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Yukon/Canada partnership allows winter access to Kluane National Park and Reserve and Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Highways and Public Works Minister and MLA for Kluane Wade Istchenko and Environment Minister Currie Dixon, along with Member of Parliament for Yukon Ryan Leef, announced today a cooperative working relationship to provide winter access to Kathleen Lake in Kluane National Park and Reserve and the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site – two popular recreation destinations.

"The Yukon government approached Parks Canada to seek a solution that would provide winter access to these important recreational areas," Istchenko said. "I am very pleased that the Yukon government is part of this coordinated effort to encourage winter recreation, support winter tourism and enhance safety along the Haines Road."

Through the cooperative agreement, Highways and Public Works, with the support of Environment, will maintain access to Kathleen Lake on a trial basis throughout the winter.

"The Yukon government recognizes that Kathleen Lake is an important site for winter recreational activities like ice fishing or skiing," Dixon said. "We are happy to partner with Parks Canada to ensure that all Yukoners and visitors will continue to have access to the Kathleen Lake site."

Additionally, Highways and Public Works, along with the Skagway-based Log Cabin Ski Society and the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, will help support Parks Canada to keep the Log Cabin parking lot and restroom facilities open by clearing snow and refreshing supplies.

"These are important areas for local users as well as the regional tourism industry. I am very pleased I was able to be involved in finding a solution to create the best delivery outcome for these sites and services," Leef said. "It is truly a Yukon solution and we now have a result that all Yukoners can enjoy."

For more information about Kluane National Park and Reserve and the Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site, please visit the Parks Canada website at www.pc.gc.ca.

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