2) The objectives which such a pristine areas system should be designed to meet.

3) The progress made to date by the responsible governments in Canada to achieving systems completion.

4) The range of issues associated with achieving systems completion.

5) The tasks required to be undertaken to facilitate systems completion.

Accordingly, this study has been commissioned by the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources to address these topics. It is intended as a scoping report which will serve as an early step in determining how best to complete Canada's pristine areas system.

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