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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Both Smoke and Iosegun Lakes are well known as sport fisheries lakes and consequently over the years have become destination recreation lakes. Both lakes have some capability for increased recreational use and for residential use as they are located close to the Town of Fox Crass. Although a number of other lakes in the region have excellent fisheries potential as well, Iosegun and Smoke have the best potential for expanded development due to the close proximity to established travel corridors and population centers and the fisheries resource is able to withstand limited increased harvesting.

### 1.1 The Study Area

Both lakes are within 9 km of the Town of Fox Creek and Highway 43 which leads to the Alaska Highway. The lakes are located approximately 245 km northwest of the City of Edmonton. Whitecourt and Valleyview are 85 km and 90 km from Fox Creek respectively. The entire area is located in Improvement District 16.

For the purposes of this plan the study area for both lakes includes the entire shoreline, lake and approximately one mile of land surrounding the lake. The actual boundary is based on the township survey system. Figure 1 provides an illustration of the study area for both lakes.

### 1.2 Plan Purpose

The purpose of the plan as described in the August 29, 1988 approved Terms of Reference is to assess the capabilities and opportunities for commercial and public recreation use of Smoke and Iosegun Lakes, based on environmental, social and economic constraints. This plan will provide a framework for the orderly development of the recreation capability of the lakes and for the review of applications for development on both lakes.

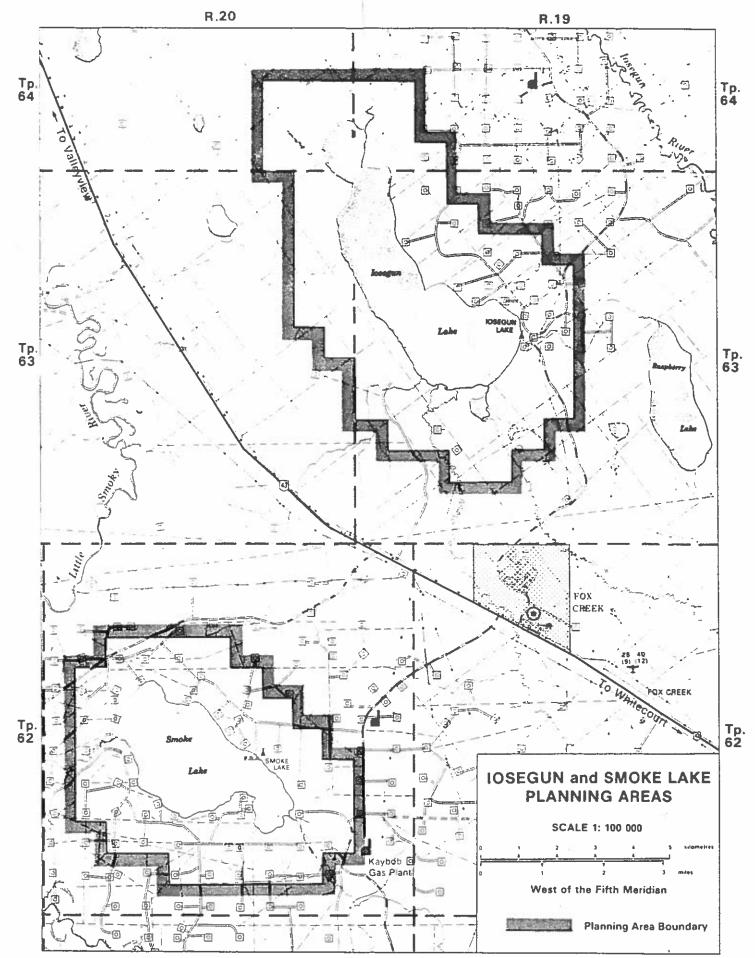


Figure 1: losegun and Smoke Lake Planning Areas

This plan will be used as the basis for the Area Structure Plan for the lakes to be prepared by Improvement District 16 (I.D.16).

# 1.3 Relationship to the Fox Cr 3:/Knight Sub-Regional Integrated Resource Plan

The lake plan study areas are located in the planning area of the on-going Fox Creek/Knight Sub-Regional Integrated Resource Plan (I.R.P.) co-ordinated by the Resource Plan are Branch, Public Lands Division. Normally the Sub-Regional I.R.P. would generally identify direction and the capability for recreational use expansion around any major lakes. It would then recommend that an implementation document (i.e. a lake management plan) be conducted to assess this capability and provide detailed direction for recreation development.

The Alberta Forest Service (A.F.S.), being the manager of lands in the Green Area of the province, maintains the management responsibility of the recreation resource in the Green Area. The A.F.S. had scheduled a lake plan to commence in 1989/90 due to the identified capability around both lakes. The initiation of the plan was advanced to July, 1988 in order that a lake plan be derived to provide guidelines for review of an application for a recreation development on losegun Lake.

Although the lake plan will be completed ahead of the I.R.P., the lake plan will provide clarification on the recreation capability and guidelines for recreation development for the I.R.P. Integration of the lake plan with the I.R.P. will be assured as the lake plan team membership and consultative team membership includes many of the same agencies which are included in the I.R.P. The respective agency objectives and guidelines are then common to both plans.

### 1.4 Lake Plan Team Membership

Although the A.F.S. is the manager of the recreation resource in the Green Area other government agencies were invited to join the planning team in order to ensure integration of their issues and objectives. It is the intent of the A.F.S. to ensure that recreation development proceeds in a manner

in which other resource agencies objectives are recognized and implemented where possible, and impacts of recreation development on other resource values are minimized. As well the Town of Fox Creek was invited to participate directly on the Team due to the potential of the Town to gain economic benefits from recreation development. Since the local municipal government (I.D. 16) is included in the review and approval process for development applications, the I.D. was also invited on the team.

Those agencies with direct interest in the recreational development of the lake were included on the planning team. Those include:

Alberta Forest Service
Fish and Wildlife
Town of Fox Creek
Improvement District #16
Public Lands

(Ted Flanders) (Carl Hunt) (Bruce Moltzan) (Roy Brideau) (Dom Ruggieri)

Those agencies with peripheral interest in the development of the lakes are consultative team members:

Transportation
Forest Industry and Development
Recreation and Parks
Environment
Tourism
Culture and Multiculturalism
Energy

(Don Tymchuk)
(Paul Short)
(Gerry Tranter, Ken Zurfluh)
(Ted Dykstra)
(Allan Koehler)
(Barry Newton)
(Kevin Williams)

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (E.R.C.B.) was also consulted on the sour gas situation around the two lakes.

## 1.5 The Lake Plan Terms of Reference:

One of the first functions of all team members and consultative members was to derive the Terms of Reference or the scope of the lake plan. Issues in the management of the two lakes were identified. From these issues, plan objectives were derived which indicated what the final plan is to achieve. The objectives of the plan are listed below while the management issues are provided in Appendix #1.

### PLAN OBJECTIVES

- l. To review concerns with regard to the water quality and quantity of both Smoke and Iosegun Lakes.
- 2. To determine how industrial operations, such as oil and gas development and timber harvesting, can be carried out in an environmentally sensitive manner and integrated with other uses of the lakes.
- 3. To determine how industrial operations can be integrated with other uses of the lakes.
- 4. To ensure conservation of the lake shorelines through appropriate development guidelines and standards to which all recreation/tourism developments must adhere to.
- 5. To assess the current supply of recreation facilities in relation to the demand for these facilities, and to assess the future demand for recreation developments at Smoke and Iosegun Lakes, in particular, the demand for cottage subdivisions.
- 5. To review public access requirements to both Smoke and Iosegun Lakes.
- 7. To evaluate the capability and the capacity of Smoke and Iosegun Lakes (including land and water) to support further recreational development within an integrated management framework.
- 8. To identify commercial, private and public recreation/tourism opportunities to meet present and future demand.
- 9. To identify the environmental, economic and social constraints/limitations to recreation/tourism development.
- 10. To determine how the impact of recreation developments on users of other resources may be minimized.

- 11. To identify required forest protection measures for the protection of additional recreational facilities.
- 12. To identify and protect historical and cultural resources on the lakes.
- 13. To assess fish populations and fishery production.
- 14. To identify and protect areas of ecological significance and critical wildlife/fisheries habitat.
- 15. To determine responsibility for providing and maintaining infrastructure required to support additional recreation developments.
- 16. To assess the problems associated with public traffic conflicting with industrial traffic on private roads.
- 17. To identify the standards, guidelines and requirements to which all recreational developments must adhere.
- 18. To determine the role of each government agency in implementing the final plan.
- 19. To identify implications of recreation/tourism development on the area and supporting infrastructure.
- 20. To provide a decision making framework to address public, private, commercial and non-profit recreation and tourism development.
- 21. To determine the danger of sour gas to public safety at recreation developments on the lakes and identify any required development guidelines.
- 22. To recognize that the timber resource in the plan area is fully committed to the forest industry when planning for additional recreation and resource developments.
- 23. To determine how the impact of natural resource developments on users

of other recreation resources may be minimized.

24. To determine what significant wildlife viewing resources/opportunities exist in the study area and to identify how enhanced wildlife viewing and interpretation opportunities could be incorporated in lake management plan.

The Terms of Reference was approved by the Eastern Slopes Regional Resource Management Committee September 6, 1988 and then by the Deputy Minister, Forestry Lands and Wildlife September 21, 1988. The Councils of the Improvement District and Town also reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference.

# 1.6 Public Involvement

Public involvement in the plan took place by different means. At the request of the Town of Fox Creek a public meeting was held in Fox Creek on October 12, 1988. At the meeting the plan in general and a series of development alternatives (as outlined in the Alternatives Document) were presented to the public. The main items mentioned by the public related to the possible negative impact of increased recreation development on the fish populations in both lakes and the possible impact of the proposed 100 metro buffer on the economic viability of recreation developments on the lake. No objection to the proposed development alternative was put forth. However very little revision of the draft plan was required overall as a result of the public meeting.

Public input was also obtained by including the Improvement District and Town of Fox Creek on the planning team and through the public meeting held in conjunction with the sub-regional I.R.P.

# 2.0 HISTORY OF RECREATION IN THE STUDY AREA

There has been considerable interest in recreational development on Iosegun Lake in the last 30 years. During the late 1950's interest was initially shown for the development of a subdivision on the south-east side of Iosegun Lake. The proposed area was surveyed and staked out for a number of cottage site lots in 1959. The availability of lots for development in this area was advertised through Departmental Public Notice in the early 1960's. Some interest was generated by this Notice as some lake front lots were issued. However by 1969, most of the leases were surrendered due to lack of interest and poor road conditions.

The A.F.S. campground on Iosegun Lake was built in 1970 in Blocks 5,6,7, and 8 of the original survey. Meanwhile some interest was still shown by the public in obtaining cottage lots. As a result in 1979 the A.F.S. produced another document indicating possible sites for cottage development. The A.F.S. campground was upgraded for the first time in 1986.

The recreation history in Smoke Lake is much less eventful. No subdivisions were ever planned for. The only recreation development to date is the A.F.S. Smoke Lake campground on the north east shore which was built in 1968.

# 3.0 RESOURCE SYNOPSIS AND BROAD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

The synopsis for each resource provides a description of the current land use in the area and status of each resource. The broad resource objectives describe what is to be achieved for the resource and the broad guidelines generally indicate how the objectives will be achieved.

Table 1 provides the above information while Appendix maps 1 and 2 show the actual land dispositions and reservations at the time of plan development.

Detailed recreation development and resource management and protection guidelines are provided in Section 9 and 10 respectively.

# RESOURCE SYNOPSIS AND BROAD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE RESOURCES FOUND IN THE STUDY AREAS

# Resource Synopsis

# Broad Resource Management Objectives

# 1. Fisheries

Both lakes are noted as destination lakes for tourists because of the naturally occurring sport fishing species. These species include walleye, lake whitefish, tullibee, northern pike, yellow perch, burbot and some other minor species. Walleye and lake whitefish are the two major species. As such there are walleye spawning areas on both lakes which require protection to ensure population levels remain at desired levels.

Sport fisheries and commercial fishing are we important uses a roth lakes. Ice shint is also a fear the winter pastimulation heavy demand on the current populations harvest rates are approaching current supply levels. This last factor is very significant in planning for

To maintain the indigenous walleye populations by natural reproduction as an effective method to provide recreation (at a catch rate of 0.25 fish/angler hour) and a moderate harvest (not to exceed 0.84 kg/ha/yr.)

To protect critical walleye spawning habital from adverse environmental impacts that might reduce the reproduction success of walleye, and where possible, to enhance spawning habitat to increase reproductive success.

To minimize disturbance to other walleye inhitational provide optimal conditions for survival and growth of all life stages, including sources of food and cover.

To maintain the whitefish (Smoke Lake) and whitefish/tullibee (losegun Lake) populations

Broad Resource Management Guidelines

Prevent accelerated eutrophication caused by the addition of nutrients to the drainage.

Protect the water from effluent of toxic material.

Maintain undisturbed buffers of aquatic and terrestrial vegetation along inlet drainages and around the shoreline of the lakes.

Limit road, pipeline and seismic line development adjacent to inlet streams.

Road crossings of inlet creeks must be constructed to maintain migration of pike and walleye under variable flow conditions.

at levels that will provide a recreational catch rate of at least 0.4 fish/angler hour, and a total annual harvest (recreational and commercial fishery combined) of 4.5 kg/hectare for each species.

To maintain the habitat required for the spawning, rearing and adult stages of whitefish and tullibee including a variety of areas with bottom substrates composed of sand, gravel or cobble.

To maintain the pike and perch populations at levels that will provide a catch rate of 0.8 fish/angler hour, and a maximum annual recreational harvest of 2.2 kg/hectare for each species.

To maintain pike and perch habitat for all life stages, recognizing the importance of potential pike spawning areas in inlet and outlet streams, and pike/perch spawning and rearing habitat provided by aquatic vegetation in the littoral areas of the lakes.

To maintain the aesthetic qualities of recreational angling including scenery, freedom from excessive noise and other disturbances, provide boating safety, prevent crowding, etc.

Increases in fishing pressure may require implementation of more restrictive fishing regulations to maintain harvests within acceptable limits.

Increased monitoring of fish populations and harvest rates will be required to provide Information on which to base management decisions.

# 2. Grazing

dense forest canopy. The available forage unimproved grazing is very low due to the No grazing dispositions currently exist in either lake study area. Capability for is now utilized by wildlife.

# 3. Infrastructure

Many roads and electrical distribution lines are located in the study area and vicinity (P&N.G.) industries in this region. All roads in both study areas are privately petroleum and natural gas and timber Industry. This presents a major conto support the large presence of the owned by Licence Of Occupation by either P & N.G. industry or timber straint in developing the area for recreation

Grazing is a prohibited use in the lake study area.

To accommodate the infrastructure requirements

minimizing the impact on other resource values. associated with resource development while

To encourage the centralization of services industries and other facilities. To recognize the need for public transportation corridors as resource developments increase in the region.

None required.

resource developments, with an emphasis on co-ordinated and shared infrastructure level with existing and future land and should be integrated at the operational routes (e.g. roads, pipelines, seismic Mineral exploration and development lines).

Location of major infrastructure routes/ efficient option and reviewed by all corridors will be based on the most environmentally and economically concerned referral agencies.

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# Significant commercial sales facilities will be directed to Fox Creek.

Transition of commercial road operation and maintenance should occur if the commercial road receives a significant amount of public use and fits into the long-term multi-purpose road system development plan.

# 4. Minerals

The presence of the petroleum and natural gas (P&N.G.) industry in thestudy area has been and will be longstanding in this region. Smoke Lake is located in the Kaybob South Oil and Gas Field and is characterized by a high level (17.02%) of hydrogen sulphide in gas wells. The Kaybob gas plant is located on the south east boundary of this study area. losegun

To provide for the development of sand, gravel, clay and marl.

To protect aggregate resources from sterilization.

To provide opportunities for continuing exploration, development and production of the area's petroleum and natural gas resources.

Mineral exploration and development will continue to be subject to the existing approval process, as well as the Coal Development Policy.

To prevent sterilization, reservation notations will be placed on all land containing known and significant (class I to 3) sand and gravel deposits.

Lake is located in the Kaybob Oil and Gas Field, however oil and gas wells in this rea are "sweet" in contain very liner of hydrogen sulpared. Sub-surface offeral rights are totally allocated in both areas by P&N.G. leases. Many pipelines carry the oil and gas to processing plants.

No exploitable deposits of gravel are located in the study areas. Some sand ridges occur but again are not significant for resource extraction.

# 5. Recreation

Both lakes are known as destination fisheries lakes by local residents and tourists. In response to this recreation demand the Alberta Forest Service constructed one campground at each lake to provide basic camping facilities for sport fishermen and other campers. The losegun Lake campground was just upgraded in 1986 while Smoke Lake is now due for an upgrade to expand capacity. Total capacity in the two campgrounds is now 96 camping

To ensure public safety in relation to the sour gas field around Smoke Lake

To encourage the development and utilization of procedures and techniques that will minize conflicts between mineral resource developments and other types of resource developments.

To ensure that all mineral exploration and development is planned in order to minimize and/or mitigate impacts on other land and resource values and uses.

To provide a wide range of suitable recreation activities on both lakes, within an integrated management framework.

To maintain public access to both lakes.

To maintain the opportunities for the potential expansion of existing public recreation facilities.

To allow for development of suitable private, commercial and non-profit recreation/tourism facilities and

Surface materials will be managed on a site-specific basis through existing referral systems. Gravel deposits will be developed and managed in such a manner as to maximize the recovery of the resource.

Private and commercial proposals for recreation/tourism facilities must demonstrate project feasibility and financial capability before developments area approved.

Random recreation will continue as a legitimate use within the plan area, subject to maintaining environmental quality.

units and 10 day use units. The campgrounds are used by a variety of campers, local, regional and international tourists. Some random camping by hunters occurs in and near the study areas as well. The area experiences considerable tourism as Highway #43 is the major route through the area.

the staging area for the A.F.S. losegun lake Snowmobile Trails. Private secrition also occ. around the lake secrition also occ. around the lake of a private church preation lease is active on the west support Smoke Lake A lease for a Boy Scout camp and a miscellaneous permit for a private cottage are located on the east shore of losegun Lake.

activities within the capabilities of the study area.

To minimize the impact of resource developments on visually sensitive areas.

The first priority for prime recreation resources shall be public use.

Public recreation/tourism facility/service development will occur in response to an identified demand, and subject to budgets.

The appropriate mechanisms as detailed in in Section 9 will be applied to protect environmentally sensitive areas having high recreation/tourism capability.

Current levels of service at existing facilities will be maintained subject to budget availability.

Forest landscape management guidelines will be applied on resource developments in visually sensitive areas.

A comprehensive set of guidelines for potential recreation developments at the lakes will be established.

# 6. Timber

The two lakes are located in the Green Area W2 Forest Management Unit in which both conferous and deciduous species are managed under sustained yield management guidelines as established in the W2 Timber Management Plan of 1986. The conferous and aspen Annual Allowable Cuts in this F/M Unit are totally committed.

All aspen north of Township 61 (which includes both lakes) is allocated to Alberta Newsprint Company Ltd. for their second line in their newsprint mill. Conferous timber around Smoke Lake is committed under the Miscellaneous Timber Use program for local use and to Mostowich Lumber Co. of Fox Creek. Harvesting is on-going around Smoke Lake by the outhout yo of active the Licences and Fermits. Some mer Licences and Fermits. Some mad shallow rooted and thus is prone to blowdown.

To maintain conifereus and deciduous timber supplies as close to current levels as possible to ensure timber developments remain viable.

To ensure a continuous supply of timber for local use.

To ensure full realization of the A.A.C. in the study area and utilization of salvage timber.

To increase the supply of timber through intensive forest management where justified from a timber standpoint and compatible with other resources.

To ensure the opportunity to manage all cutovers such that the resulting stand attains acceptable merchantable standard.

To maintain economic timber harvesting opportunities.

To protect silvicultural treatment investments,

Maintain the existing forest land base.

Identify and evaluate potential intensive forest management areas.

Encourage full wood utilization through Integration of timber operations, utilization of currently non-commercial species, and improvement of utilization standards.

Reclamation of surface disturbances should consider reforestation wherever practical.

Apply appropriate harvesting techniques as specified by the Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules.

Salvage of dead, damaged, diseased or endangered timber will occur.

Apply special operating conditions to minimize and/or mitigate the loss of silvicultural treatment areas to other land uses.

younger and thus is more windfirm.

No active timber dispositions occur

around losegun Lake

# 7. Watershed

losegun Lake is located in the losegun Plain Region and is characterized by very flat terrain and silty soils.

Erosion potential is therefore very low around losegun Lake. Smoke Lake is in the Fox Creek Benchland Region and terrain is more rolling than around losegun Lake. A Watershed Management Terrain Stratification for both lakes, based on the ecological land classification designates areas where different development conditions are necessary to minimize erosion and maintain water quality.

Smoke and losegun lakes are classed as hypereutrophic and the clarity of the water of both is constantly poor.

Often algae blooms occur in

To manage land use activities to ensure the protection of the watershed with respect to water quality, quantity and timing.

To preserve the inherent productivity of the land through soil conservation practices (IE. minimize soil erosion).

To ensure the utilization of an appropriate mix of reclamation techniques in recognition of the land's original resource capability, or enhancement thereof, and its intended land uses.

Apply special operating conditions to minimize disturbances to critical wildlife habitat.

Identify appropriate areas for the supply of timber for local use.

Buffer management guidelines will be followed to minimize erosion associated with surface disturbances and vegetation removal, particularly in close proximity to watercourses.

Detailed watershed management guidelines will be incorporated in order to protect sensitive watersheds (i.e. headwater areas, poorly drained areas and highly erodible areas).

Existing watershed management guidelines and groundrules will be applied to land use and resource development activities.

Watershed monitoring may be done in order to determine the effects of land use operations on water yield and water

late summer making the lakes light green and aesthetically unappealing.

These factors limit the desirability of the lakes for recreation development.

# 8. Wildlife

A wide range of wildlife species are located in the study area. The two lakes are important staging areas for migratory birds. There is an abundance of waterfowl including grebes, loons, goldeneye and bufflehead. A bald eagle's nest is located on losegun Lake. Black bear are predominant in the area and grizzly bears have been sighted. There is excellent moose habitat around both lakes and elk are found near Smoke Lake in the Little Smoky River valley. Fur bearers include muskrat, beaver and mink.

To maintain the numbers, distribution and diversity of regionally significant wildlife species and to increase numbers where projected demand (for both consumptive and non-consumptive uses) exceeds current populations.

quality.

Developments will be located on environmentally stable sites, to ensure watershed protection and reflect lake management plan intents.

Site specific reclamation standards will be followed to minimize soil erosion and to ensure watershed protection and reflect lake management plan intents.

Concentrate public access and facilities in order to minimize habitat loss and disturbance.

Avoid destruction of large reed beds.

Developments around known eagle and osprey nests will be minimized and if required should occur during freeze-up when the birds are absent.

Measures will be taken to minimize confligts between humans and wildlife.

by local and regional hunters. The area Moose are heavily hunted in this region R.T.A. (#1381) surrounds Smoke Lake. also has hunting seasons for deer, elk, losegun Lake (#312 and 459) and one black and grizzly bear, upland and Trapping Areas (R.T.A.) surround migratory birds. Two Registered

# 9. Archaeological Resource

which are removed from the immediate shore been shown that Smoke Lake contains sites So little is known regarding the resource survey that has been completed on these along the immediate shoreline area, and lake levels as marked by remnant beach specific areas of concern. The limited areas and likely associated with former base of these lakes that it is difficult ridge formations. None of these sites in the areas bordering the inflow and outflow locales. In addition, it has lakes has identified significant sites to be precise in the delineation of

natural) as defined in the Historical Resources Act (archaeological, palaeontological, historical, and from potential or actual impact related to future To protect and/or preserve historical resources resource developments.

To manage historical resource sites for scientific, educational, and interpretive purposes.

maintain hiding cover and thermal Timber harvest techniques should cover for wildlife, and riparian habitat.

be restricted where allowed by current Access to motorized vehicles should policy and where it is effective and practical.

possible for cavity nesting wildlife. Implement snag management where

to be of provincial significance will mechanism and preserved for future Historical resource sites considered be protected with the appropriate generations

are dated with the exception of those which correlate with the historic/contact period.

as additional background data are obtained lakes the assumption should be made that resources and that upland areas surround-It is recommended that any of the well on the distribution of sites around these for recreational development. Thus all historical resources. In some cases the potential for the presence of historical additional resources. Until such time considered to have recreation potential ing the lakes be considered as having resource potential is going to be high areas within the two planning blocks resources and should be reviewed to some potential for the discovery of drained shoreline features of these have potential for the discovery of directly coincide with areas slated lakes be considered to have high determine if resource impacts are potential for impact to historical areas around the lake which are can also be considered to have and it is likely that this will

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# 10. Forest Protection

re many components to the suppression xed and rotary with outrols. There District. A helitack crew (helicopter specialized equipment, and crew with 30 percent of the average fire season attack crews in Whitecourt Forest is in the Fox Creek District. A staging action fires in the Fox Creek District Additional helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are chartered as fire hazards hrough a system of 'Ire towers and Resources in the area are protected rapelling capabilities) spends about camp is located at Fox Creek. Air usually stationed in the Fox Creek Detection of fires is accomplished during periods of high fire hazard. detection and suppression system. system. One of the four initial Edson or Whitecourt are able to from wildfire by an established tanker groups stationed in either

No insect infestations currently occur in the area.

To protect the resources and values of forested areas from damage and destruction by wildfire.

To minimize the risk of wildfires occurring as a result of resource development, settlement and recreation.

To protect forested areas from damage and destruction by insects, disease and other agents.

To minimize any negative economic or social impacts resulting from forest disease or insect infestations.

Identify land and resource uses which could affect fire hazard or require specialized forest protection consideration.

Develop adequate fuel breaks, where necessary, to reduce fire hazard and risk (e.g. around public recreation areas and large continuous forest cover types).

Take immediate, cost effective and efficient action to control any infestation within and adjacent to the planning area.

Recommend proper stand modification to maintain the health of a managed forest stand or to prevent the building of pest problems.

# 11. Economic

and this region. They have been recognized in the most recent Fox Creek Recreation the tiwn's Economic Pivelopment Con. as having economic immefits to residents kilometers north and Smoke Lake being The Town of Fox Creek is primarily a lakes have been prominent recreational recreational facilities in this area. Ti 2,000 people. Fox Creek is located Master Plan as one of the significant ten killometers south. Both of these facilities for residents of Fox Creek resource town with a population of equidistant from losegun and Smoke ikes have also be . . . cognized ny Lakes with losegun Lake being ten and businesses in Fox Creek. The town has taken positive steps to enhance its interest in the development of the lakes. The Alberta Forest Service was requested to upgrade the day use and camping areas at the lakes, a project which was completed several years ago. Also, both lakes have some type of weir structure which controls lake layers.

To ensure that implementation of this plan maximizes economic development opportunities that will benefit the Town of Fox Creek, being the adjacent service centre.

To provide recreation and housing alternatives (country residential) for the residents of Fox Creek.

The maximum number of commercial and public use alternatives for each of the lakes should be considered.

some form of encouragement from the town or town's people. The town has also been the lead agent towards encouraging further development of the lakes through the formulation of the Lake Management Plan.

It is a continuing concern of the Town that the lakes are managed to meet the needs of local and regional residents and such that a quality environment around and in the lake is maintained.

### 4. ECOLOGICAL LANDS CLASSIFICATION

As a basis for determining the capability for additional recreation development around the lakes an ecological land classification (E.L.C.) was conducted in the summer of 1988 by the Land Information Services Division.

Ecosections were described in which land units are homogeneous with respect to the parameters of surficial material, topography, slope, soil drainage, soil texture, soil type and vegetation character. Each ecosection was then evaluated with respect to its appropriateness to sustain different recreation facilities. These facilities include buildings without basements, septic tank absorption fields, serviced campgrounds and picnic areas. Limiting factors and degree of limitation for each development type on the ecosection are identified.

For both Smoke and Iosegun Lake the E.L.C. identified that the best areas available had at least moderate limitations for the construction of recreation facilities. The range of limitations varies from moderate to severe to areas having very severe limitations.

The most prevalent limiting factors to development on Iosegun Lake are poor soil drainage and flood hazard in low areas. Smoke Lake has these same limitations however excessive slopes are also a problem.

Although there is no exceptionally good land on which to construct recreation facilities the areas of moderate limitations still provide ample development opportunity.

Detailed tables of the E.L.C. classification and a map are provided in Appendix 2.

## 5. ZONING FOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE PROTECTION

A system of zoning for recreation development and resource protection was adopted. Three zones are designated (as per Figures 2 and 3) in which recreation development may occur i.e. Zones A, B, and C. Zone A generally contains the best lands for development (as identified by the E.L.C.) with Zone C containing land with the least capability to support recreation development. Recreation development may occur in any of the three zones, however the prospective developer must be aware that to develop in Zones B and C special consideration must be given to overcome the limiting factors which exist in these areas. It is expected that developments will be more costly in these zones as a result.

Zones D and E are designated as resource protection zones and certain special natural resources and features of the lake.

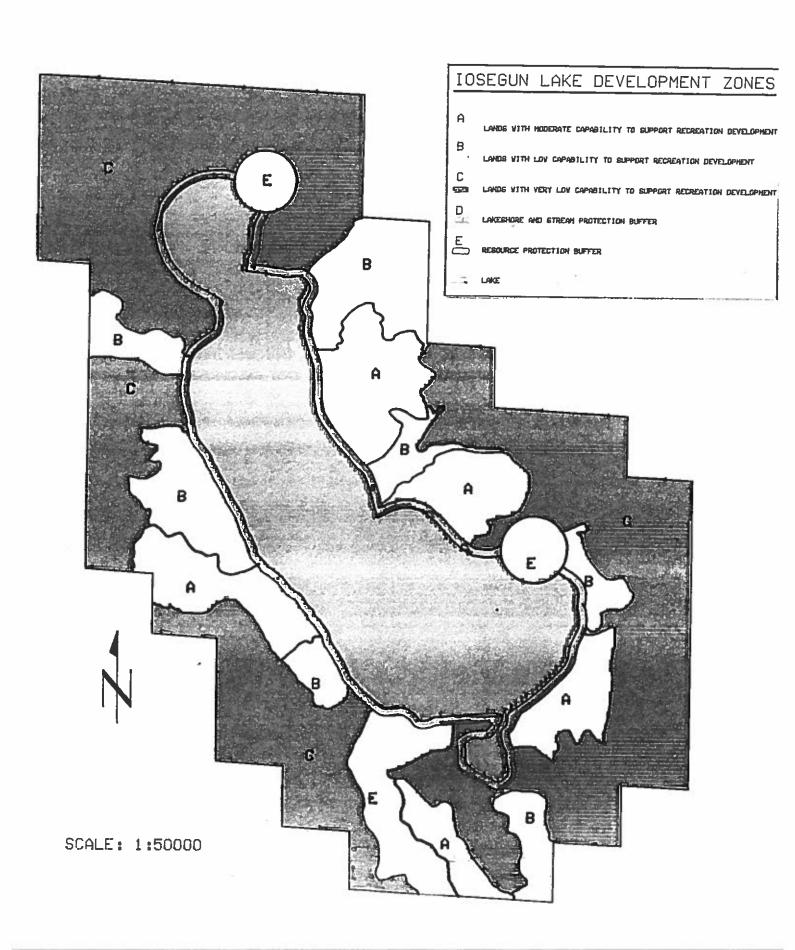
For each zone a list of "Allowed Uses" and "Discretionary Uses" has been developed to assist the approval authorities to assess applications for development of recreation facilities. "Allowed Uses" are those developments that are considered appropriate within the context of the zone. "Discretionary Uses" are activities that may be appropriate in the zone depending upon factors such as the nature of the development, infrastructure requirements, adjacent land uses, etc. Approval of these "discretionary uses" rests with the development authorities. The proponent of a "discretionary" use must show how this use may be successfully integrated in the area along with "allowed" uses. The range of uses allowed in each zone is presented in Table 2.

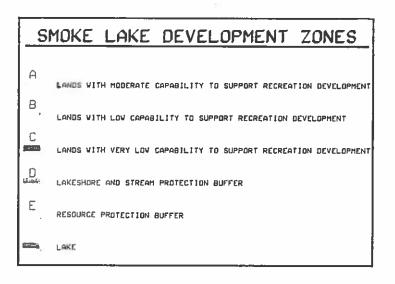
### 5.1 Zone A

The lands included in this zone are the most favorable areas to support development of recreation facilities. Limitations to development are only moderate and are due primarily to poor soil drainage and steep slopes.

TABLE 2
POSSIBLE USES FOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE PROTECTION ZONES

Resource Protection Zones	Ĺij	- none	- recreation activities of a very extensive nature allowed only i.e., hiking trails exploration, extraction as per Section 10 of this plan.
Resource Pr	D	no intensive recreation developments	- only the following are allowed with strict conditions of operation applied - day use facilities - light commercial operations only where in conjuction with developments beyond the 100-m buffer - boat launches - natural resource exploration, extraction as per Section 10 of this plan (See page 12 for further development restrictions)
	S	none	B are discretionary in Zone C.
Recreation Development Zones	В	<ul> <li>back country lodg</li> <li>day use/public</li> <li>recreation trails</li> <li>institutional camps</li> <li>walking trails</li> </ul>	- cottage subdivision - overnight campground - country residential - minor commercial operations - industrial camps - horse trails - commercial trail ride base camps - x-country ski trails - other uses considered sultable - natural resource exploration, extraction and development
	A	cottage subdivision overnight campy und day use/public recreation trails walking trails	- country residential - back country lodge - institutional camps - minor commercial operations - industrial camps - horse trails - snowmobile and A.T.V. trails - commercial trail ride base camps - x-country ski trails - other uses considered suitable - natural resource exploration extrac- tion and development activities
	Use Type	Possible	Discretionary





Refer to Section 6.0 for special development restrictions on Smake Lake due to the presence of sour gas facilities. В SCALE: 1:50000

### 5.2 Zone B

These lands generally have severe limitations for development of recreation facilities, due to very poor soil drainage. Recreation facilities can be developed on these sites, however there may be requirements for major modifications to the soil, special designs or intensive maintenance. These improvements may be difficult and costly. Development proposals must address the particular concerns that arise because of development limitations.

### 5.3 Zone C

The lands included in this zone are identified as having very severe limitations to development, primarily because of extremely poor soil drainage. The soils in these areas may not be suitable for development purposes and special techniques or measures may be required if development is pursued.

### 5.4 Zone D

This zone is identified as a buffer area around the lake shore and along the inlet and outlet streams to both lakes. The lake shore buffer extends a minimum of 100 metres from the lake shore; the stream side buffer is a minimum of 30 metres wide along each side of watercourses as identified on Phase 3 1:15,000 scale Forest Cover Type Maps.

The Crown will retain ownership of the buffer but will not develop facilities in the buffer area adjacent to cottage development. To ensure that the Crown's buffer management is acceptable to commercial development, a letter of joint agreement may be signed with the developer. As well, any activities permitted by the lake management plan and proposed by the developer will be described in this agreement.

Rationale for the 100 metre shoreline buffer is provided in Appendix 3.

### 5.5 Zone E

The areas within this zone are set aside as buffer areas around critical fish and wildlife habitat, and around historic and cultural sites on the lakes. The size of the buffer is variable depending upon the nature of the site. Developments within this zone will be restricted to recreation activities of a very low impact nature, such as hiking trails. Resource development activities will operate under strict guidelines. All applications to develop facilities in this zone will be referred to the appropriate agencies for review.

# 5.6 Resource Infrastructure Corridor

The main Licence of Occupation road leading to the north of the Town of Fox Creek and past the south east end of Iosegun Lake is paralleled by at least two major pipelines. This area is designated as a resource infrastructure corridor in which future major pipelines and other infrastructure will be directed in order to preserve the integrity of prime recreation development between this corridor and the south east end of the lake.

# 5.7 Designation of Public Recreation Use Areas

In order to ensure the availability of large areas of prime recreation capability areas for public use, one area on each lake is designated as "public use" area. On losegun Lake it is the Zone A in which the current AFS campground is located. This area is currently reserved by disposition reservation (DRS). The DRS will require amendment as it now overlaps the resource infrastructure corridor mentioned in 7.6. On Smoke Lake the public use area consists of the area held under DRS reservation, already established for Smoke Lake AFS campground.

## 6.0 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SOUR GAS

The petroleum and natural gas industry has been active for a number of years in the region. Consequently a large number of oil and gas wells (some of which contain moderate levels of  $H_2S$ ), pipelines and processing plants occur in the area.

A concern was expressed at the initiation of the plan, regarding further recreation development in the vicinity of the sour gas wells around the north east part of Smoke Lake. Discussions with the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB), confirmed there is a conflict with developing the north east part of the lake at this time due to several sour gas wells and the pipeline which delivers sour gas to the Amoco Kaybob gas processing plant.

E.R.C.B. Interim Directives ID 81-3 and 87-2 provide for minimum setback distances from facilities (wells, pipelines and processing plants) which contain significant levels of H<sub>2</sub>S. These guidelines apply to larger public recreation development or concentrated residential development as proposed for Smoke Lake. Although, according to the E.R.C.B.'s Interim Directive smaller buffers could be considered for the area if lesser density developments were allowed. Since this plan indicates that concentrated developments are only allowed, the E.R.C.B. guidelines are then adopted as absolute buffer requirements. It is acknowledged that this is a conservative approach and that this strategy extends beyond the E.R.C.B.'s recommendations. Minimum development buffers are then:

TABLE 3
SMOKE LAKE SOUR GAS FACILITIES AND ERCB GUIDELINES

	Minimum Distance to Concentrated
ERCB	Public Facility Developments
Classification	(i.e. development buffer)
4	1.5 km
3	1.5 km
2 & 3*	500m and 1.5 km
1	100m
	Classification 4 3

<sup>\*</sup>Appendix 3 provides a listing of sour gas wells by E.R.C.B. level

With various non-development buffers required for the above gas and oil facilities, essentially no recreation development will be allowed along the north east shore of Smoke Lake until the hydrogen sulphide content of the wells decreases substantially or the gas wells become inactive. Nevertheless Smoke Lake is zoned for development in the event that development may occur in the future.

Wells around Iosegun are "sweet" i.e. contain very little or no sour gas and thus development is not restricted.

As well if development does occur on the south west shore of Smoke Lake in amongst the sour oil wells, there are nuisance odours which should be assessed by the developer with respect to its impact on the marketability of any recreation development.

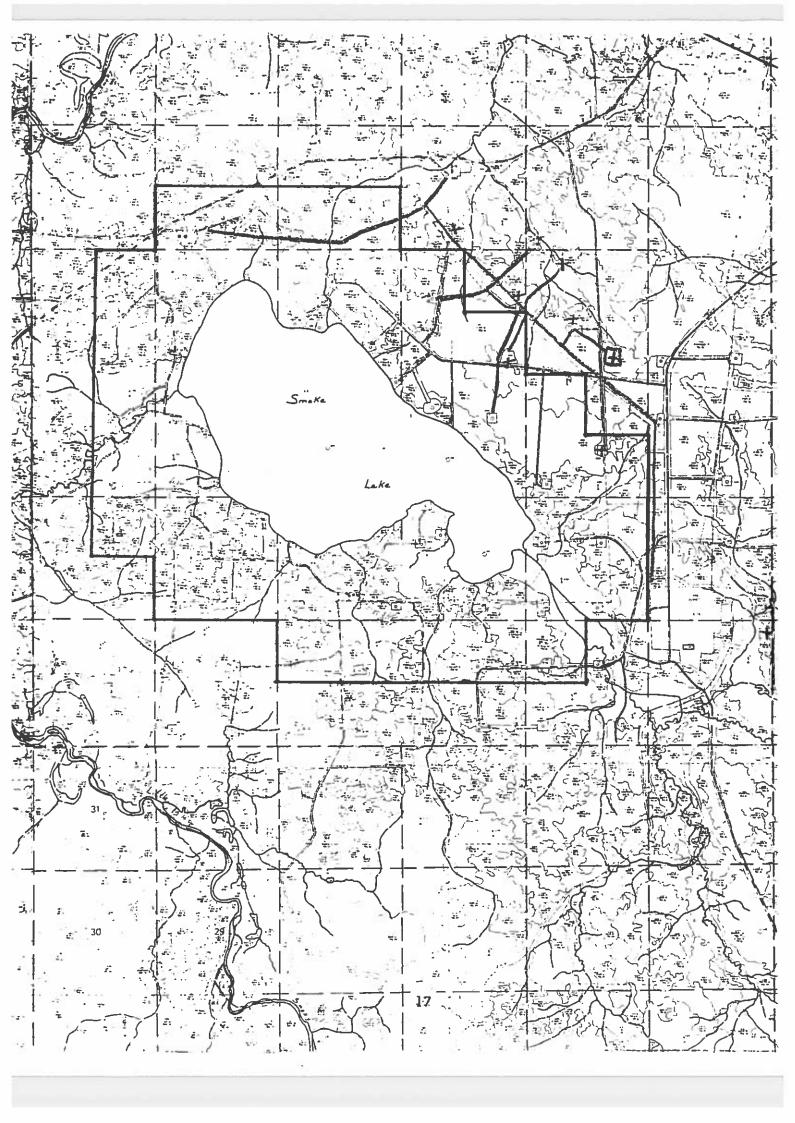
Figure 4 details the location of sour gas facilities and the development buffer on Smoke Lake.

FIGURE 4

SMOKE LAKE SOUR GAS FACILITIES AND ENERGY
RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD SET BACK
REQUIREMENTS

	ERCB LEVEL	SYMBOL
Sour Gas Well	3	+
	2	+
	1	+
Sour Oil Well	1	/
Sour Gas Pipeline	3	
Development buffer	92.	

All remaining wells in the study area are "sweet" i.e. contain no  $\ensuremath{\text{\text{H}}_2\text{S}}$ 



### 7.0 CARRYING CAPACITY

The amount of recreational development that may occur on land around the lakes is in part limited to the capacity of the lakes to carry boats for recreational use. For safety and logistical reasons there is a maximum number of boats that the lake may carry at any one time. Carrying capacity (based on guidelines developed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) should also take into account (a) the net usable area of the lake: in other words, the shallow parts of the lake are assumed not usable for most of the boating purposes; (b) an estimate of how many boats each cottage/day use/camping and/or commercial lodge unit will use and (c) what proportion of these boats will be on the lake and shoreline at the heaviest use periods.

In this conceptual framework, the boat carrying capacity of the lake determines the maximum recreation development potential on the adjoining lake shore. Unlimited recreation development will then not create a hazard from the standpoint of boating on the lake.

For the application of this formula, available information was used including local knowledge knowing that currently the main use is fishing from boats. Also it is acknowledged that future use patterns may change to include a wider variety of boat uses such as water-skiing, which may conflict with fishing use. However, this conceptual framework provides an opportunity to obtain the type of data needed to improve carrying capacity estimates in the future.

### Assumptions in deriving the allowable carrying capacity are as follows:

-each boat needs at least 4 hectares (10 acres) of usable water surface.
-each cottage, campground will or unit in a commercial lodge will have
1 boat on average for its use.

-at heaviest use periods, 75% of the boats located at each lake will actually be on the lake. (i.e. of 4 boats - 3 will be on the lake with only 1 on shore).

Carrying capacities for the two lakes are as follows:

Smoke Lake - Total gross area =  $9.6 \text{ km}^2$ 

- Net useable area = 772 hectares (84.7% of gross area) (delete areas less than 2 metres in depth)
- Maximum boat capacity = <u>772 hectares</u> = 193 4 hectares/boat
- Maximum boats and therefore recreational units developable around the lake

$$= 193 = 257 \text{ recreational units}$$
0.75

Iosegun Lake - Total gross area =  $13.4 \text{ km}^2$ 

- Net useable area = 854 hectares (68.8% of gross area)
  (Where water depth exceeds 5 feet)
- Maximum boat capacity = 854 = 214 4 hectares/boat
- Maximum boats and therefore recreational units developed around the lake =  $\frac{214}{0.75}$  = 285 units

A recreational unit is equivalent to one cottage, a campground unit, day-use unit or bedroom unit in a commercial lodge/motel.

The net carrying capacity (recreational units) available on the 2 lakes are as follows:

	Maximum Carrying capacity (rec. units)	Currently Allotted	Net Available for Allocation
Iosegun	285	71*	214
Smoke	257	51**	206

<sup>\*</sup> AFS campground - 61; Private cottages - 2: Boyscouts - 8

The carrying capacities calculated for each lake became limiting factors for recreation development on both lakes. There is ample space on lands with only moderately severe limitations (i.e. the best available) on both lakes to sustain the stated carrying capacity. The shallow shoreline and south bay on Smoke Lake and north bay on Iosegun Lake result in large deductions from the total area of the lakes.

<sup>\*\*</sup>AFS campground - 45; Private Recreation Lease - 6

### 8.0 STRATEGY FOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

Although a maximum recreation development level for the lakes is designated based on boating carrying capacity factors there are other factors which may indicate that less recreation development than maximum allowable should be attempted. The maximum allowable development may maximize economic objectives. However, a trade off with natural resource development and resource protection, environmental, wilderness and social factors may indicate that less development is more desirable.

Three development alternatives for both lakes with different levels of recreation development were devised and tested against other factors. The alternatives included:

### 8.1 Alternative #1: Minimal Development

This allows the use of only 25% of the net available recreation units on each lake or about 50 units each. These units would be used exclusively to expand the current A.F.S. campgrounds on each lake with no provision for development of private (i.e. non-profit, commercial and private recreation developments) developments.

This alternative ensures continued public access to all portions of the lake. With little additional recreation development on the lakes the potential for impacts on lake water quality and fish and wildlife resources are minimized, as are concerns about conflicts between various recreation user groups. Conflicts between recreation users and resource development and extraction activities are also minimized.

However this alternative allows no opportunities for development of non-profit, commercial or private recreation facilities on the lakes. Fewer economic benefits will accrue to the Town of Fox Creek.

# 8.2 Alternative #2 - Intermediate Level of Development

This involves the use of 50% of the net available recreation units on each lake. i.e. 107 on Iosegun Lake and 103 on Smoke Lake. Again 50 units on each lake would be used for A.F.S. campground expansion. In addition some development of private recreation facilities would be allowed.

This alternative recognizes that there may be a demand for recreation types other than public recreation facilities, and it provides an opportunity to develop a wide range of these facilities. This alternative also provides great flexibility: further development may be permitted in the future, if demand for additional facilities is warranted, and if the impacts of development on the lakes are shown to be sustainable.

Selecting this alternative will increase the angling pressure on the walleye populations, and may result in stricter regulations to control the walleye harvest. As angling pressure increases there may be perceived conflicts between the recreational and commercial fisheries. Greater numbers of people using the lakes may result in conflicts and safety concerns, for example between water skiers and fishermen. Further development and greater numbers of people around the lakes may cause loss of wildlife habitat, and there is potential for impacts on lake water quality, because of siltation, erosion and nutrient loading. Impacts with recreationists and resource extraction industries would become greater.

# 8.3 Alternative #3 - Maximum Level of Development

This allows maximum development of carrying capacity on both lakes as stated in section 9. Again 50 units on each lake would be used to expand the A.F.S. campgrounds. The majority would be available for private development.

This alternative provides the maximum opportunity for economic and recreational development at both lakes, as the widest range of recreation uses are permitted. For the Improvement District, this alternative allows for the greatest potential tax base, and provides potential economic opportunities for the Town of Fox Creek.

This alternative encourages the highest number of people and developments on the lake and thus also the highest potential for causing problems. It will place the greatest pressure on the lake walleye populations. There may be conflicts between various recreation users and between recreation users and resource extraction and development activities. There is a higher possibility for loss of wildlife habitat, and the potential for impacts on lake water quality are increased.

### 8.4 Chosen Alternative for Development

Alternative #2 - Intermediate Level of Development was selected for implementation. Little objection to this preferred alternative was put forth at the public meeting. Although there is much more developable land around both lakes than what is required to accommodate the maximum carrying capacity, it was deemed important that development proceed at a controlled, intermediate pace. This will allow Fox Creek residents, resource industries and government agencies to determine how lake development will impact their quality of life, the industrial activities in the area and the quality of the environment.

Alternative 2 provides a level of private recreation development on a scale which is indicated as reasonable to expect according to the Nichols Applied Management Report. Also, there is the possibility of allowing more recreation development on the lake at a later date if this intermediate level of development is successfully integrated with the community, industry in the area and environmental impacts are minimal.

Allocation of the existing and future development units is out ined below.

	Ex	dsting	Pre	oposed		Total	
	A11	ocation	A11	ocation		Allocation	ı
	AFS	Private	AFS	Private	AFS	Private	Total
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Iosegun	61	10	50	57	111	67	178
Smoke	45	6	50	53	95	59	154

AFS - Aberta Forest Service

Private - defined as non-profit, commercial and private recreation developments.

The types of developments that are suitable are indicated in Table 2. Appendix 4 provides details on the allocation of recreational units in the rejected alternatives.

### 9.0 RECREATION DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

As development zones and a recommended level of recreation use are proposed for recreation use on the lake, guidelines are necessary to ensure the orderly development of recreation facilities around the lakes. This is not an exhaustive list of guidelines and it is not meant to preclude processing individual development applications through the normal government referral process. However, the guidelines provide the prospective developer with guidance on how different levels of government and the public want recreational development to occur in this area. All municipal planning regulations will apply to the review and approval of development proposals. This plan does not affect current development. However, any further development must conform to the provisions of the plan. If any changes in current use are required, these changes could be implemented at the time of disposition renewal.

## 9.1 Sale of Crown Land for Recreation Development

Where a developer or individual demonstrates that sale of public land is necessary for the viability of the proposal, then sale of the land may be considered. The applicant must prove financial capability. In cases where sale of crown land is approved in principle, a lease with option to purchase may be one possible type of disposition. This type of disposition will be subject to all standard requirements governing leases with option to purchase as specified by the Department.

### 9.2 Road Use

The fact that all roads outside of the Town of Fox Creek are owned by industry in the area through Licence of Occupation creates an impediment to recreation development in the vicinity of the two lakes. Industry will only build

and maintain roads in the area to their standard of use. As well it is foreseen that if a developer obtains a road use agreement with industry to use its roads, that eventually public pressure in the subdivision may be applied to the Improvement District (I.D.) and Alberta Transportation and Utilities (A.T.&U.) to assume ownership. The I.D. and A.T. & U. are very reluctant to assume ownership of additional roads at this time due to limited budgets. Also providing access to recreation developments is a low priority in comparison with other uses for the I.D. and A.T. & U.

The Nichol's report (Iosegun and Smoke Lake Management Plan: Commercial Market Analysis - Final Report, Nichol's Applied Management, October, 1988 submitted to the Town of Fox Creek) suggests that it is not feasible for a developer to include access road costs in the development. The use of industrial roads appears then to be a necessity through road use agreements with the industrial road owner. The developer may be required to assume some road maintenance costs to repair damage caused by recreational users. Therefore the first areas to be developed for recreation will probably be those which are located closest to the best grade of industrial road.

The developer will be required to indicate in the application how it is intended to access the proposed development. If use of industrial roads is indicated, a road use agreement with the road owner must be produced prior to approval of the application.

## 9.3 Guidelines Regarding Individual Residential Units

Scattered, isolated, individual units will be discouraged and development should be concentrated in as few areas as possible to maximize the use of the land and minimize impact on resource extractive industries, wildlife and the lake shore. Individuals should join together to design and propose cottage or country residential subdivisions.

For individual or association development proposals, an outline plan for the entire area is required. This will indicate how other development in the immediate area will occur. The proposed subdivision should accommodate a minimum of 12 cottages/residences. Public access to the lake, roads, park reserves and availability of water and power should be detailed in the outline plan. Soil tests must be provided to determine the most appropriate type of footings for cottages and road construction parameters.

Cluster configurations for cottage and country residential lots are preferred. No sale of lake front lots is permitted and linear shoreline cottage development is not allowed. All cottages and residential developments must be constructed on an internal subdivision road system and may not be constructed on an LOC Road.

Where public access is required to the lake shore there may be a community boat launch and mooring facility designed into the proposal. Individual Licences of Occupation shall not be allowed in that general area for additional boat docks. Unlicenced structures will be removed under the authority of the Public Lands Act.

### 9.4 Recreation Development Parameters

## 9.4.1 Cottage and Country Residential

Cottage and country residential units differ in relation to size of lot allowed for each. It is assumed that cottages are based more on water facilities and therefore the amount of area used in cottage developments should be minimized. As well country residential developments will be restricted to beyond 300 metres of the shoreline of the two lakes. Cottage developments are allowed beyond the 100 metre shoreline buffer.

- cottage lot sizes may range from 0.5 to 2.0 acres
- The Improvement District Land Use Order now allows country residential lots to range from 7 to 10 acres. However to minimize the size of the area used and impacts on resource extractive industries, a range of 2 acres to 5 acres for country residential lots will be used for this plan.

Lot size may vary within the range based on demonstrated need.

The minimum building (cottage) size for a recreational development shall

be 500 square feet, and for a country residence shall be 800 square feet.

Developments must be of at least minimum standards according to the Alberta Building Code, and gas, electrical wiring and plumbing must be approved by Alberta Labour.

Required set backs for cottages shall be:

- a. along the internal road 25 feet from the property line
- b. side yard setback 10% of lot width to a minimum of 10 feet
- c. rear yard setback 25 feet.

Refer to the Improvement District 16 Land Use Order for required setbacks for other developments.

Sewage must be stored in holding tanks and disposed of in an approved sewage lagoon. Septic fields are not permissible.

### 9.4.2 Commercial Sales Developments in the Study Area

Commercial sales developments shall be limited to uses associated with recreational developments, such as boat rentals, campground and marina supplies, and may include confectionery stores providing minor retail sales of a maximum floor area of 500 square feet.

## 9.4.3 Infrastructure for the Development

The developer will be responsible for providing the infrastructure required to service any proposed recreational development including power and roads.

Roads shall be of an all weather condition to a standard satisfactory to Alberta Transportation. Recommended internal roadway widths should be a minimum 7 metre top. All approaches shall be built to Transportation standards.

### 9.4.4 Steps in Applying for a Recreation Development

Applications are submitted to Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife. This department provides approval if warranted, however applications are referred to the Improvement District for the purpose of issuing the development permit. The Improvement District will change the zoning of the land around both lakes automatically to reflect the intense recreation designation with the adoption of this plan.

The following steps with the Improvement District must be followed by developers wishing to develop a recreational subdivision:

- Information required in this application includes proposed development plan showing lots, roads and buffers, and other information as required by the municipality.
- 2. Subdivision approval.
- 3. Development permit.

Upon subdivision, required reserves will be 10% of the total area to be subdivided. This area can be in the form of a Municipal Reserve, cash-in-lieu (based on market value of the land), or deferred to the balance of the quarter section.

It is strongly recommended that the developer consult with the Environmental Assessment Division of Alberta Environment upon applying for a development permit to obtain information on the natural characteristics of the lake.

When plans or applications for development of the area are proceeding the E.R.C.B. should be contacted for determination of the location of energy facilities, sour gas levels and appropriate setbacks. The energy industry is very dynamic and therefore there may be changes in these factors by the time development is imminent.

## 10.0 DETAILED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION GUIDELINES

Resource management and protection guidelines are necessary to integrate intensive recreation development in an area which has long been used for resource extraction. Also, there are natural features which require special protection. These guidelines do not supercede but are complementary to established policies and guidelines. They are intended to assist field staff in the review and approval of resources exploration and development applications.

### 10.1 Fisheries

On the north east shore of Smoke Lake the critical walleye spawning habitat shall be protected by a 200 metre land buffer. Recreation developments are prohibited. Resource development proposals for oil and gas exploration and development and timber extraction may occur subject to approval by a habitat biologist. Land use activities shall be conducted in a manner which prevents siltation of the spawning area.

A 200 metre buffer on each side of Fox Creek and its associated tributary on Iosegun Lake protects another important walleye spawning area. Again all recreation developments are prohibited and resource extraction and development proposals are subject to approval by a habitat biologist. Crossings will be directed away from this area and any unavoidable crossings will require complete stream habitat restoration.

All stream crossings should be constructed and reclaimed within a strict time frame that will protect spring spawners, (i.e. no operations between April 1 and July 15). Any disturbed soils or vegetation must be reclaimed within one growing season.

Destruction of shoreline emergent and submergent vegetation shall be minimized for recreation development in order to preserve fish and waterfowl habitat. This will be accomplished by limiting the size of beach and/or dock development associated with private and commercial facilities. Where clearing is approved only mechanical means (and not herbicides) shall be employed as directed by a habitat biologist.

## 10.2 Grazing

Unimproved and improved grazing are prohibited uses within the study areas due to the very low capability for grazing in the area and the potential for conflicts between grazing and recreational developments. Forage grasses in the area are totally committed to wildlife production.

### 10.3 Minerals

Standard operating conditions will apply to oil and gas exploration and development occurring in the study areas. However hand cut lines should be used in the buffer areas. Once development for recreation occurs Petroleum and Natural Gas applications must take in account the development and will be subject to ERCB development regulations.

Sand and gravel extraction will not be permitted within the buffer areas (Zone D and E). Applications for other areas will be reviewed on their own merits.

### 10.4 Timber

Timber harvesting operations will be conducted in a manner which preserves the aesthetics of the area in recognition of its recreation potential and to minimize the siltation of the lake and hence important fish spawning habitat. The Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules shall apply in timber operations around the lakes.

However, special considerations are required in the study area in recognition of the aesthetics and unique timber types in the area. The 3-pass (or 3-cut) system and small and irregular shaped cut blocks will be used to preserve aesthetics and where the timber is determined to be windfirm. As well roadside buffers may be used and the 100 metre lakeshore buffer will be left natural where the timber is windfirm.

Where it is recognized that timber in proposed buffers is not windfirm some form of buffer management will be employed with the objectives of assuring human and property safety and establishing a windfirm and aesthetic buffer as soon as possible.

### 10.5 Watershed

Recreation development design and construction and resource exploration and development must occur in a manner which minimizes the potential for soil erosion and water siltation. To identify the potential for soil erosion in the study area, a Watershed Management Terrain Stratification was conducted by the Alberta Forest Service. The terrain stratification is based on an interpretation of information provided in the Ecological Land Classification Ecosection Map. The product is a map (appended to this plan) for each lake that assigns Low, Moderate and High sensitivity ratings to ecosections.

The ratings are determined by the criteria of slope, material stability, watersource area characteristics and presence of organics. Appendix 5 provides the detailed system plus the ranking of each ecosection.

Proposals for recreation developments and resource extraction must be aware of the ratings for each ecosection and adopt necessary procedures to minimize erosion.

LOW rated areas normally require normal operating groundrules, guidelines and conditions.

MODERATE rated areas generally require further ground investigation because of potential problem areas. Specific operational limitations/restrictions may be required.

HIGH rated areas require ground investigation, detailed planning and definite limitations/restrictions regarding: type and intensity of development, season of operation, type of equipment, etc.

### 10.6 WILDLIFE

A 200 metre "sphere of interest" buffer shall be maintained around the bald eagle nest on Iosegun lake. Within this buffer only very extensive developments shall be allowed (such as walking trails) subject to approval and conditions of habitat biologist.

A 100 metre radius buffer (in which vegetation will be left unaltered) shall be maintained around mineral licks. Harvest planning should try to incorporate mineral licks in permanent reserves.

Snag management will be applied subject to Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Rollback will be applied to access routes where it is deemed practical and effective in order to minimize harrassment of wildlife.

Trapping is a legitimate activity within the planning area.

Trappers must be notified in writing of any proposal for development of recreation facilities, including a map and a development schedule.

### 10.7 Archaeological Resource

Resource uses in the planning area involving land surface disturbance may require Historical Resources Impact Assessments prior to development occurring, as outlined under Section 33(2) of the Historical Resources Act.

The Archaeological Survey of Alberta, Resource Management Section will participate in the land use referral process, to review proposed development projects within 400 metres of the lake shore.

Protective notations should be established and maintained to properly protect important sites.

### 10.8 Forest Protection

All proposed development will require a fire control plan which should address:

Road system - It should include good access for inhabitants and emergency fire equipment (including no dead end roads).

Water availability - Reliable water sources that are accessible to water trucks should be identified.

Forest fuels - A minimum of 10 metres of mostly cleared area shall occur around buildings for fire breaks. Other fuel modification for fire protection may be required.

Solid waste disposal - Garbage shall not be burned on site. All garbage may be temporarily stored in bear-proof containers but must be taken to an approved landfill site.

Fire permits other than for cooking and heating are required in the Forest Protection Area during the fire season.

# 11.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

The Alberta Forest Service will be the prime agency in the implementation of this lake management plan. Nevertheless several other government agencies are involved in the referral and approval of recreation developments and resource exploration and development applications.

The entire plan study area will be placed under a consultative notation held by the Alberta Forest Service. The notation will refer to the Lake Management Plan for specific direction in approving applications.

AFS recreational surveys on the two lakes should include measurement of parameters used in calculating carrying capacity in order to verify and refine the assumptions used in this plan. The first revision of this management plan should include this improved data.

### REFERENCES

### APPENDIX SECTION

### APPENDIX 1

### TERMS OF REFERENCE - ISSUES

A listing of management issues included in the approved Terms of Reference are as follows:

### **ISSUES:**

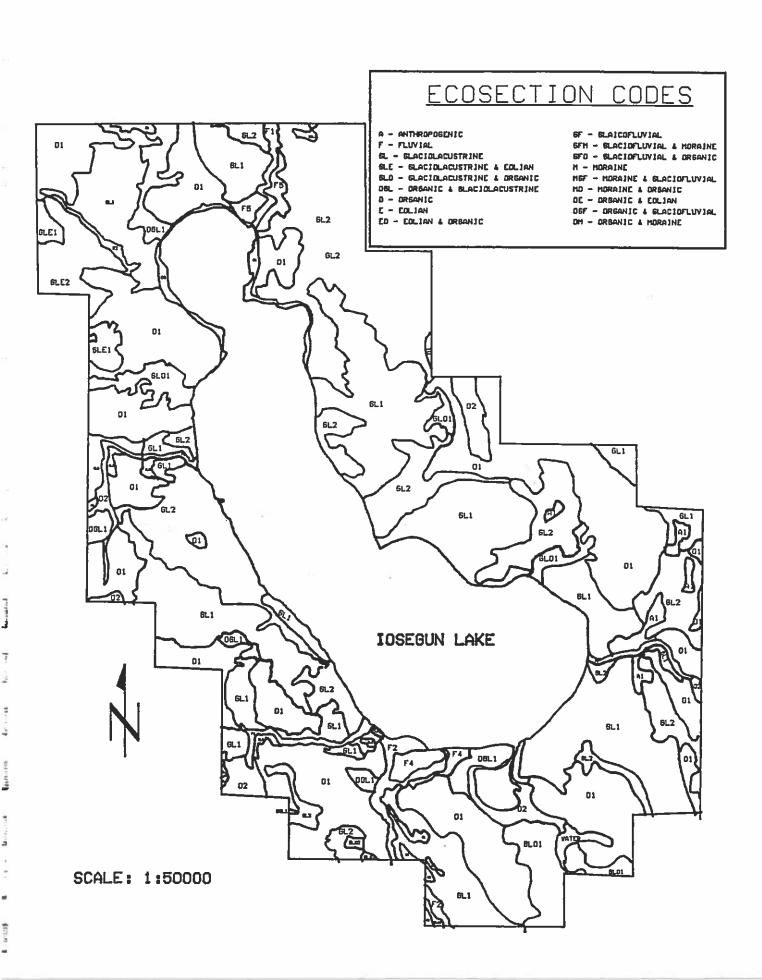
- Increases in industrial and recreational activity may impact air quality and water quality/quantity. These impacts may result in conflicts between users.
- 2. There are concerns about environmental protection in the plan area, relating to increasing industrial and resource development and future recreation developments. Of particular concern is conservation and protection of the lake shoreline and other areas of high recreation, environmental or aesthetic values.
- 3. Site locations of lake shore developments should consider the natural full supply levels of the lakes.
- Present recreation sites are receiving over-use on long weekends.
- 5. There is a need to ensure that public access to the lakes will be maintained.
- 6. There is a perceived demand for private and commercial recreation facilities (eg. cottage subdivisions).
- 7. There are concerns as to the viability of private and commercial recreation facilities, related to the site (site capability, water suitability, etc.) and related to the market for cottage lots.

- 8. Increasing recreation use raises the possibility of increased forest fire hazard.
- Important historical and cultural resources on the lakes may be impacted by further resource and recreation development.
- 10. Increased recreational use of these lakes may negatively impact fish and wildlife populations.
- 11. Increased demand for angling opportunities may conflict with commercial fisheries on both lakes.
- 12. Walleye spawning areas are critical and increased recreation use may negatively impact walleye populations.
- 13. Increased recreation use may cause conflicts between fisheries resource users and other recreational resource users.
- 14. There is concern about who will be responsible (ie. government agencies or the developer) for providing and maintaining the infrastructure that will be required to support recreational developments on the lakes.
- 15. There is a need for recreational developments to meet standards, guidelines and requirements of the various agencies on the planning team, eg. design and construction standards of roads, need for dispositions, property setback and lot size standards, etc.
- 16. There is concern that expanded development opportunities on Iosegun and Smoke Lakes may result in increased pressure for public land use and purchases.

- 17. At the implementation stage of the plan the roles of the various government agencies need to be clarified, i.e. responsibility for administration, enforcement, monitoring, etc.
- 18. Demographic characteristics of the region are changing, primarily due to industrial development and expansion.
- 19. There is concern about danger of sour gas to public safety at future recreation developments.
- 20. Timber resources in the Forest Management Unit in which these two lakes are situated are fully committed to the forest industry.
- 21. The oil and gas industry is very active in this area and this industry wishes to continue exploration in the area.

### APPENDIX 2

# ECOLOGICAL LAND CLASSIFICATION FOR SMOKE AND IOSEGUN LAKES



# ECOSECTION CODES

4 - ANTHROPOBENIC

3 - FLUVIAL

R - BLACIOLACUSTRINE

LE - GLACIOLACUSTRINE & EOLIAN
SLD - GLACIOLACUSTRINE & ORGANIC
SL - ORGANIC & GLACIOLACUSTRINE

I- ORBANIC

F- COLIAN

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OF - GLASCOFLUVIAL

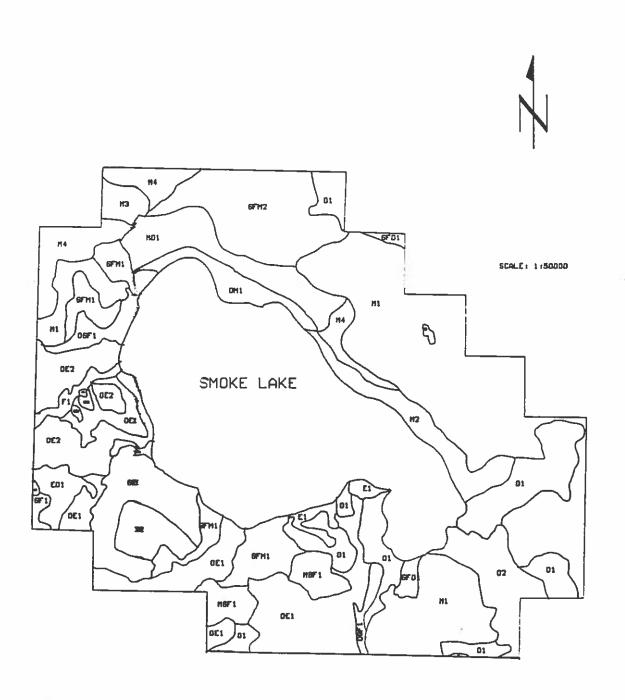
OFM - GLACIOFLUVIAL & MORAINE OFO - GLACIOFLUVIAL & ORBANIC

H - HORAINE

MBF - MORAINE & BLACIOFLUVIAL MO - MORAINE & ORBANIC OE - ORBANIC & EDLIAN

DOF - DREANIC & SLACIOFLUVIAL

OM - ORBANIC & MORAJNE



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		Permeability		Slow		Moderate to	Slow	Slor
		Subsurface Texture		Silty clay Slow to clay		Silt loam to silty clay	Silt loam to silty clay	Silt loam to silty clay
۲		Surface Texture		Silt losm to losm		Silt loam to loamy sand	Silt loam to loamy sand	Silt loam to loamy sand
Biophysical Parameters		Orafrage		Imperfectly Silt loam to poorly to loam		Imperfectly to moder- ately well	Poorly to Silt loam imperfectly to loamy sand	Poorly to Silt loam imperfectly to loamy sand
Biophys		Slope (%)		9 5		ş	2 -0	6
		Solls		Variable		Gleyed Cumlic Regosol; Orthic Regosol; Rego Gleysol	Rego Gleysols; Gleyed Cumlic Regosols	Rego Gleysols; Gleyed Cumlic Regosols
	-	Landform and Surficial Materials	4	Disturbed areas because of oil and gas activities.		Medium to coarse textured fluvial channel deposits; level to undulating floodplain and short valley slopes of Outlet Creek.	Undulating medium to coarse textured fluvial channel deposits on floodplain of inlet creeks in southern part of lake; occasional short, steep valley slopes.	Undulating medium to coarse textured fluvial channel deposits and narrow floodplain of small inlet stream flowing from Raspberry Lake and short inlet stream on west shore of losegum Lake.
	Ш	Veyetation	DDC.	Variable, non-forestxi.		Small stands of closed deciduous and mixedwood forest with areas of willow shrubland and sedge meadows.	Willow shrubland with small stands of closed deciduous ind mixedwood forest and sedge means.	Willow shrubland and sedge wetland with occasional small stands of deciduous forest.
		Ecosection/ Ecosite	ANTHOPOGEOGC	<b>a</b>	FLIWIAL	Ľ.	22	E.

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		Picnic Areas	N/A	Severe (F, M)	Severe (W, F)	Severe (Y, F)	
uations		Serviced Campgrounds	N/A	Severe (F, W)	Severe (F, H)	Severe (F, W)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	ΥA	Very Severe (F, W)	Very Severe (F, W)	Very Severe (F, W)	
	Bud I dinas	without	ΑΆ	Very Severe (F, ¥)	Very Severe (F, W)	Very Severe (F, W)	
	<u></u>	Flood Hazard	None	Frequent	Fire- quent	Fre- quent	
	Odense i s	Frost	High	High	H P	5 ¥	
nved)	1	Swell Swell Potential	<b>5</b> 5H	H.G.	H 9	ž	
ters (conti		Staniness Class	1	0	0	0	
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	0	9	
Bfap		Mater	Vari- able	8 2	8	\$ \$	
	Depth to (cm)	Impermedate Layer	>180	2180	081 <b>&lt;</b>	Net.	
	ă	Bedrock	. 180	2180	091.	°180	
	1	Ecosection/ Ecosite	8	Œ	ß	E	

Key to Limitation Factors (indicated in brackets under Landscape Evalua-tions)

B - Shallow bedrock
F - Flood hazard
H - Potential frost action
P - Low permeability
R - Mockiness
S - High shrink-swell potential
I - Topography
W - Poor soil drainage
X - Excessive soil permeability

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			Permeability	ā		anguage.	*		ð	
	_		Subsurface Texture	Sand Rapid		Sandy clay mod	Hity clay Slow	to clay	Silty clay Slow to clay	
			Surface Surface Texture	Sandy Joan St		Silt loam Si	_	to loam	to loam	
Blophysical Parameters		8	Drafnage		to poorly	Poorly	- Imorfort lv	to poorly	Poorly to Imperfectly	
Biophysi			Slope (£)	+	3	٩ ٤	ي ا	j	9	
			Solls	ě.	Gleyed Humic Regasol; Orchic Humic Gleysol	Orthic Humic Gleysol		Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Gleyed Solometzic Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols	Orthic Humic Gleysols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols; Gleyed Gray Luvisols.	
			Landform and Surficial Materials		Undulating to level coarse fluvial overbank deposits adjacent to larger inlet stream channel in southern part of loseyun take.	Level medium textured fluvial veneers over fine textured glaciolacistrine deposits adjacent to head of Outlet Creek.		Undulating to level, fine tex- tured glaciolacustrine deposits; inclusions of glaciolacustrine veneers over moraine in southeast	part of project area.  Level to undulating, fine textured glaciolacustrine deposits with inclusions of shallow organic deposits over glaciolacustrine material.	
			Variation		Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest with small are is of willow shrubland.	Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest with patches civillow shrubland.	STRINE	Closed mature deciduous and mixedwood forest; mature white birch stands common.	Closed meture deciduous and mixed-wood forest; inclusions of willow shrubland and sedge meadows.	
			Ecosect lon/	בכספורה	F	<b>ξ</b>	a ACTO ACIONALINE	3	975	_

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	¥ 4.	Picnic	Moderate (W, F)	Severe (W, F)	Moderate (W)	Severe (H)	
uations	_	Serviced	Severe (H, F)	Severe (¥, F)	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Seere (x, F)	Very Severe (W, F)	हु <u>(</u> इ)	Very Severe (W)	
	Bud 14 terri	without Basements	Severe (F, W)	Severe (F, W)	Moderate (W)	Severa (H)	
		Flood	Occa- sional	Occa- sional	None	Fore	
	1	Frost	Moderate	Moderate	<del>5</del>	H.	
ned)		Swell Swell Potential	Moderate	Moderate	Ę,	High	10
ers (contin		Surface Stoniness Class	0	0	-		
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	9	0	0	0	
Biaph		later	33	. 05	>120	\$	
	Depth to (cm)	Impermeable Layer	7180	08.	usts		=
	8	Bedrack	×180	V180	7180	081.	
	<u></u>	Ecosite	4	Æ	19	62	

Key to Limitation Factors (Indicated in brackets under Landscape Evaluations)

8 - Shallow bedrock
F - Flood hazand
H - Potential frost action
P - Low permeability
R - Rockiness
S - High shrink-swell potential
T - Topography
W - Poor soil drainage
X - Excessive soil permeability

# IOSEGUM LAKESHORE

				Biophysi	Biomivsical Parameters	r		
				- Gurton a				
Ecosection, Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	Softs	Slape (\$)	Orainage	Surface Texture	Subsurface	Permeability
avciave	BACICLACISTRUE NO ELLIM							
(35)	Closed deciduous, conferous and mixeducod forest.	Undulating fine textured glacio- lacustrine deposits with inclusions of thin coarse colian veneers over glaciolacustrine sediments.	Gleyed Gray and Brunisolic Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysol	2	Imperfectly to poorly	Silt loam to loam; sand to loamy sand	Silty clay to clay	S104
230	Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest; inclusions of willow shrubland and sedge meadows.	Undulating to level fine textured glaciolacustrine deposits with inclusions of thin coarse colian veneers over glaciolacustrine sediments.	Ortnic Humic Gleysols; Ortnic Luvic Gleysols; Gleyed Gray Luvisols	ب د	Poorly to imperfectly	Silt loam to loam; sand to loamy sand	Silty clay to clay	Slow
GLU1	GLOSTRUKE NO ORCANIC GLOST Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest; willow shrubland; black spruce-tamerack fens.	Complex of undulating to level fine textured glacioladustrine deposits and shallow organic veneers over glacioladustrine	Orthic Humic Gleysols; peaty Orthic Gleysols; Terric Mesisols	۶ ۲	Poorly to very poorly	Silty loam to loam and mesic organics	Silty clay to clay	Slore
, <u>.</u>		deposits.						

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	1855	Picatc Areas	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)	Severe (W)	
uations		Serviced	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)	Severe (W)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe	
		without Basements	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)	Severe (X)	
		Flood Hazard	Nove	None	e S	
080		Frost	Н	None	£	
ed)		Shrink- Swell Potential	55 H	<del>5</del>	£	TC
irs (continu		Surface Stortness Class	1	<b>5</b> 6	-	
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	Э	o	0	
Blaphy		Water Table	>120	<b>450</b>	<b>សុខ</b>	
	Depth to (cm)	Impermeable Layer	)BIX	2180	091,	
	8	Bedrack	V180	0914	>180	
		Ecosect lon/ Ecos ite	130	Q.E.2	<b>G</b> 0)	

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F - Flood Mazard
H - Putential front action
P - Low permeability
R - Rockiness
S - High shrink-swell potential
I - Topography (steep slopes)
W - Poor soil drainage
X - Excessive soil permeability

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Ecosection/ Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	\$1 los	Slape (%)	Dratnege	Surface Texture	Subsurface Texture	Permeab111ty
ממיז ממיז	USLI Willow shrubland; black spruce-tamerack fens; closed deciduous and mixedwood forest.	Complex of level to undulating, shallow organic veneers over fine textured glacifolacustrine deposits and fine textured glacifolacustrine deposits.	Terric Mesisols; peaty Orthic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols	۳ ط	Very poorly to poorly	Meste oryanics and silty loam to loam	Silty clay to clay	Sign
010	Black spruce-tamerack fen; willow shrubland.	Level to depressional deep organic deposits to organic versers and blankets over fine textured glaciolacustrine deposits.	Typic Mesisols; Terric Mesisols; occasional Urthic Numic Gley- sols; peaty Urthic Gleysols	ڊ -ع	Very poorly Mestc	Mesic	Silty clay Slow to clay	Slow
8	Willow shrubland; sedge wetland; tamerack fen.	Lewil deep organic (eposit,	Typic Fibrisol	0-0.5	0-0,5 Very poorly Fibric	Fibric	Mesic to Fibric organics	Slow
8	Emergent and floating aquatic vegetation.	Floating organic mets along periphery of lake and small ponds and open water.	Non-soil	0	Very poorly Fibric	Fibric	N/A	N/A

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		Picnic Areas	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (M)	Very Severe (¥)	Very Severe (H, F)
uations		Serviced	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (v)	Very Severe (W, F)
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Yery Severe (w, F)
	But Idings	without Basements	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (H)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W, F)
		Flood Hazard	Nove	None	None	Fre- quent
	Doesn't (a)	Frost	£.	N/A	N/A	N/A
(pa	1	See!! Potential	5. H	N/A	NA	N/A
irs (continu		Surrace Stoniness Class	pind	0	Э	Ð
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	9	0
Biophy		later Table	\$	£	ŝ	< 10
	Depth to (cm)	Impermeable Layer	×180	091*	ORIx	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
	ă	Bedrock	×180	× 180	ORIX	ORI «
		Ecosection/ Ecosite	1790	ಕ	8	8

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			i.	Big	Biophysical Parameters	reters		
Ecosection Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	Solls	Slope (1)	Oralneye	Surface Texture	Subsurface Fecture	Permeability
EO. LAN	Closed deciduous fore it with small areas of conferous forest.	Sundued ridges of eolian sand deposits with inclusions of organic veneers over eolian sand.	Gleyed Eluviated Dystric Brunisols; Orthic Humic Gleysols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	0-30	Imperfectly to poorly	Sard (occasion) mesic organics)	Sard	Rapid
EDL LANK A	EDL LM AD ORGANIC  EDL Closed deciduous and conferous forest and open pine stands.	Gently rolling to humrocky eolian sand deposits with scattered organic veneers in depressions.	Eluviated Dystric Brunisol; peaty Orthic Gleysols; Urthic Luvic Gleysols	3-30	Well to poorly	Sand and mestic organics	Sand	Rapid
PUVIL P	Willow shrubland with occasional small stands of mixed-rood and deciduous forest.	Unvilating coarse to medium tex- tured fluvial charmel deposits on floodplain and terraces of outlet creek; includes short, steep valley slopes.	Gleyed Cumilc Regosols; Rego Gleysols	3- y (16-30 on short slopes)	imperfectly Loamy sand to poorly to sand	Loamy sand to sand	Combly silty clay to combly silt loam	Moderate
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		Picnic Areas	Moderate (W, T, Y)	Moderate (T, Y)	Moderate (W. F)	
uations		Serviced Campgrounds	Moderate (x, T, Y)	Moderate (I, Y)	Moderate (W, F)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Severe (W, X)	Moderate (T)	8. E.	G.
	P. tilding	without	Moderate (W, T)	Moderate (T)	Severe (W, F)	
	¥1	Flood Hazard	None	None	Occa- s fonal	
,!!		Frost	, M	وا	Moderate	
(pen	1	Seel 1 Seel 1 Potential	Lov	Š	Moderate	9)
ters (contin		Surface Storiness Class	p	0	9	πi
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	•	0	,
Blaph		Nater Table	120	7180	6 J-80	
	Depth to (om)	Impermeable Layer	>180	(181)	OH! c	
	ŏ	Bedrock	×180	×180	2180	
	J	Ecosection Ecosite	ಡ	ia	Œ	

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Y - Sandy surface soil texture

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	4			Biophys	Biophysical Parameters			
		4						
Ecosection/ Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	Solls	Slope	Drainage	Surface Texture	Subsurface Texture	Permeability
GACIORUNIA	YIA							
5	Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest.	Undulating to gently rolling deep glaciofluvial sand deposits and occasional glaciofluvial sand veneers over fine textured moralne on upper slopes.	Eluviated Dystric Brunisols; Orthic Gray Luvisols	٠ و	Well to moderately well	pues	Sand and slity clay to clay	Rapid Digital
25	Closed deciduous and inveduood forest.	Coarse textured glaciofluvial veneers over fine textured moraine on yently rolling mid to lower slopes.	Orthic Gray Luvisols; Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	3-15	Moderately well to poorly	Sand to loamy sand	Silty clay to clay	Slow
8	Closed deciduous and inhadwood forest.	Undulating to gently rolling coarse glaciofluvial weneers over fine textured moraine on lower slopes.	Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	6	Imperfectly to poorly	Sand to loamy sand	Silty clay Slow to clay	Slor

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		Picnic	Moderate (Y)	Moderate (W. T. Y)	Severe (H)	
uations		Serviced	Moderate (Y)	Moderate (W, T, Y)	Severe (W)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	None	Severe (W)	Very Severe	7
	Buildings	without	Nove	Moderate (W, T)	88 (H)	
		Flood Hazard	None	None	None	
		Frost Action	Š	H49	<del>5</del>	
ed)	1	Shell Seell Potential	ģ	5	5 <del>E</del>	
ers (contin		Surface Stoniness Class	0	0	0	6.
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	9	
Blophy		Mater	,18U	7180	121 131	
	Depth to (cm)	Impermeable	USI! <	× 180	UBIC	
		Bedrock	USIX	SH.	2180	
	•	Ecosection	5	25	8	

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P - Low permeability
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S - High shrink-swel potential
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W - Poor soil drainage
X - Excessive soil permeability
Y - Sanny surface soil texture

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				Blophys	Biophysical Parameters	ی		
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Ecosection/ Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	50115	Slape (1)	Orainaye	Surface Texture	Subsurface Texture	Permeability
a.Actoru	GLACIOPLIVIAL MO MORAINE				À			
GPA	Closed deciduous and it wedwood forest.	Coarse textured glaciofluvial veneers over fine textured moraine with occasional fine textured morainal deposits on undulating to	Orthic Luvic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols; Gleyed Gray Luvisols	3-15	Poorly to imperfectly	Sand to sandy loam	Silty clay to clay	000
		gently rolling mid to lower slopes.						
( <del>3</del> )	Closed deciduous and mixedwood forest with small inclusions of willow shrubland.	Gently nolling to undulating coarse glaciofluvial veneers over fine textured moraine with occasional fine textured morainal deposits north of Smoke Lake.	Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	1-15	Imperfectly to poorly	Sand to cobbly stilt loam	Stifty clay to clay	801S
<b>E</b>	Closed conferus and mixedwood forest with small inclusions of willow shoubland.	Undulating to gently rolling coarse textured glaciofluvial veners over fine textured moraine, and organic veneers over coarse glaciofluvial deposits on lover slopes and depressional areas.	Orthic Luvic Gleysol; peaty Orthic Gleysol; Urthic Humic Gleysol	~ ~	Poorly	Sand to cobbly stit loam and humic organics	Clay to sand to coobly \$11t loam	S) O#
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		Plonic Areas	Severe (W)	Sevene (H)	Severe (W)	
uations	U.	Serviced Camprounds	Severe (H)	& 8 € € €	Severe (N)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	
		Bus idings without Basements	E (E)	Severe (W)	Severe (W)	
		Flood Hazard	None	None	None	
	×	Potential Frost Action	<del>6</del>	5	H.	W.
(par		Shrink- Swell Potential	5 E	£.	H19	
ers (contin		Surface Stoniness Class	0	Э	0	
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	9	
Bitaphy		later fable	\$ <del>2</del>	<u> </u>	कुड	
	Depth to (an)	Impermeable Layer	180	0814		
	ă	Bedrock	081.	180	,18U	
	•	Ecosect lay	£5	GP-R	GPU!	

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			Biophyst	Biophysical Parameters	× -		
1	sadform and Corefletal Materials	<u> </u>	Slope	Urafrage	Surface	Subsurface Texture	Permeability
			;				
Undul textu	Undulating to gently rolling fine 0 textured morainal deposits on 6 upper slopes.	Orthic Gray Luvisols; Gleyed Gray Luvisols	1-15	Moderately well to imperfectly	Sandy loam Clay to to silt silty clay loam	Clay to silty clay	Soc
Undul fine on lo north	Undulating to gently rolling fine textured morainal deposits on lower slope of Smoke Lake's north shore.	Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols; Orthic Gray Luvisols	1-9	Imperfectly Sandy loam Clay to to moder- to silt silty clately well loam	Sandy loam to silt loam	Clay to silty clay	Slow
Undula textur upper	Unculating to gently rolling fine 6 textured morainal deposits on upper and mid slopes.	Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Gray Luvisols	I- 9	imperfectly to moder- ately well	Silt loam to sandy loam	Clay to silty clay	Slow
Undula texturand	Undulating to gently rolling fine G textured moralnal deposits on mid and lower slopes.	Gleyed Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	۳ ب	inperfectly to poorly	Silt loam to sandy loam	Clay to silty clay	Slow
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Key to limitation factors (indicated	in brackets under Landscape Evalua- tions)	B - Shallow bedrock F - Flood hazard	R - Rockings R - Rockiness S - High strink-swell potential	<ul> <li>I - Iopoyraphy (steep slopes)</li> <li>W - Poor soil drainage</li> <li>X - Excessive soil permeability</li> <li>Y - Sandy surface soil texture</li> </ul>	\$,				
			Planic Areas	Moderate (W. T)	Moderate to Severe (W)	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)	***	
	uations		Serviced Campyrounds	Moderate (M, T)	Moderate to Severe (W)	Moderate (W)	Severe (W)		
	Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Severe (W)	Severe to Very Severe (W)	Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)		
		:	Buildings without Basements	Moderate (W, T)	Moderate to Severe (W)	Moderate (W)	Severe (H)		38
			Flood Hazard	None	None	None	None		
			Potential Frost Action	High	High	High	H.Q.		
	ued)		Shrink- Swell Potential	H.G	Нф	Нф	High		
	ers (contin		Surface Stoniness Class	0	0	0	0		
	Biophysical Parameters (continued)	ं	Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	9	9		
	Blaphy	2	Aater Fable	×180	क्ष ध्रं	2,180	8 3		
		Depth to (cm)	Impermeable Layer	\sir	>180	7180	>180		
			Bedrock	ORI.«	×180	>180	180		
			Ecosection/ Ecosite	도	<u>ک</u>	2	£		

This ecosection includes the present Smoke Lake recreation area. Suitable expansion of buildings, campgrounds and picnic areas can occur especially in microsites where drainage in moderately well. A detailed ground investigation is necessary to locate these drier sites. \* Note:

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Ecosection/ Ecosite MCAINE A	Vegetation Vegetation Vegetation  MINAINE AND GLACIGNLUNIAL  MGF1 Closed deciduous and Hixedwood forest.	Landform and Surficial Materials  Landform and Surficial Materials  Gently rolling fine textured  morainal deposits on upper slopes and coarse glaciofluvial wereers over fine textured moraine on	Soils Orthic Gray Luvisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	Slope (%)	Drainage Moderately well to poorly	Surface Texture Texture Sandy loam to sand	Surface Subsurface Perme Texture Perme Sandy loam Silty clay Slow to sand to clay	Permeability Slow
POLATIC OPERATIC	HOPAINE AND CHEMIC  Closed mixedwood and conferous forest.  Closed conferous forest; black spruce-tamarack fers and willow wetland.	lower slopes.  Inclined and gently rolling fine textured morainal deposits on upper and midslopes with occasional organic veneers over fine textured moraine; seepage common.  Level to undulating organic veneers over coarse glaciofluvial and eolian deposits.	Orthic Luvic Gleysols; peaty Orthic Gleysol Peaty Orthic Gleysols; occasional Orthic Humic Gleysols	6-15 (4-3	Poorly Very poorly to poorly	Sandy loam to silt loam and humic organics Hesic to humic organics	Silty clay to clay Sand to loany sand	S10er N/A

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		Pionic Areas	Moderate (T, W)	Severe (H, T)	Very Severe (W)
uations		Serviced Campgrounds	Moderate (T, W)	Severe (W, T)	Very Severe (W)
Landscape Evaluations	Septic	Absorption Fields	Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)
	7	without Basements	Moderate (W, T)	Severe (M, T)	Very Severe (W)
		Flood Hazard	None	None	None
	19	Potential Frost Action	#	H.	N/A
(ped)	á	Shrink- Swell Potential	<b>15</b>	£.	N/A
ers (contin	,	Surface Storings Class	0	0	0
Biophysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	
Blaph		dater fable	×180	\$8	<b>£</b>
	Depth to (am)	Impermeable Layer	v180	×180	7,80
	٥	Bedrock	×180	×180	>180
		Ecosection/ Ecosite	MGF1	ΙĐ	70

Ley to Limitation Factors (indicated in brackets under Landscape Evaluations)

B - Shallow bedrock
F - Flood hazard
H - Potential frost action
P - Low permeability
R - Rockiness
S - High shrink-swell potential
I - Topography (steep slopes)
M - Poor soil drainage
X - Excessive soil permeability
Y - Sandy surface soil texture

SMOKE LAKESHORE

				Biophys	Biophysical Parameters	r		
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Ecosection/ Ecosite	Vegetation	Landform and Surficial Materials	Soils	Slape (%)	Drainage	Surface Texture	Subsurface Texture	Permeability
23	Black spruce-tamerack fers, willow wetland and sedge wetland.	Level to depressional organic deposits.	Typic Mesisols; Typic Fibrisols; Terric Mesisols	<del>د</del>	Very poorly Fibric to mesic organics	Fibric to mestic organics	Mesic organics	N/A
ONGWIC /	CHEMIC AO EULM							
<b>5</b>	Black spruce-tamarack fers with occasional open pline stands on dunes.	Level to undulating organic veneers over epilan sand and scattered dune ridges.	Terric Mesisols; Eluviated Dystric Brunisols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	0E-1	Very poorly to well	Mesic to humic organic and sand	Sand	N/A
220	Black spruce-tamerack fers, closed conferous forest and willow wet-land.	Level to undulating organic veneers over eolian sands with occasional scattered eolian sand deposits.	Terric Mesisols; peaty Orthic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols	6 -1	Very poorly to poorly	Mestc organic and sand	Sand	N/A
1500	Willow shrubland and wet sedge meadows with scattered deciduous stands and occasional black spruce forest on lower slope;	Level to inclined and gently rolling organic veneers over coarse glaciofluvial deposits on lower slopes with occasional scattered coarse glaciofluvial deposits.	peaty Orthic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols	9	Poorly	Humic organics and sand	Sandy loam Moderate to loamy sand	Moderate
		g G	12					

Key to Limitation Factors (indicated in brackets under Landscape Evalua- tions)	8 - Shallow bedrock F - Flood hazard H - Deferitel frost action	P - Low permeability R - Rockiness S - High shrink-swell potential	<pre>1 - lopography W - Poor soil drainage X - Excessive soil permeability Y - Sardy surface soil texture</pre>	• *****			
		Prodic	Very Severe (W, F)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Severe (W)	3n
ations		Serviced Campgrounds	Very Severe (H, F)	Very Severe (H)	Very Severe (W)	Severe (M)	
Landscape Evaluations	Septic Tank Absorption Fields		Very Severe (W, F)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe	Very Severe (W)	
	Buildings without Basements		Very Severe (W, F)	Very Severe (W)	Very Severe (W)	Severe (H)	
	Flood		Fre- quent	None	None	None	
	Potential Frost Action		N/A	N/A	N/A	LO <sub>W</sub>	
ued)	Shrink- Svell Potential		N/A	N/A	N/A	Ç	
ers (contin	Surface Storiness Class		o	0	0	Đ	
Bicphysical Parameters (continued)		Surface Rockiness Class	0	0	ွ	э	
8fqh		Water Table	\$ \$	< 52 ×	\$2	3 हा	
	Deptn to (an)	Impermeable Layer	×180	81,	ORI <	180	
		Bedrock	) JBI <	0	0	091.	
		Ecosection/ Ecosite	8	<u> </u>	220	1500	

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	Permeability	<b>5</b>
	Subsurface Texture	Silty clay to clay
r	Surface Texture	Humic anganics and silt loam to sandy loam
Biophysical Parameters	Drainage	Poorly
Biophys	Slope (≴)	ក្ន ភ
	Sof1s	peaty Orthic Gleysols; Orthic Humic Gleysols; Orthic Luvic Gleysols
	Landform and Surficial Materials	Inclined and undulating organic veneers over fine textured muraine and occasional fine textured morainal deposits on lower slopes adjacent to Smoke Lake; seepage common.
	Vegetation	Closed mixedwood and conferous forest.
	Ecosection/ Ecosite	\$

<pre>Key to Limitation Factors (indicated in brackets under Landscape Evalua- tions)</pre>	8 - Shallow bedrock F - Flood hazard H - Primerial frost action	P - Low permeability R - Rockiness S - High shrink-swell potential	<ul> <li>I opography (steep studes)</li> <li>M - Poor soil drainage</li> <li>X - Excessive soil permeability</li> <li>Y - Sandy surface soil texture</li> </ul>				æ			
		Picnic Areas	Severe (W)							•
ations	01 #8 80	Serviced Campyrounds	Severe (W)							ļ
Landscape Evaluations	Septic Tark Absorption Fields		Very Severe (W)							
	1	Bullands without Basements	Severe (W)							
	Flood		None							
	Potential Frost Action		H, O					te		Ui.
Î	Shrink- Swell Potential		High Figh			-				11
rs (continu	Surface Stoniness Class		0	<u>.</u>	n ."	97		-	10	121
Biophysical Parameters (continued)	Surface Rock iness Class ·		0							*
Braphys		Water Table	881							
	Depth to (om)	Imperneable Layer	2160							
	6	Bedrock	v180	-						
		Ecosection/ Ecosite	85							

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## APPENDIX 3

RATIONALE FOR THE 100 METRE LAKE SHORE BUFFER

Rationale for the 100 metre buffer is as follows:

a. Precedent - A 100 metre shoreline buffer is becoming a standard feature in recent lake planning efforts. This was implemented in the I.D. 16 Area Structure Plan for Sturgeon Lake. On a number of other lakes a 100 metre shoreline buffer has been implemented in the last ten years: Long Lake, North Buck Lake and others. If the buffer on these two lakes were reduced it could have negative implications on lakes where this principle is already accepted. Viable backshore recreation developments occur on lakes which require a 100 metre shoreline buffer.

On lakes such as Lac St. Anne, Pigeon Lake, Gull Lake and Sturgeon Lake where an insignificant buffer or no buffer was implemented problems with lakeshore land use have evolved. Cottagers eventually "assumed" ownership of the narrow buffer regardless of the actual public ownership. No effort was made to preserve the public use area along the lake front to the lot lines. Consequently, cottagers established barricades such as fences and retaining walls along the lot line to the lake edge. This prevents the public from using public land.

b. Protection of shoreline aquatic vegetation - Both lakes are noted for the walleye fisheries. This feature has attracted local residents and regional tourists to the lakes for a number of years. Because of this recreational use, the A.F.S. established a campground on each lake to allow fishermen to stay for a number of days to enjoy this experience. Walleye catch rates now almost equal the annual allowable harvest. With increased recreation use on the lake management techniques are required to ensure adequate population levels are maintained.

This, in turn, requires that the critical habitat for perch (walleye prey) and walleye be maintained as much as possible. Walleye and perch habitat consists of the emergent and subemergent shoreline aquatic vegetation.

It is perceived that the 100 metre distance from the lake to the closest cottages will discourage ad hoc beach development and the construction

of temporary docks which are difficult to prevent and control. Some aquatic vegetation will already be sacrificed with allowing dock and beach developments in conjunction with backshore development. This fisheries aspect is, perhaps, the most limiting factor in management of the lake.

- c. Ensuring public access to the lakeshore A major recreation resource management objective of this plan, in line with provincial policy, is to maintain public access to both lakes. One means of implementing this objective is by reserving the shoreline area around the lake for public use. Public in this case is interpreted as people who must not gain access to a beach or lake shore development indirectly by paying a fee to stay at a commercial operation. This prime recreation resource is reserved for all people. It is thought that anything less than a 100 metre shoreline area is inadequate for appropriate management.
- d. Water quality Numerous guidelines are required to ensure the water quality of the lakes do not degrade any further. As mentioned in section 3.7 water quality in both lakes is poor. An adequate buffer is required to ensure water quality does not degrade further due to unforeseen sewage disposal problems. Also, siltation of spawning areas must be minimized by discouraging ad hoc shoreline development.
- e. Aesthetics The lakes are known for their wilderness recreation experience. It is important that this feature be maintained by the use of adequate guidelines for resource and recreation development.
- f. Public support When the Yellowhead Planning Commission held hearings on their regional plan the public strongly supported large lakeshore buffers.
- g. Protection of wildlife habitat Shoreline areas of lakes provide important wildlife habitat. Due to the presence of water, cover, and food in close proximity this habitat is used more heavily than would be expected on

the basis of area alone. Such sites provide for use by semiaquatic mammals, numerous species of birds and a variety of terrestrial mammals, amphibians and reptiles. An undisturbed buffer will help to maintain potential nesting and feeding sites as well as a travel corridor for movement of animals around the lakes.

### APPENDIX 4

## E.R.C.B. LEVEL CLARIFICATION OF SOUR GAS AND OIL WELLS AROUND SMOKE LAKE

Sour Gas Wells

Well I.D.		H <sub>2</sub> S Level
11-1-62-20-W5M		3
16-1-62-20-W5M		3
12-13-62-20-W5M		3
7-14-62-20-W5M		3
1-22-62-20-W5M		3
9-22-62-20-W5M		3
12-22-62-20-W5M		1
2-23-62-20-W5M		2
6-23-62-20-W5M		3
14-23-62-20-W5M		3
4-26-62-20-W5M	34	1
3-27-62-20-W5M		2
11-27-62-20-W5M		1
6-33-62-20-W5M		1

Oil Wells\*

Well I.D.	H <sub>2</sub> S Level
12-3-62-20-W5M	1
2-10-62-20-W5M	1

<sup>\*</sup>Only those oil wells given an  $H_2S$  level designation by the Board are listed.

APPENDIX 5

## PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF RECREATION UNITS

## IN REJECTED DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

## ALTERNATIVE 1 - Minimal Development

Existing Allocation		Proposed Allocation		Total			
				Allocation			
AFS	Private	AFS	Private	AFS	Private	Total	
61	10	50		111	10	121	
45	6	50		95	6	101	
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## ALTERNATIVE 3 - Maximum Allowable Development

	Existing		Proposed		Total			
	A11	Allocation		Allocation		Allocation		
	AFS	Private	AFS	Private	AFS	Private	Total	
Iosegun	61	10	50	164	111	174	285	
Smoke	45	6	50	156	95	162	257	

A.F.S. - Alberta Forest Service

Private - non-profit, commercial and private recreation developments.

### APPENDIX 6

## IOSEGUN AND SMOKE LAKES WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

## TERRAIN STRATIFICATION

(completed by the Alberta Forest Service)

### IOSEGUN LAKESHORE SMOKE LAKE

## Watershed Management Terrain Stratification

The terrain stratification method is based on an interpretation of information provided by the Ecological Land Classification Ecosection Map. The product is a map overlay that assigns Low, Moderate and High sensitivity ratings to ecosections. The ratings are determined by the following criteria:

- 1) Slope: 0-25%, 25-45% and 45%+ rating increases with slope class
- 2) Material Stability: rating increases with the occurrence of fine textured, eolian and saprolitic materials
- 3) Source Areas: interpreted from drainage characteristics, soil order and proximity to watercourses includes watercourses
- 4) Organics: all organic and organic dominated areas are given a high rating.

### RATINGS:

Lowi

- less than 25% slopes
- few source areas
- stable soils

Normal operating groundrules, guidelines and conditions generally apply.

Moderate:

- slopes 25-45% or
  - extensive source areas or
  - sensitive soils (eg. eolian or saprolitic)

Generally requires further ground investigation because of potential problem areas. Specific operational limitations/restrictions may be required.

Highs

- slopes greater than 45% and/or
- extensive source areas and
- sensitive soils

Requires ground investigation, detailed planning and definite limitations/restrictions regarding: type and intensity of development, season of operation, type of equipment, etc.

frequently inoperable or removed from development plans.

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Fluvials and rated HIGH

GL1.\_GL2: MODERATE:

poorly drained, fine textured materials with some

organics

GLE1\_BLE2: MODERATE:

poorly drained, fine textured materials with

eolian veneers

GLED1: HIGH

very poorly drained, fine textured materials with

organics: fens/humic gleysols, etc.

OGL1. 01. 02. 03:

HIGH: organic and organic dominated areas

### SMOKE LAKE

all fluvials rated HIGH ELUYIOL:

E1.\_E01: HIGH:

up to 30% slopes, colian (and some organic)

deposits, well to poorly drained

**GE1:** 

well drained, level area

GE2.GE3: MODERATE :

moderately well to poorly drained, fine textured

materials

GEM1. BEM2 MODERATE

> imperfectly to poorly drained, fine textured

materials

GFQ1: HIGHE

poorly drained, fine textured with some organics,

primarily gleysolic soils

M1. M3: LON:

gently rolling, moderately well drained

M2.\_M4: MODERATE:

poorly drained, fine textured, proximity to lake

(M2)

MGF1: MODERATE:

moderately to poorly drained, fine textured

materials, glaysols

MO1: HIGH:

poorly drained, gently rolling fine textured

deposits with some organics , seepage area

01. 02: HIGH:

organics, very poorly drained

QE1: HIGH:

organic and eolian, up to 30 % slopes, very poorly

to well drained

QE2. OGF1. OM1:

HI6H:

organic and eolian, very poorly drained