

## **Guidelines to Identifying a Proposed Protected Area**

The first step of the Protected Areas Strategy is to identify an area for protection. The following questions have been designed to guide communities or regions in identifying a potential Protected Area and submitting a Protected Area Proposal to the NWT Protected Areas Strategy Secretariat.

1. What is the local name and location of the proposed protected area? Please attach a map with an outline of the area of interest
2. How does this proposed protected area meets the goals of the Protected Areas Strategy:
  - to protect special natural and cultural areas in the Northwest Territories;
  - to protect core representative areas within each ecoregion of the Northwest Territories.
3. Describe why this area is important to your community.
4. For what purposes does your community want to protect this place?
5. Where are the special natural, cultural areas or traditional harvesting areas; major wildlife habitat; unusual landforms or features?
6. Describe the other values of the proposed protected area such as economic value.
7. Are there any third party interests in the area such as mineral claims, mineral leases, land use permits, quarrying permits, and/or oil and gas rights?
8. What type of protection does your community want for this proposed protected Area (surface and/or subsurface protection of lands)? List the reasons for this type of protection.
9. Please include copies of any studies of the area with your proposal.

For assistance or to submit your proposal please contact the Protected Areas Strategy Secretariat at:

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