

Committee will work in conjunction with the Commission on Resources and Environment (CORE).

- An interagency review process was established to ensure that protected area values are retained in each study area until final decisions are made regarding candidate sites.
- A province-wide gap analysis was initiated to assess the degree of natural region representation associated with the current B.C. protected areas system

3) Action Planned for 1992-93

- 23 new Provincial Parks or Forest Service Wilderness areas will be designated by the end of 1992.
- Decisions will be made on a further 21 proposal areas by the end of 1993.
- Additional protected area proposals not currently part of the Protected Areas Strategy will be evaluated for inclusion.
- A number of Ecological Reserves will be designated.
- The recommendations of the Old Growth Strategy Program will be acted upon to establish a number of protected areas possessing old growth timber values.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT PROGRESS

1) New Sites

- Lakeland Provincial Park (147 km²) and Lakeland Recreation Area (443 km²) were established.
- Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park was expanded by 13 km²
- Suffield National Wildlife Area was dedicated by the federal government.

2) Systems Planning Progress

- The mandate of the Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee was extended for an additional three years. This committee will continue to advise the Minister on sites deemed to be appropriate for protection as representative of the province's natural regions.