

## Proposal to Renew Amisk Park Reserve Designation

### Introduction

Amisk Park Reserve is located approximately 90 kilometres north of Thompson and straddles the traditional territories of Nisichawayasihk, Tataskweyak, and O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nations. Both Nisichawayasihk and Tataskweyak Cree Nations participate with Manitoba in Resource Management Boards (established as part of Northern Flood Agreement Comprehensive Implementation Agreements) that have responsibilities for land use planning in the Amisk area.



*Grey Wolf*

Amisk Park Reserve is approximately 198,000 hectares in size and is located in the precambrian boreal forest. Notable features include the Gauer River and Little Churchill drainage systems. Larger lakes include Cousins Lake in the west and Jensen Lake in the east. Amisk Park Reserve also contains a portion of the North Indian Moraine that marks the boundary between the Keewatin and Labradorean ice sheets during the last glaciation. Exposed bedrock, hills, ridges and lake plains are also prominent topographical features. Tree species include black spruce, jack pine and trembling aspen, which are common to the precambrian boreal forest.



*Beaver*

Amisk Park Reserve is the only protected area located within the Churchill River Uplands Ecoregion and provides undisturbed habitat for moose, black bear, wolves, woodland caribou (which are listed as a threatened species provincially and federally), as well as a number of birds.

## What is a Park Reserve?

To assist in the creation of new provincial parks and protected areas, The Provincial Parks Act provides for the establishment of park reserves. A park reserve is a temporary designation providing interim protection to an area to allow time for discussions with Indigenous Peoples and public consultation to determine a permanent designation.

Park reserves are designated for an initial period of six months and can be extended for periods of five years. Public review occurs during this time to determine a final designation type, select boundaries and identify appropriate land uses.

Amisk has been a park reserve since 1997. The park reserve designation has been renewed several times to allow for continuing discussions on the future of these lands. Renewal of the park reserve will continue the protected areas designation of the site while discussions continue with Indigenous Peoples towards the permanent designation of the site.

## Proposal

**To renew Amisk Park Reserve for an additional five-year term.**

The Provincial Parks Act specifies provincial parks are dedicated to the people of Manitoba.

Provincial parks are recognized as special places that play an important role in the protection of natural lands and the quality of life for Manitobans.

Amisk Park Reserve is made up of land categorized under the wilderness land use category. The wilderness land use category protects natural areas and contributes to Manitoba's network of



*Topographical features typical of Amisk Park Reserve*

protected areas by legally prohibiting commercial logging, mining, hydroelectric development, oil and gas development, exploration for or harvest of peat, and any other activity that may significantly and adversely affect habitat.

The rights of Indigenous Peoples to access this area for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional pursuits would continue to be respected.

# Share Your Views

We want to hear from you. Your input will help shape the future of Amisk Park Reserve.

To obtain a comment sheet, please visit [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) or call Manitoba Sustainable Development at 204-945-6784 or (toll free) 1-800-214-6497.

Comments can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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Your comments must be received no later than April 1, 2018.

