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# Using a Class Screening Approach to Facilitate Environmental Assessments of Private Sector Proposals in National Parks in Canada

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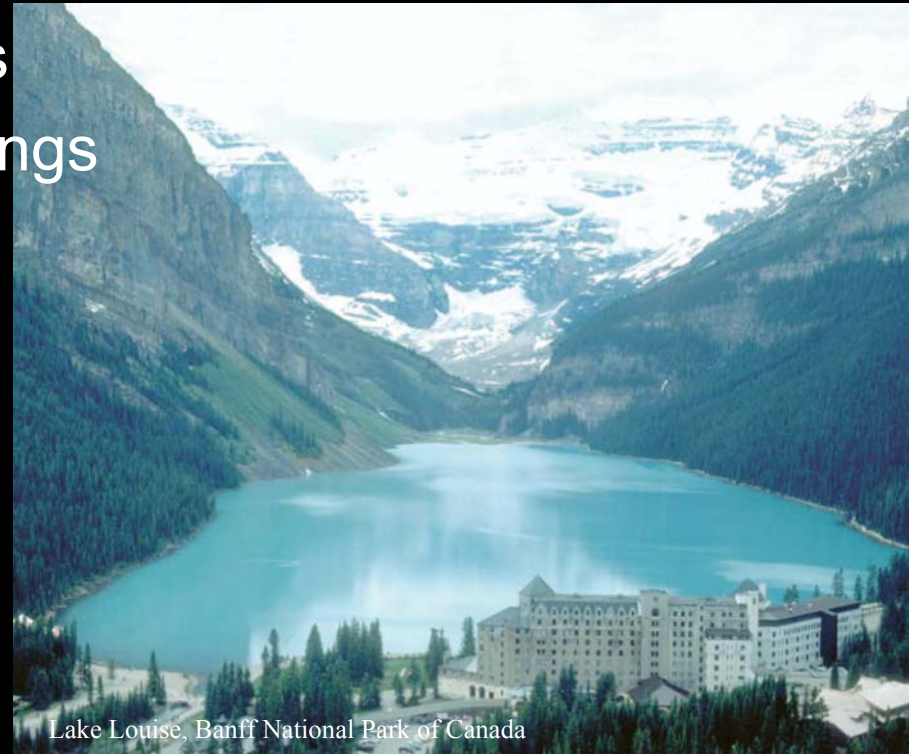
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Waskesiu, Prince Albert National Park of Canada

## Outline

- Model class screenings under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
- Two applications to Parks Canada
- Benefits of Class Screenings
- Challenges of Class Screenings



Lake Louise, Banff National Park of Canada

# Model Class Screenings and CEAA

## Model Class Screening Report

- Projects included in the class
- Scope of those projects
- Scope of the assessment
- Typical environmental effects
- Mitigation measures
- Determination of significance
- Process for using class screening

## Class Screening Project Report Form

- Each project under the MCSR
- Site-specific
- Follows procedures in MCSR

## Class Screenings

Appropriate for projects that are:

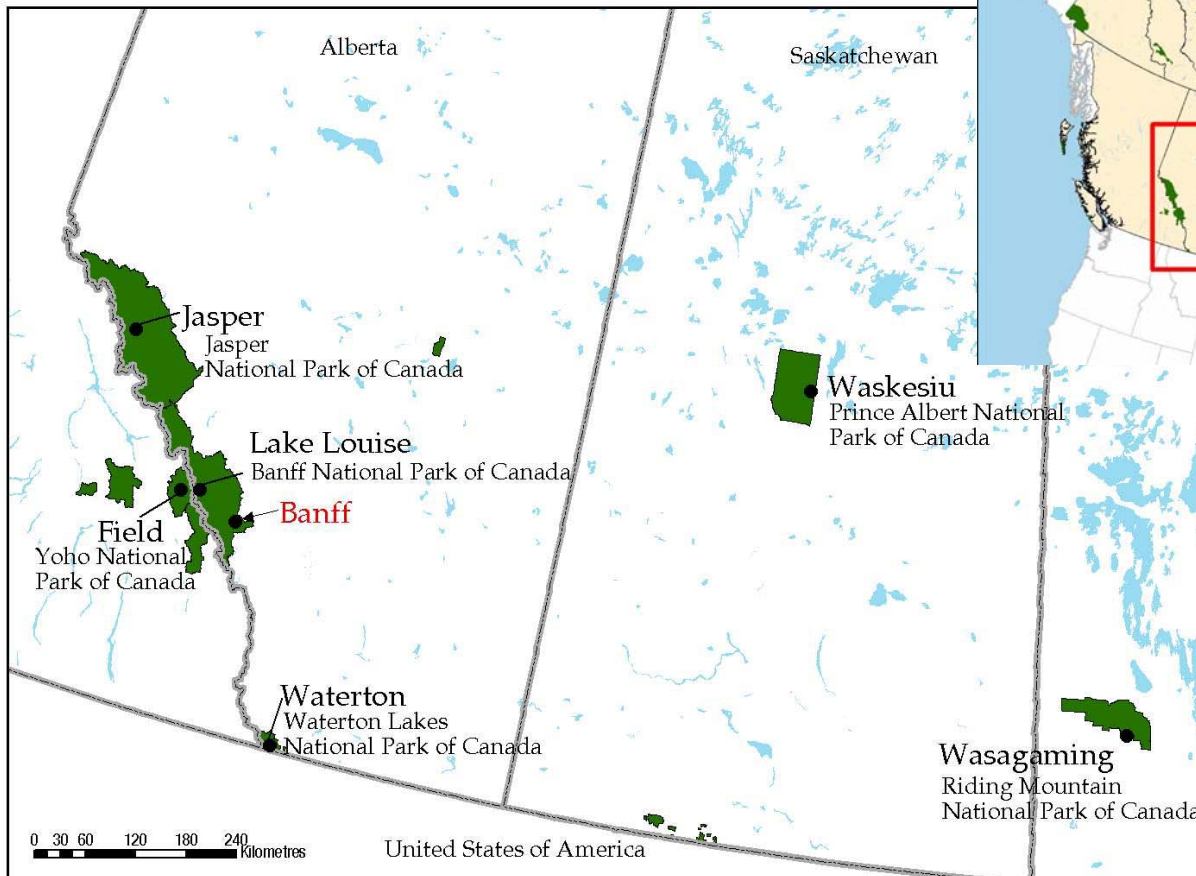
- definable projects
- relatively small in scale and size
- predictable and mitigable environmental effects
- little public concern



Waterton, Waterton Lakes National Park of Canada



# National Park Communities Class EAs



# National Park Communities: Class EA Need

Many small projects

Usually private proponents

Small area with known environment and clear  
boundaries on development



Waterton, Waterton Lakes National Park of Canada



# SubClasses

Buildings and other structures

Roads, Sidewalks, Parking lots, Boardwalks

Service lines

Trails, Parks and Recreation Grounds



## Role of Proponent

Fill out Class Screening Project Report Form

Provide additional information as necessary

Implement mitigation

In some cases

- surveillance



Jasper, Jasper National Park of Canada



# Commercial Guiding Business Licences

Horses

Scuba Diving

Rock Climbing

Fishing

Snowshoeing

Mountaineering



Overnight  
Use

Skiing

Rafting

Ice climbing

Hiking

Canoeing/Kayaking

# Commercial Guiding Business Licences – Need for Class EA

Many projects with similar characteristics  
Private proponents





## Role of Proponent

Fill out Business Licence  
Application form

Implement mitigation

End of year reporting





# Benefits of Class Screening Process

## Predictability and Consistency

### Proponent

- Process
- Time lines
- Mitigation

### Parks Canada

- Mitigation
- Process



# Benefits of Class Screening Process

Efficiency  
Increased Proponent Awareness  
Public Involvement and Accountability





## Challenges – Time and Resources

- Preparation and Approval
- New approach/type
- Forms
- Implications to other processes





# Challenges – Cumulative Effects

## National Park Community Plans

- Zoning
- Growth Limits
- Speed of Development
- Design Guidelines/Restrictions



# Challenges – Cumulative Effects

