

Status Update Template

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1. Enter Park ecosystem data and activities into IT systems in a timely manner (new)	125	Partially Implemented	Established a quarterly data-entry process and ensured compliance through quarterly reporting. Full implementation requires finalized roles and procedures, and centralized tracking.	Finalize, approve and communicate data-entry roles, standards and timelines. Complete and document a quarterly compliance-monitoring cycle, including follow-up on identified gaps. Develop a plan to update data in the Park Ecosystem Health Index Next step, division wide: Define the	March 2028-2029

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				accountability systems and records/data entry required; specify the actual maximum entry timeframe; assign data owners across Parks Division; require completeness/quality checks as well as timeliness Assess GIS/data-analysis capacity and retain evidence demonstrating implementation.	

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2. Prioritize and complete Ecosystem-Based Management Plans (EBMPs) for all high-risk provincial parks (e.g., those parks with critical habitat or low park ecosystem health index scores). (new)	130	Not implemented	The ministry will use the Park Ecosystem Health Index to prioritize ecosystem-based management plans. A planning approach is being developed so the planning instrument reflects the nature, scale and urgency of the identified ecological risk. Alignment of ministry plans to ensure efficiency and integration between necessary plans (Ecosystem Based Management Plans and	Approve prioritization framework that incorporates ecological evidence and other relevant information, such as the Park Ecosystem Health Index. Park-level plan map identifying overarching plan(s), operational plans, linked actions, owners, conflicts and gaps. Determine the appropriate planning response for each park or issue. GIS and data analysis will support Park Ecosystem Health Index interpretation, spatial analysis, ecological risk	March 2030-2031

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			Park Plans for example). A draft updated Ecosystem Based Management Plan template is underway that will incorporate fire behaviour/risk/prescription, visitor/human-use management/impacts, public consultation, Indigenous collaboration, completeness and approval signatures. PEHI results and identified ecological risks, aligned with ministry planning and a 10-year review cycle.	assessment and prioritization. Formalize Ecosystem Based Management Plan template and review cycle for existing plan, and new plans. Formalize leadership sign-off requirements for Ecosystem Based Management Plans.	

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3. Create detailed plans (e.g., fuel management plans) for all high-risk provincial parks (new)	132	Not implemented	Working with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency on fuel-management planning and related wildfire-risk priorities. Park Ecosystem Health Index thresholds, ecological evidence and wildfire-risk information will be used to prioritize where additional or updated planning is required. Alignment with ministry park plans is being discussed.	Set up meeting with Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to discuss and document a park-by-park fuel-plan gap analysis. Complete the inventory of existing ecosystem and fuel-management plans, document their rationale and status, and identify gaps using Park Ecosystem Health Index results, ecological evidence and wildfire-risk information. Confirm process for signatures for fuel management plans from senior leadership. Confirm 2026–27	March 2030–2031

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				priorities with Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and relevant Parks Division program areas. Select the planning instrument appropriate to each priority need, which may include an Ecosystem Based Management Plans, focused action plan, fuel-management plan or other targeted plan. Phase 2: complete a plan for priority planning, assign park-specific actions and accountability, and integrate monitoring with the Parks Division-wide framework.	

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4. Complete ecosystem management activities to protect provincial park ecosystems consistent with planned actions and deadlines. (new)	133	Partially Implemented	Landscape Protection Unit annual planning was updated to include accountable leads, milestones, due dates and evidence requirements. Quarterly reporting provides a mechanism to review implementation status. The first review will occur in Q3 of 2026–27 Plan developed to establish a baseline inventory of ecosystem-management commitments. Next step is to conduct inventory via student or term and then identify gap and prioritize outstanding actions. Establish tracking	Outline requirement to update quarterly. Review and assesses and address deficiencies on ongoing basis. Develop annual resourcing/budget-project prioritization, ecological effectiveness monitoring and approval of defer/close/change priorities by director. Maintain the annual planning and quarterly review cycle within Landscape Protection	March 2029-2030

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			mechanism in alignment with recommendation six. Establish tracking mechanism in alignment with recommendation six.	Unit in parallel with quarterly meetings. Inventory completed plans and actions, including status, original/current timelines, responsible program area, evidence, barriers and dependencies and identify gaps. Establish prioritization criteria and assign accountability at the level where implementation authority resides. Phase 2-3: Align centralized reporting, enter data in a timely manner with this	

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				recommendation Standardize implementation and tracking of approved ecosystem activities, with assigned responsibility, resources and deadlines. Review progress quarterly and document or reprioritize activities that cannot be completed as originally planned.	

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5. Centrally monitor completion of planned ecosystem management activities to protect provincial parks (new)	134	Not implemented	Landscape Protection Unit annual and work plans capture ecosystem- management commitments and activities within its mandate. Integration with existing annual and quarterly ministry reporting has been identified to avoid duplicate reporting.	Refine and implement Landscape Protection Unit's annual work- planning and data- management system. Establish a Parks Division-wide monitoring framework that links commitments to the program areas responsible for implementation. Share responsibility across the Division for maintaining information, reviewing progress and escalating variances, with LPU supporting ecological content and coordination within its mandate. Require accountable	March 2030- 2031

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				program areas to own delivery and evidence, while LPU administers and quality-assures the framework. Phase 2: Establish a Parks Division-wide register of ecosystem-management commitments, integrated with existing planning and reporting. For each commitment, record the accountable program area, responsible lead, target date, status, evidence and dependencies. Require each accountable program area to maintain its records and document delays, changes or	

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				reprioritization. Review progress quarterly at the Division level to validate results, address cross- program dependencies and escalate unresolved variances.	

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6. Report to senior management and the public on key ecosystem management activities taken to protect provincial parks (new)	136	Not implemented	Existing Landscape Protection Unit quarterly updates and divisional reporting provide a starting point for validated internal reporting system before public reporting is introduced.	The Parks Division-wide monitoring framework under Recommendation 6 will provide the evidence base for reporting. Need to establish measures, data definitions, reporting roles and verification requirements, drawing on Recommendations 4–6 that are appropriate for internal reporting and develop dashboard. Implement validated internal reporting for management and executive oversight, resolve data-quality issues and refine dashboards.	March 2029-2030

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				Implement public outcome reporting using verified information on ecosystem health, conservation activities, progress against commitments and key outcomes. Approve the public measures, reporting products, internal collaboration and sign-off. Public reporting will follow—not precede—a stable, validated internal reporting process.	

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7. Formalize factors it considers when determining which Indigenous communities to consult with when planning activities to protect provincial park ecosystems (new)	137	Partially implemented	Retain sufficient evidence of Indigenous consultations. Government of Saskatchewan consultation templates and documentation requirements provide the foundation for Indigenous engagement and consultation records. Applicable templates and guidance have been circulated to Landscape Protection Unit. A centralized records approach, including an approved file location, templates and naming conventions, has been identified. Quarterly Director level	Confirm and apply the current Government of Saskatchewan consultation templates, guidance and documentation requirements. Implement centralized records management using approved locations, templates and naming conventions. Deliver role-appropriate training and refresher training. Integrate documentation requirements into project planning and verify consistent application through periodic file review and follow-up.	March 2027-2028

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			assessment of files including outgoing letters, communities, delivery evidence, responses, response analysis, accommodation/decision record, final communication and file-completeness review. Training as required support consistent application.		

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8. Retain sufficient evidence of consultations with Indigenous communities related to protecting park ecosystems.	137	Partially Implemented	A centralized records approach, including an approved file location, templates and naming conventions, has been identified.	Implement a standardized, centralized records process for Indigenous consultation files, with defined documentation requirements, assigned accountability, staff training and quarterly file-completeness reviews. Document and address deficiencies and retain completed records as evidence of implementation.	March 2027-2028