIES

level/type	reconnaissance/ completion date	detailed completion date	required?
earth science	checksheet		detailed inventory
life science			brief survey
cultural			brief survey
recreational			
other			

**PANTAGRUEL CREEK
PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

I LAND TENURE

All land within the Nature Reserve is Crown Land.

The land surrounding the Nature Reserve is within the Spruce River Forest Management Agreement Area. The area of the Nature Reserve is excluded from this agreement.

II LAND ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION

The boundary for the candidate park was developed in consideration of the natural features to be protected, and subsequent to negotiations held with the F.M.A. agreement holder, Abitibi-Price Inc. The area regulated under the Provincial Parks Act consists of two parts with an intervening area of Crown Land where timber activity may occur.

III EXISTING/PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There is no development in the Park area to date and none is planned in the near future.

IV RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

N/A

V ACTIVITIES

Trapping occurs within the area under authority of the Gull Bay Band trapline licence. The entire candidate area is contained within the boundary of NG-24 which supports many of the 21 trappers from Gull Bay. No trapline cabins exist in the area.

Guideline:

As per N.D.L.U.G., trapping activities carried out by Status Indian People will be allowed to continue in their treaty area but construction of trapline cabins will not be permitted.

Mineral potential in the area is low and the area has been withdrawn from staking under the Mining Act.

NATIVE INTERESTS

The Park lies within the area covered by the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. Status Indians of the Gull Bay Band from the nearby Gull Bay Reserve 55 are adherent to this treaty.

Guideline:

Status Indians will be allowed to continue their traditional activities.

The Park is also within or immediately adjacent to the area identified in the Anishanabek land claim. It is not known what effect, if any, this land claim would have on the Park.

NATURAL RESOURCES

This candidate is an excellent example of the Kaiashk Spillway which is the first post-glacial connecting route of the glacial Lake Agassiz and early Lake Superior stages.

Guideline:

The area is essentially inaccessible to anything but helicopters at present. To preserve the integrity of the site, only those uses identified in the land use activity table are permitted.

The current Timber Management Plan for the Spruce River Forest contains a prescription for timber operations proposed for areas adjacent to the Nature Reserve. The integrity of the landforms associated with these areas will be protected by designating the time of year harvesting may occur, by restricting the removal of aggregate,

controlling the location, constructions and extent of roads, and the type of harvesting machinery to be used and the regeneration techniques applied.

Normal forest fire suppression will take place within the Nature Reserve area, except that, the use of heavy equipment for bulldozing fire breaks or other forms of ground disturbance should not occur.

Until appropriate measures are identified in a Management Plan, insects and diseases will be controlled as is deemed necessary.

More information is required to better understand the Park resource representation, features and landscapes.

Guideline:

Brief life science and cultural resources surveys and a detailed earth science inventory will be conducted as an integral part of the preparation of the Management Plan.

Insects and diseases will be controlled as is deemed necessary.

The approach and format for the inventory and survey work will be consistent with guidelines prepared by the Parks and Recreational Areas Branch and the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

VII CULTURAL RESOURCES

N/A

VIII CLIENT SERVICES

N/A

IX RESEARCH/INVENTORIES

Research proposals which support earth and life science inventory work will be encouraged. Specifically, research of the surficial geology, glaciation history, and ecological associations would be beneficial.

Guideline:

Research proposals must be approved and conducted in accordance with the Parks and Recreational Areas Branch policy concerning research.

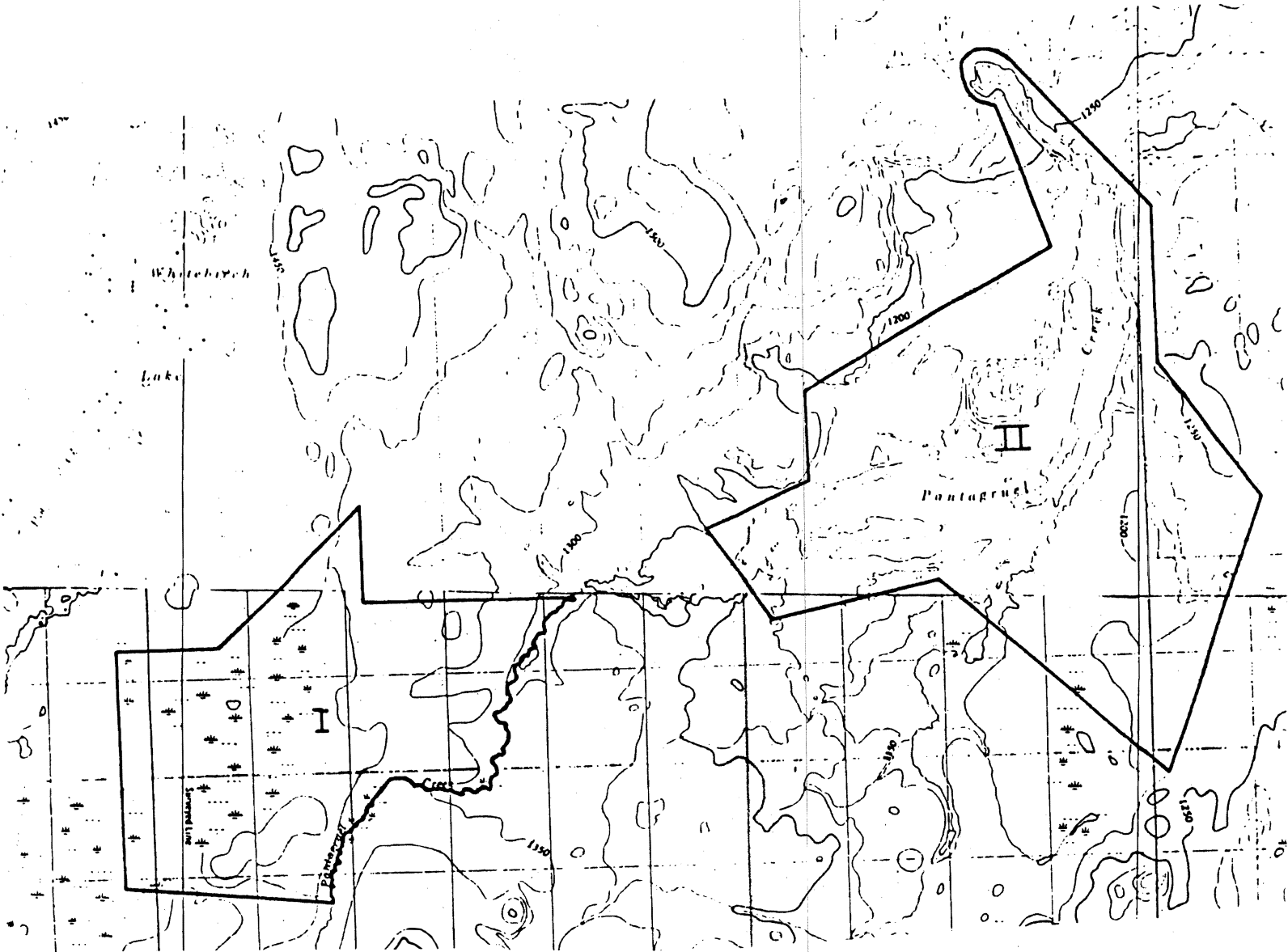
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**PLAN OF
PANTAGRUEL CREEK
PROVINCIAL NATURE RESERVE
IN THE
DISTRICT OF NIPIGON**



▲ Scale = 1 : 60,000

**APPENDIX I
LAND USE ACTIVITY FOR
PANTAGRUEL CREEK**

ACTIVITY	ACCEPTABLE		RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES
	YES	NO	
Aggregate Extraction		X	
Agriculture		X	
Bait Fishing		X	
Commercial Fishing		X	
Cottaging		X	
Crown Land Recreation			Not applicable to Parks.
Forestry		X	
Hunting		X	
Mining		X	
Provincial Parks	X		
Roads		X	
Rural Residential		X	
Sport Fishing		X	
Tourism		X	
Trapping	X		It is recommended that existing trapping activity be permitted to continued for Status Indians enjoying treaty rights.

**APPENDIX I (cont.)
LAND USE ACTIVITY FOR
PANTAGRUEL CREEK**

ACTIVITY	ACCEPTABLE		RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES
	YES	NO	
Wildlife Viewing	X		
Wildrice Harvesting		X	
Urban Development		X	

Source : Nipigon District Land Use Guidelines