

2017 Jurisdictional Scan: Forest Harvesting Buffer Around Provincial Parks			
Does your jurisdiction have a no cut (no commercial or domestic forest harvesting) buffer around provincial parks? If yes, what is the width of the buffer?			
JURISDICTION	REPLIED	YES/NO	CONTACT NAME
B.C PARKS	X		
ALBERTA PARKS	✓	NO	<a href="#">Scott Jones</a>
COMMENTS: Alberta does not have 'no cut buffers' around provincial parks.			
SASKATCHEWAN PARKS	✓	NO	<a href="#">Robin Campese</a>
COMMENTS:			
MANITOBA PARKS	✓	NO	<a href="#">Kelly-Anne Richmond</a>
COMMENTS:			
ONTARIO PARKS	✓	YES	<a href="#">Brad Steinberg</a>
COMMENTS:  The buffer for provincial parks varies by Forest Management Unit, but is not usually a 'no-cut-reserve'. Rather it is usually a 'modified' operation, (for example, one or more of : no new roads, no clear cutting, no herbicide application, no tending, timing restrictions, etc). It can vary by Forest management Unit - Some of the differences in AOC's stem from the history of park creation (sometimes an adequate 'buffer' was included in the park boundary), recreational pressure in the area (e.g. a busy canoe route etc) and the type of value the park was created for (e.g. a scenic vista vs. a rare ecosystem) and the type of forest being harvested... These 'modified' AOC's are often 120m or 200m in size. There has generally been an effort to protect the value while having a minimum impact on wood supply, and operational complexity for forest harvesting. Park staff often do have an opportunity to comment on forest management plan prescriptions There's a fairly rigorous policy framework for forest management planning in Ontario, but that includes the flexibility to allow forest management teams to prioritize protection of values in their unit. A park management plan is a higher order of policy direction than a forest management plan – so the former would give direction to the latter.			
SEPAQ (QUEBEC)	X		
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR	Inquiring Jurisdiction		<a href="#">Sian French</a>

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<b>NOVA SCOTIA</b>	X		
<b>PARKS NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	✓	NO	<a href="#">Josh Tompkins</a>
<p>COMMENTS:          Nothing in NB, though we did have either a 15m or 30m roadside buffer on roads leading into parks. Only applied to Crown Lands along those roads and was intended to minimize the aesthetic of clear cutting right to the roadside.</p> <p>The issue was causing some concern when highway directional signage made guests think they were within the park boundaries and that we were clear cutting the park... which technically was 5+km away from the cut.</p>			
<b>P.E.I PARKS</b>	✓	NO	<a href="#">Shane Arbing</a>
<p>COMMENTS:          PEI has no legislated forest buffer around Provincial Parks.</p>			
<b>GOVERNMENT OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</b>	X		
<b>NUNAVUT PARKS</b>	X		
<b>YUKON PARKS</b>	✓	NO	<a href="#">Dan Paleczny</a>
<p>COMMENTS:          Yukon does not have any such policies.</p>			
<b>PARKS CANADA</b>	X		

**Response Rate:** 7/13 for **54%**

**Key Findings:**

- Most jurisdictions do not have a “no-cut” buffer around their provincial parks.

**Future Questions to Ask:**

- Are jurisdictions interested in pursuing a “no-cut” buffer around their parks? What would be the benefits/challenges?

**Links to Resources:**

- [Forest Management Planning](#)