



failure. “The ducks nest within two metres of shore, so we are saying that people must stay back 10 metres from the shoreline.”

Dr. Leeson is aware of two pregnant moose in the area and is keeping tabs on their location so that it can be avoided at the end of June. Other precautions include no-fly zones for helicopters to establish minimum distances from the Rocky Mountain goats and bighorn sheep roaming the alpine country with their young.

In addition, the directorate is aware of the rich Stoney Nakoda cultural, spiritual and ceremonial heritage in the Kananaskis Valley and is taking special care not to interfere with or diminish Native values.

Keeping the public informed on the steps being taken to protect the environment has been a priority for the summit planners from the beginning. Public outreach has included presentations to schools and community organizations, regular contributions to the G8 monthly

newsletter, and ongoing dialogue with an “Enviro-Network” of local and national environmental groups.

Canada’s approach to this summit—reflected in both its location and the environmental considerations taken into account—is unprecedented in the history of G8 meetings. If remote areas become the preferred setting for future summits, the Canadian effort could pave the way for safeguarding the environmental integrity of areas far beyond Kananaskis. 🍁

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