

HAVE YOUR SAY BEFORE THEY TAKE IT AWAY!



Province of Nova Scotia Consultation: Proposed Ingram River Conservation Lands Consultation Period - July 13 to September 27, 2021

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

There is already lots of protected land in the area.

- 56,000 acres within 15 kms.

The land being proposed is highly managed.

- Where are the results of the required biodiversity study and ecological values scoring?
- All of the land adjacent to lakes and rivers and the 150 acres of old-growth forests is already protected.

IF THIS AREA IS APPROVED FOR PROTECTION:

Current uses and enjoyment will be stopped

- No more forestry at all. Over-mature forests are susceptible to pests, blowdowns and fires.
- No more ATVing on most of the trails in the area.

52 kms of current ATV and bicycle trails will become off limits to ATV's and bicyclists.

- ATV's and bicyclists will only be allowed on the main roads with work vehicles

All of the investment and effort put into the lands by current users will be taken away.

- The existing road and trail infrastructure was built by forestry companies and ATV clubs.
- Trails will no longer be maintained.

The lands will be moved from the Department of Lands and Forestry who have a long relationship with forestry companies and user groups (ATVers, hunters, anglers) and will become the property of the Department of Nova Scotia Environment.

HAVE YOUR SAY.

MAINTAIN YOUR RIGHT TO ENJOY PUBLIC LANDS!

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GOVERNMENT SAYS

Proposed Conservation Lands	Size	Conservation Approach	Human Use Highlights	It Also Means
Wilderness Area	4,219 ha (10,425 acres)	<p>Wilderness Areas Protection Act (NS Environment and Climate Changes)</p> <p>Protect nature (biological diversity) and typical and outstanding features over a relatively large area. Provide opportunities for scientific research, environmental education & stewardship, and wilderness recreation.</p> <p>Applies to proposed addition to South Panuke Wilderness Area and Proposed Island Lake Wilderness Area.</p>	<p>Supports low impact wilderness recreation such as hiking canoeing, camping, hunting and sport fishing.</p> <p>Vehicle use can be authorized in specific circumstances.</p> <p>Existing Crown land campsite leases are honoured.</p> <p>Land development and resource extraction activities are prohibited in wilderness areas.</p>	<p>ATV's and Bicycle use are banned on most existing trails.</p> <p>You can apply for permission from the Department of Environment for an exemption. They will be rarely issued and phased out which is what happened everywhere else.</p> <p>Crown leases will be honoured? Of course they will. They are legal obligations. What about extensions and transferring leases within families?</p> <p>"Resource extraction will cease" means all forestry will end. Even though the area has been silvi-cultured and harvested for centuries. Infestations, forest fires and blowdowns will be common place.</p> <p>Nobody will maintain the roads and trails</p>
Special Management Zone (SMZ)	888 ha (2,194 acres)	<p>Crown Lands Act (NS Lands and Forestry)</p> <p>Maintain zone with no forestry management along the valley corridor of Ingram River and Two Mile Lake Brook.</p>	<p>Outdoor recreation is generally permitted as on other provincial Crown Lands.</p> <p>New road or trail development must be approved by Lands and Forestry.</p>	<p>No recreation uses that involve vehicles. The only recreation will be the type approved by city folks – walking/ hiking.</p> <p>The Government needs to approve new trails. Ok, they are the owner, but who is going to ask for a new trail if they can't use it anyway.</p>
Old Forest Policy Areas (new)	54 ha (133 acres)	<p>Nova Scotia's Old Forest Policy (NS Lands and Forestry)</p> <p>Conserve and restore old forest at various locations outside the proposed wilderness area sites. These were recently identified through Biodiversity Assessment of the Ingram River area.</p>	<p>Outdoor recreation is generally permitted.</p> <p>Proposals that may impact old forest values, such as road and trail development, must be approved.</p>	<p>Nothing is different. They weren't threatened and are no more protected now.</p> <p>Any new roads and trails must now be approved by the Department of Environment.</p>