

Prince Albert National Park of Canada
Invites you to attend an
***Open House for the Environmental Screening Report to assess a
proposal to control Spruce Budworm in the community of
Waskesiu***

Introduction:

In October 2002, Parks Canada reached a policy decision to consider the selective use of Btk, a biological pesticide, to control spruce budworm in the community of Waskesiu within Prince Albert National Park of Canada. Parks Canada and the Waskesiu Community Council contracted Axys, an independent consulting firm specializing in environmental projects, to prepare an environmental screening report to determine the appropriate methodology and assess the potential impacts for this project. If there are any significant human health or environmental impacts that cannot be successfully mitigated, the project will not be approved.

The draft environmental screening report for the spraying proposal will be available for public review for two weeks starting on Monday March, 31 and ending on Friday April 11, 2003. Copies of the draft report will be distributed to government and stakeholder groups and can be viewed at park offices in Waskesiu or public libraries in Prince Albert and Saskatoon. Copies of the draft report will also be made available at: www.axys.net/library.htm as soon as possible following the release.

Objective:

Parks Canada will host open house information sessions on April 7th and 8th. The purpose of these Open House meetings is to provide park users with an opportunity to view additional information, ask questions, and submit written or oral comments on the draft screening report. Representatives of Parks Canada and Axys, the consulting firm that prepared the draft report, will be available to receive your comments, listen to your concerns, and answer questions. Open Houses are scheduled as follows:

Monday April 7

1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Radisson Hotel

405-20th Street East,

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Tuesday April 8

1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Travelodge Hotel

3551 2nd Avenue West

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

All comments must be received by Parks Canada no later than the end of the business day, Friday April 11, 2003. Comments can be submitted at the open house or forwarded to one of the following addresses:

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