

Recommended Plan Highlights

- The Plan provides a sustainability framework to guide land-use and development in the Peel Watershed Planning Region that applies principles of ecosystem-based planning and integrated resource management
- The Plan addresses four key issues: i) management of sensitive ecosystems for water, fish and wildlife, ii) long-term maintenance of the region's wilderness character, iii) access to existing mineral claims for further exploration and potential development, and iv) realizing future long-term economic potential, while ensuring full restoration of surface disturbances.
- The Plan divides the region into 13 landscape management units and 46 sub-units; each sub-unit is designated to a land use management zone (see Map 1, Appendix 1).
- Of the total region:
 - 37 % is in the Integrated Management Zone (IMZ), and can be considered the 'working landscape.' 9 % of the IMZ has a higher industrial development focus.
 - 15 % has been recommended for Tier I Ecosystem Protection for protection of river corridors, lakes, wetlands, and other sensitive habitats.
 - 48 % has been designated Tier II Wilderness Conservation for renewable resource and cultural uses and habitat protection. Access to, and development of existing mineral claims is allowed within strict standards. Mineral claims within the Tier II zone occupy 4 % of the region.
 - The Tier I zone and the unclaimed portion of the Tier II zone result in 59% of the region recommended for land withdrawal.
- Additional Plan recommendations include:
 - Measures to manage cumulative effects of multiple land use activities based upon application of appropriate land-use indicators.
 - Recommendations for limitations on surface access and complete reclamation of new roads.
 - Recommendations for Plan implementation related to research, policy and coordinated land-use decision-making.
 - Additional specific recommendations related to achieving social, economic and ecological objectives.