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Government invests in renewed and expanded campground system

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is investing \$522,000 this fiscal year to add more campsites to three campgrounds and to repair or replace facilities at up to 12 others, Minister of Environment Wade Istchenko announced today.

"This investment delivers on the government's mandate to expand camping opportunities through more campgrounds, more campsites and improved amenities," Istchenko said. "This work will not only help Yukon Parks deliver a better, safer camping experience but also provide economic and job opportunities for local businesses."

The renewal and expansion project includes:

- \$237,000 (estimated) to build 22 new campsites in three heavily used campgrounds – Marsh Lake (six), Wolf Creek (nine) and Twin Lakes (seven).
- \$185,000 (estimated) to undertake roof repairs, replace outhouse holding-tanks, fix boat launches and docks, replace broken fire rings, fix outhouses, remove hazardous trees and purchase bear-proof food lockers.

This project complements the construction work underway at the new 35-site Conrad campground near Carcross, as well as the extended season now offered at 10 major campgrounds. The new "in-fill" campsites will be ready for use in spring 2016. Construction and repair work on campground infrastructure will take place on a priority basis, with completion times dependent on the weather.

The Yukon government's 41 roadside campgrounds are increasingly popular, posting a 13 per cent increase in visitation between 2012 and 2014. An estimated 34,000 daily permits and 2,200 annual campground permits were sold this season. At just \$12 a night, with free firewood, government campgrounds are an inexpensive way to get outside and enjoy nature.

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