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## A statement from the Government of Yukon regarding the Peel regional land use planning court case

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is disappointed that the First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, Yukon Conservation Society, and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society will seek leave to appeal the Peel regional land use planning decision to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The government was satisfied with the Yukon Court of Appeal's direction to go back to an earlier stage in the planning process and believes it provided a path forward for all parties to re-engage and develop a new plan outside of the courts.

The Yukon government was seeking clarity that democratically elected public government has the final decision on public lands. The government remains open to finding an out-of-court agreement, as it has through all phases of the process.

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