



This splendid region deserves protection, Premier Pasloski

**Ed. note: this is an open letter to Premier Darrell Pasloski.  
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We are in support of 100-per-cent protection for the Peel watershed.

This area is like Canada's Amazon, probably the last untouched wilderness area on the planet.

It is a vast treasure, as it is. And we have the opportunity to preserve it.

I have heard the argument that keeping this area protected will scare off potential mining companies from doing work in the Yukon.

With the Yukon currently in the midst of another Gold Rush, it is quite obvious to me that keeping the Peel watershed off-limits will not and has not scared off business.

I am also suspicious of those who say that we should compromise by allowing some development in this area.

This would only make sense if there were other areas of the Yukon also under a moratorium on development. But this is not the case.

The rest of the Yukon is open for business, we are told.

Asking for a compromise on the Peel watershed reminds me of a person who has eaten a whole cake except for one piece and is asking for a compromise, or, in other words, to share the last piece.

That is not what I would call a compromise.

Please listen to all the folks in the Yukon who feel strongly about protecting this area for future generations.

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