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### Work on land use plan for Peel watershed to continue

WHITEHORSE—Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble would like to acknowledge the receipt of the Final Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan from the Peel Watershed Planning Commission.

"The Government of Yukon will now take the time necessary to review the final recommended plan, as set out in the Letter of Understanding between Yukon and affected First Nations," Rouble said. "We are looking forward to completing a land use plan for the Peel in co-operation with the parties to the land planning process and in accordance with the Letter of Understanding agreed to earlier this year."

The Senior Liaison Committee representing Government of Yukon, the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Government, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council will review the final recommended plan and meet to discuss the next steps in the regional planning process, as set out in the Letter of Understanding and the Umbrella Final Agreement. This will include plans for consultations with the parties and affected communities.

"We recognize the challenges that the commission faced in working to create a balanced approach," Rouble said. "Our expectation is that there will be protected areas within the Peel watershed and areas that allow a variety of activities that address the interests of all the planning partners and all Yukoners."

The minister would like to thank the commission members for their continued effort and commitment on the Peel Watershed Land Use Plan.

For more information on regional planning in the Yukon, visit the [Energy, Mines and Resources](#) website.

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