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## In The News



### Quarry threatens Park

The QEII Wildlands Provincial Park, one of the most diverse and least disturbed natural areas in central

Ontario, is threatened by a proposed quarry on its borders. The quarry proposal for this area 35 km northwest of Orillia, would potentially draw down water tables within a wetland area that is home to several endangered species.

Combined with truck traffic and silica dust created from the quarrying process this would create significant stresses on the ecological integrity of the park.

Wildlands League is letting the government know we:

-Object to a quarry so close to the QEII Wildlands Provincial Park; and that it will affect the ecological integrity of the area.

-Object to the damage this will cause to the species at risk listed under Ontario's Endangered Species Act

-Object to drawing down the water table in a significant wetland that will have an impact on adjacent ecosystems

-Object to the environmental impacts related to the silica dust and added truck traffic that will occur during the quarry operations.

-Object to a confusing public process with different dates for comments within the Environmental Bill of Rights (July 23rd) and the Aggregate Resources Act (already closed on July 10, 2009). These public comment periods should have been clear and synchronized to facilitate a good public process.

The comment period closes Thursday July 23rd, if you wish to submit comments visit [The Environmental Registry](#) (click on submit a comment right side of page).



### Three Ontario Parks deemed "Ugly" in new report

July 17, 2009 - TORONTO - In *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, its second annual review of the state of Canada's parks, CPAWS reports that the pace of new parks creation slowed significantly in the past 12 months compared to 2008, which it hailed as a "banner year". Despite this year's slowdown, there were still some bright spots.

Read the [full release](#).

Read *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*



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