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Yukon government campgrounds open for Thanksgiving weekend

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has announced it will keep most territorial campgrounds open for an additional week, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to spend more time enjoying the great outdoors, Environment Minister Currie Dixon announced today.

“With the recent spectacular fall weather, we are delighted to take this opportunity to encourage greater use of our campground system, which allows many Yukon families to have an affordable wilderness experience close to home,” Dixon said. “This decision is just one of the ways in which the Government of Yukon provides opportunities for the sustainable use of Yukon’s environment.”

Full services to campgrounds stopped on September 14; gates to most campgrounds are usually locked at the end of September as part of winter preparations. This deadline will be extended to October 9 for many campgrounds – including all Whitehorse area campgrounds -- allowing campers to use sites over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Regular registration fees will not apply. Seasonal staff have already been laid off for the year so campers should be prepared to manage their garbage carefully because there will be no pick-ups during the long weekend. No additional toilet paper or firewood will be provided.

Environment Yukon operates 42 roadside campgrounds throughout the territory. Detailed information about campground availability is available on the department’s website at www.env.gov.yk.ca/camping.

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