

**Kusawa Park Management Planning: Stage 1 – Information Gathering
Summary of Public Input
March 31, 2009**

No.	Issue	Concern	Steering Committee Response
1.	Canoe & kayak traffic	Increase during summer weekends – observation; not necessarily a concern in itself	Managing multiple recreation users’ interests along the Takhini River is noted as an issue for discussion and inclusion in the management plan. The Steering Committee also notes that managing multiple uses is reflected in the draft Park vision statement.
2.	Human waste disposal – “Jaws of Death” on the Takhini River	Popular stopping point / portage where waste disposal issues are a problem	
3.	Motorized (jet boat) use	-environmental damage – jet wake impacts fish fry, breeding waterfowl -negatively impacts other users’ visitor experience - noise	
4.	Multiple recreational use	Potential for accident/fatality when jet boats meet canoeist kayaker at narrow points on river; upstream of “Jaws of Death”; canoe safety concern from jet boat wake	
5.	Salmon population	Decline over several decades – estimated at 90% (DFO contacted)	Concern about the salmon population within the park is noted for discussions and inclusion in the management plan. The importance natural resources within the Park is reflected in the draft Park vision statement.
6.	Adjacent park areas	Is Kusawa part of large cross border park (note: start of Atlin Planning Region exercise)	Coordination with related planning exercises will be pursued by the Steering Committee.
7.	ATV’s on Kusawa Lake Campground beach	Noise and safety concerns	Managing multiple recreation users’ interests is noted as an issue for discussion and inclusion in the management plan.

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8.	Commercial use in park	Ability for existing outfitting, trapping and wilderness tourism uses to maintain their concession and their current activity. Aversion to advertising existing concession trails	Consideration of existing and ongoing commercial uses is noted for discussion and inclusion in the management plan. Information management and mapping of resources will be reviewed by the Steering Committee during management plan development.
9.	Increase in park area use	How much increase in use is anticipated? Will Kusawa Lake Road be improved? Will campground be enlarged? Will the park maintain its current appearance?	Managing park use, infrastructure needs and the anticipated changes associated with designation as a Park are noted as concerns for discussion and inclusion in the management plan.
10.	Lot enlargement	Ability of existing lot owners to re-activate their lot enlargements	Consideration of the rights and interests of existing privately-held lot owners within Kusawa Park is noted for discussion and inclusion in the management plan. Existing Park interests are reflected in the draft Park vision statement.
11.	Lot owner driveway lease	Ability to control ATV access	
12.	Lot ownership transfer	Ability to pass on property to descendants	
13.	Motorized access to dunes	Damage by ATV's and motorcycles to dune areas	Managing multiple recreation users' interests is noted as an issue for discussion and inclusion in the management plan.
14.	Recreational use in park	Ability of lot owners and recreational users to continue their activities i.e. snowmobiling, hunting and fishing	The importance natural resources within the Park are reflected in the draft Park vision statement.
15.	Wetlands	Mendenhall R. wetland area bisected by park boundary; Agricultural activity on adjacent parcels	The location relative to the Park boundary and associated ecological function of Mendenhall River wetlands are noted for discussion and inclusion in

		may draw down water levels	the management plan.
16.	Wilderness Tourism constraints	Parks raise costs and flexibility to operate	Consideration of wilderness tourism activity, potential and concerns are noted for discussion and inclusion in the management plan. Managing multiple uses is reflected in the draft Park vision statement.
17.	Wilderness Tourism opportunities	Potential and environmental limitations of Primrose River Valley noted; consider limitation of hunting opportunity in order to attract wilderness tourism	

Thank you for responding to the first request for public input into Kusawa Park Planning. The Steering Committee will use the information, ideas and issues that have been submitted to inform and guide the planning process. Please watch the website (www.kusawapark.ca) for new and updated information as well as future public input opportunities.

Input was provided by:

- Public website -approximately 20 submissions
- Property owners – approximately 15/20 contacted
- Public Interest Groups – approximately 10/15 contacted