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## **Legislative amendments address off-road vehicles in environmentally sensitive areas**

WHITEHORSE—Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Scott Kent tabled Bill 64 yesterday to amend the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* that will address the impact of off-road vehicles on environmentally sensitive areas of public land.

"The Yukon government is beginning to implement the recommendations of the Select Committee on the Safe Operation and Use of Off-road Vehicles," Kent said. "The proposed amendment addresses many aspects of the Select Committee's Recommendation 14 – particularly the need for effective regulation and enforcement to protect the environment from damage caused by off-road vehicles."

The amendment will allow the Yukon government to develop a range of tools for the protection of the ecological balance or physical characteristics of an area.

"At this first stage, we are recommending amendments to the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* to allow government to develop regulations that will help manage environmental impacts of off-road vehicles," Kent added.

Once the amendments are in place, government will conduct a full public engagement to help develop regulations. These regulations will be aimed at helping protect land and habitats in sensitive or overused areas. When necessary, the regulations will also exclude off-road vehicles from specific types of land or habitats and designate certain areas as access-only routes.

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