

Draft Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan Technical Review Survey Form

The Peel Watershed Planning Commission (PWPC) is pleased to release its Draft Regional Land Use Plan for the Peel Watershed. We welcome your feedback during the technical and Government Review period until **June 30**. As a guide to your review, please consider the following questions and return this survey by email or mail.

You can obtain the Draft Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan at:
<http://www.peel.planyukon.ca>

- Email your digital response as an attachment to: PWPCPlanFeedback@planyukon.ca
- Drop off or mail your hardcopy response to: Suite 201 - 307 Jarvis St., Whitehorse, YK Y1A 2H3.

Should you have any technical questions regarding content of the Plan, please contact either of our planners Sam Skinner or Nadele Flynn, at (867) 667-2374 or toll free 1-866-353-2374.

Thank you taking the time to respond to these questions - we look forward to your feedback.

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Please note that all submissions will be posted on our website and be made publically available.

Name (first, last):

Organization*:

Place of residence* (town/city, province/territory, country):

Contact Information:

***required**

Background Information

	Yes, cover to cover	Only certain sections	No
Have you read the Draft Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

	Yes	No
Have you read the Highlights of the Draft Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Section 1 – Introduction

The Commission is guided by its General Terms of Reference (page 1-2) and the Commission’s Statement of Intent (page 1-3) when proposing the overarching management goals for the planning region. In section 1 of the Draft Plan, the PWPC lists the seven General Management Direction (GMD) goals of the Plan. The following questions refer back to the GMD goals and the Commission’s Statement of Intent.

1. How much do you agree with the following statement?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Plan succeeds in meeting its Statement of Intent (page 1-3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

2. How much do you agree with the following key General Management Goals for land-use planning in the Peel region?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<p>Goal 1: Coordinated Land-Use Management: Promote plan principles by ensuring social, cultural, economic, and environmental policies are applied to the management, protection, and use of land, water, and resources in an integrated and coordinated manner.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Goal 2: Aquatic Resources: Provide for the management, protection, and use of water and related ecosystems and the species (fish, waterbirds) they support.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Goal 3: Terrestrial Resources: Provide for the management, protection, and use of land and related ecosystems and the species they support.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Goal 4: Special Features Management: Promote long-term ecological integrity of sensitive terrain, unique landforms and significant biophysical features.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Goal 5: *Heritage Conservation:* Recognize, conserve, and promote the heritage and cultural resources, and values of affected First Nations and the Yukon.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

Goal 6: *Access Management and Planning:* Access managed to respect ecological, cultural heritage, and wilderness values of the areas while providing for the full range of user needs as deemed compatible for specific sustainable development opportunities.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

Goal 7: *Current and Potential Economic Activity:* Facilitate ecologically-sustainable opportunities and activities that result in socio-economic benefits to the affected First Nations, northern communities, and the Yukon as a whole.

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Comments:

Section 3 – Plan Concepts

In section 3 of the Draft Plan the PWPC describes its planning framework and how the framework is linked to monitoring cumulative effects. The following four questions refer to the planning framework and elements of the General Management Goals, Zoning, Landscape Units, and Indicators.

3. Overall, how much do you agree that the Land-Use Planning Framework (General Management Goals, Zoning, Landscape Units, and Indicators) includes the appropriate tools for land-use planning in the Peel region?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) General Management Goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Land-use Zone Designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Landscape Units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Listed below are the eight management zones used in the land-use designation framework and a list of distinguishing elements for each zone.

4. How much do you agree that the listed elements of each management zone aid land-use planning in the Peel region?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) Integrated Management Zone I – lowest					
• Surface disturbance indicator for lowest level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Linear density indicator for lowest level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

b) Integrated Management Zone II – low					
• Surface disturbance indicator for low level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Linear density indicator for low level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
c) Integrated Management Zone III – moderate					
• Surface disturbance indicator for moderate level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Linear density indicator for moderate level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
 d) Integrated Management Zone IV – highest					
• Surface disturbance indicator for high level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Linear density indicator for high level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
 e) Tier I – Critical Landscape Zones					
• Complete withdrawal of existing and future surface and subsurface dispositions (some areas selected for high cultural value have provisions for cabins)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
 f) Tier I – River Corridor Zones					
• Complete withdrawal of existing and future surface and subsurface dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provision for road along, and one road route across, the Wind River (LMU 13-3) within surface and linear density indicator levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Provision for one road route across the Bonnet Plume River (LMU 13-3) within surface and linear density indicator levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
g) Tier I – Remote Access Lakes					
• Complete withdrawal of existing and future surface and subsurface dispositions (existing camps, and cabins are exempt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Regulate fly-in access to remote lakes for certainty of use for tourism (guided and/or non-guided) and exploration activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Surface disturbance indicator for high level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

h) Tier II – Wilderness Conservation Zone					
• Withdrawal of <u>future</u> subsurface dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• <u>Current</u> subsurface dispositions are exempt from subsurface disposition withdrawal (i.e. grandfathered in)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Current and future subsurface dispositions are allowed in this zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• LMU sub-units in Tier II (Wilderness Conservation Zone) become Tier I (Critical Landscape Zone) if subsurface dispositions are not maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Linear density indicator for lowest level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Surface disturbance indicator for lowest level of development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Allow surface dispositions for all-season roads to access grandfathered claims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

5. How much do you agree with the delineation of Landscape Management Units (LMU) and sub-units in the draft land-use plan? (See section 4 and section 6 of the Draft Plan). There is room to refer to specific areas or LMUs where required.

	Specific Area or LMU #	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) LMUs are appropriately sized		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
b) LMU boundaries are appropriately selected		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
c) LMU shape (ie. Linear/round/irregular) is appropriate		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
d) LMUs are too complex in __size __shape __boundary		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
e) LMUs are too simple in __size __shape __boundary		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						
f) The number of LMUs and sub-units is appropriate		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:						

6. How much do you agree with the use of the following indicators for management of cumulative effects of multiple land use activities in the Peel region? (see pages 3-9 to 3-11 and Table 3.3). There is room for you to list other indicators not shown here at the bottom of this list.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) Linear density (km/km ²)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
b) Surface disturbance (km ² /km ²)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
c) Water quality indices for aquatic life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
d) Water flow indices for aquatic life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
e) Water quality indices for human consumption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
f) River corridor zone crossing density (# crossings/RCZ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
g) Stream crossing density (# crossings / km of river/stream)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
h) Habitat availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					
i) Minimum core area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:					

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
j) Minimum patch size Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Sensory disturbance Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Other indicators? Please list:					

Section 4 – Land-use Designation

In Section 4 the Draft Plan recommends how each LMU sub-unit should be managed using the land-use designation framework and associated indicator levels to guide land-use activities. A summary of land-use zones by percent area over the entire region is presented in Table 4.1 (page 4-1) and the Highlights page of the Draft Plan (page v). Also outlined in Section 4 (as well as in Section 3) are recommendations for all-season road development in the region. The following two questions are about land-use zone designations over the region and access recommendations in Section 4 of the Draft Plan.

The distribution of land-use zones in the region is intended to help meet the management goals set out by the Commission (see question 1).

7. How much do you agree with the following distribution of land-use zones?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) 37% of the total region is in the Integrated Management Zone (IMZ I-IV) Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) 15% of the total region is in Tier I – Ecosystem Protection Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) 48% of the total region is in Tier II - Wilderness Conservation Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
d) 59% of the region (i.e. All Tier I plus all Tier II that is not already covered by subsurface dispositions) is recommended for land withdrawal Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Draft Plan outlines provisions for future all-season road access within land-use zones and recommends specific access corridors (see Landscape Management Unit/Land Use Plan Zones map).

8. How much do you agree with the following all-season road designations?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a) The Draft Plan makes adequate provision for future all-season roads in the region within Integrated Management Zones. Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b) The Draft Plans makes adequate provision for future all-season roads in the region within Conservation Management Zones. Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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c) The recommended access corridors are adequate for future routing of all-season roads through the region over the next 10-15 years (plan review will likely occur within 15 years should the plan be approved by the parties). Please use the comment space to elaborate on your opinion. Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Section 5 – General Management Direction

Section 5 outlines objectives and strategies that the PWPC recommends be used to help land-use managers meet the general management goals (see question 1) of the Peel Watershed planning region. During the Draft Plan review period each one of these objectives and strategies will be assessed for their ability to help meet the general management goals. Also listed in this section are land-use policy recommendations that will fulfill the General Management Goals, General Terms of Reference objectives (page 1-2) and Statement of Intent (page 1-3). The following questions refer to specific recommendations and/or strategies outlined in Section 5.

9. How much do you agree that the following policy and/or strategies (proposed in the Draft Plan) should be used for management of land-use activities in the PWPR?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<p>a. The amount of surface disturbance in a landscape management unit is maintained below the cumulative-effects indicator levels recommended in the Plan. (page 5-6)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>b. Ongoing water quality and flow monitoring programs are supported. (page 5-7)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>c. The Dempster Highway is exempt from limits to surface-disturbance and linear-density within 1 km on each side of the highway centre line (2-km total corridor width)? (page 5-48)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>d. All new all-season roads are reclaimed once activity has halted. (page 5-49)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>e. An access-management plan for the region will be developed using the strategies outlined in pages 5-42 to 5-46.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<p>f. Policy is developed to enable commercial wilderness-recreation tenures. (page 5-56 & strategy 7.8.10)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>g. Policy is developed to limit off-road vehicle use in the region. (page 5-59)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>h. Open-cast coal mining (open pit, strip or open cut) is not an allowable land-use in the region due to high surface disturbance requirements. Please comment on reasons. (pages 5-61 & 5-63)</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>i. Large and medium-scale hydroelectric projects along the Peel River are not an allowable land-use in the region due to required changes in water flow. (page 5-68). Please comment on reasons.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>j. It is a priority to map important viewsapes (strategy 7.9.1a) along the Dempster Highway (page 6-43) and River Corridor Zones to identify and protect scenic viewsapes.</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Comments/Feedback (please use additional pages if necessary):