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This is in response to your letter of July 28, 2011 regarding the environmental assessment for the Duck Mountain ATV Trail Project (file 5524.00). We have reviewed the requests for additional information, as well as the responses received from TAC and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency through the consultation period.

Regarding requests for additional information:

- In response to Mr. Arklie's July 4, 2011 letter: Different parks are managed to provide different types of recreational opportunities, with ATV trails offered in a very limited number of areas. At Duck Mountain Provincial Park, the effect of a designated trail system will be to better protect natural areas by reducing the overall number of trails in the park and by restricting the operation of ATVs to specific routes. Trail use will be limited to all-terrain and all-terrain utility vehicles as defined by The Off-Road Vehicles Act and Manitoba Public Insurance. Other types of off-road vehicles such as dirt bikes, dune buggies, sport buggies and four wheel drive trucks will not be permitted. Managing ATV use in Manitoba is a significant and ongoing challenge. The Trails Working Group for Duck Mountain Provincial Park includes a wide range of interests and all project newsletters, questionnaires and reports have been distributed and posted online for public review. Subject to environmental licensing, Parks and Natural Areas will continue to consult with the public and provide regular updates as the project proceeds.
- The June 10, 2010 memo from Gordon Hill has been followed up. Gary Dickson, Historic Resources Branch was contacted with respect to mapping of archaeological sites. It was agreed that when potential trail routes are selected, an on-site heritage resource impact study will be conducted as directed.

Regarding comments provided for direction and information purposes:

- May 24 and June 16, 2011 correspondence from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has been noted.
- June 9, 2011 memo from Kimber Oslowy, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) has been noted.
- June 30, 2011 memo from Ron Missyabit, Aboriginal Relations Branch was been reviewed and an initial consultation assessment has been completed.
- July 8, 2011 memo from William Weaver, Manitoba Water Stewardship has been noted.