



**PROGRESS  
REPORT**

Putting the Plan  
into Action

# THE PEEL WATER PLAN

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# These are the ways in which the plan is being put into action!

The Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan was produced by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission. The Plan was approved in 2019 by:

- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
- First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun
- Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
- Gwich'in Tribal Council
- Government of Yukon

These governments have established the Peel Plan Implementation Committee (PPIC).



## Establishing Protected Areas

The governments have been working together to legally designate the Plan's Special Management Area as protected areas under an Act. We anticipate that the designations will be announced this year.

**NEXT STEPS** After being designated, management planning processes will get underway.

## National Historic Sites

Two areas have been nominated by the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute to be National Historic Sites:

- Tshuu tr'adaojich'uu
- Teetl'it njik

These are areas of great cultural importance to the Tetl'it Gwich'in. These nominations are supported by all five governments.

**NEXT STEPS** The Historic Sites and Monuments Board will determine whether to recommend a designation to Canada.

## Hydrometric Stations

Two hydrometric stations have been established or reactivated. These stations monitor water discharge (flow) and water levels. Making water data available increases safety of river users and is valuable for research.

| Location   | Station Number |
|--|----------------|
| Snake River near the river's mouth                         | 10MB003        |
| Wind River above the confluence with the Little Wind River | 10MA005        |

You can find the real-time water data here: [wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real\\_time\\_e.html](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real_time_e.html)

## New Mapping

Two new map products have been created using satellite imagery:

- surface disturbance
- wetlands

These are publicly available on GeoYukon: [mapservices.gov.yk.ca/GeoYukon/](http://mapservices.gov.yk.ca/GeoYukon/)

Yukon Land Use Planning Council has developed an interactive map for the region showing the land designations and other plan information: [planyukon.ca/interactive-map/](http://planyukon.ca/interactive-map/)

## Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Regulations

West Hart River (LMU #4) has been designated as an ORV Management Area. ORVs cannot be used in Management Areas. *These restrictions do not apply to snowmobiles.*

**NEXT STEPS** Alpine areas above 1200 m elevation will be designated as ORV Special Management Areas.

## Wind River Trail

**NEXT STEPS** The Wind River Trail will be closed to traffic (by regulation) and will no longer be considered a public highway.

## Mineral Claims in the Peel

When the Plan was approved, there were 7,298 pre-existing mineral claims located in Conservation Areas. To date, 5,031 claims have been surrendered by claim holders. Relinquishment of claims promotes our ability to maintain the long-term wilderness character of these areas.

**NEXT STEPS** The Parties will continue to work with companies and anticipate additional claims to be relinquished.

## Standard Conditions for Industrial Development

Industrial development may proceed in the Integrated Management Areas and on pre-existing claims in conservation areas, with higher standards now in place. In 2022, the governments agreed to 61 standard terms and conditions consistent with the Plan: *Standard Terms and Conditions to be applied to Development Activities in the Peel Planning Region*.

These terms and conditions are guiding conformity checks, informing assessments, being considered in any regulation, and are a source of rules for activities in the region. Find them here:

[plan yukon.ca/peel-watershed](http://plan yukon.ca/peel-watershed).

**NEXT STEPS** Future work on this item includes the development

and distribution of additional guidance on “adequate baseline data” requirements.

## Boundary Adjustments and Corrections

Administrative plans (legal surveys) have been created for the Plan’s Special Management Area and Wilderness Areas – Boreal Caribou. Boundaries throughout the planning region have been corrected to reflect up-to-date spatial data. A boundary change has been made between Landscape Management Units 14 and 8 to capture the extent of the proposed National Historic Site and Tetlit Gwich’in settlement land.

**NEXT STEPS** Administrative plans will be finalized with area names and then filed with Natural Resources Canada.

