

Algonquin:

Park or Industrial Zone?

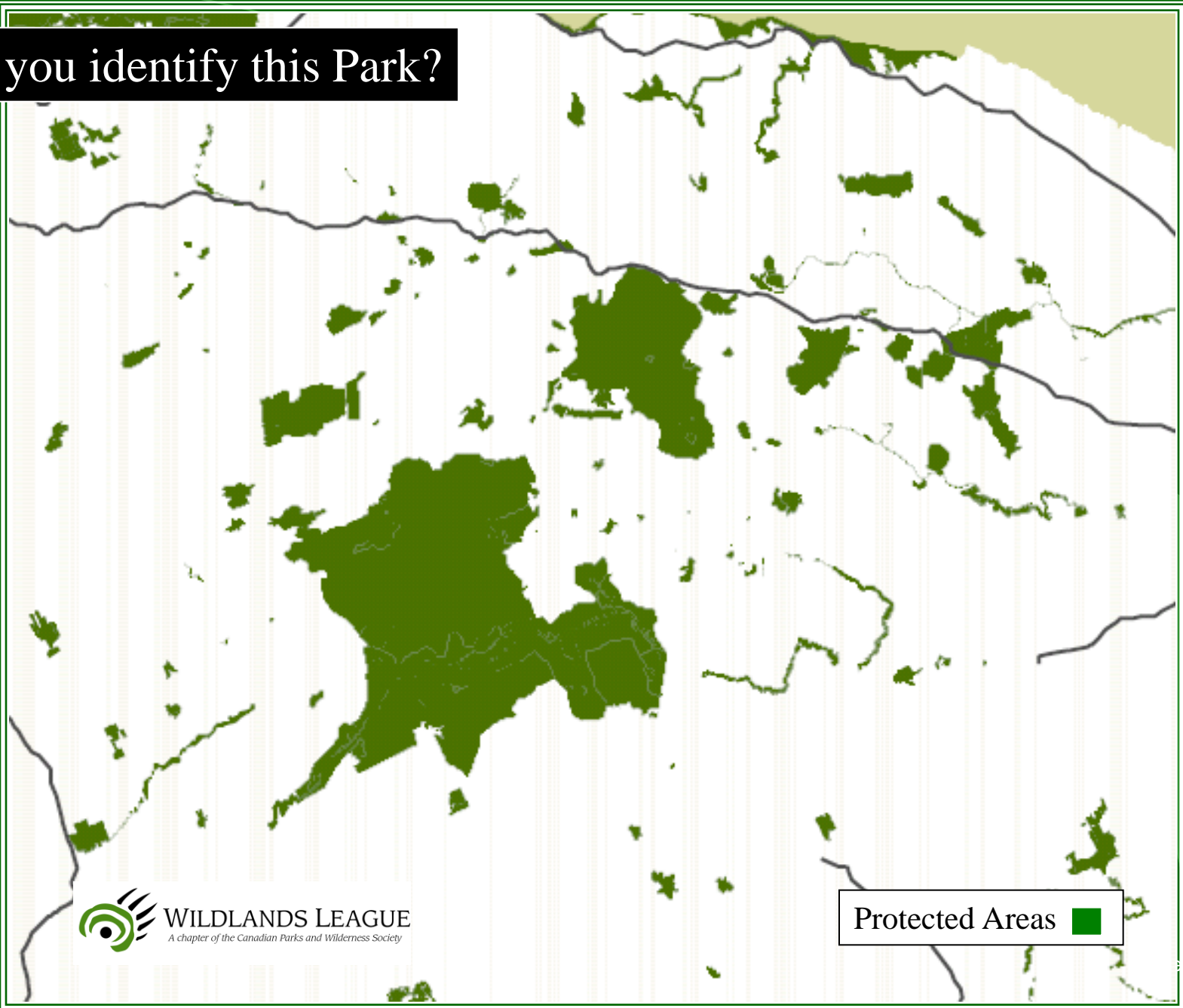
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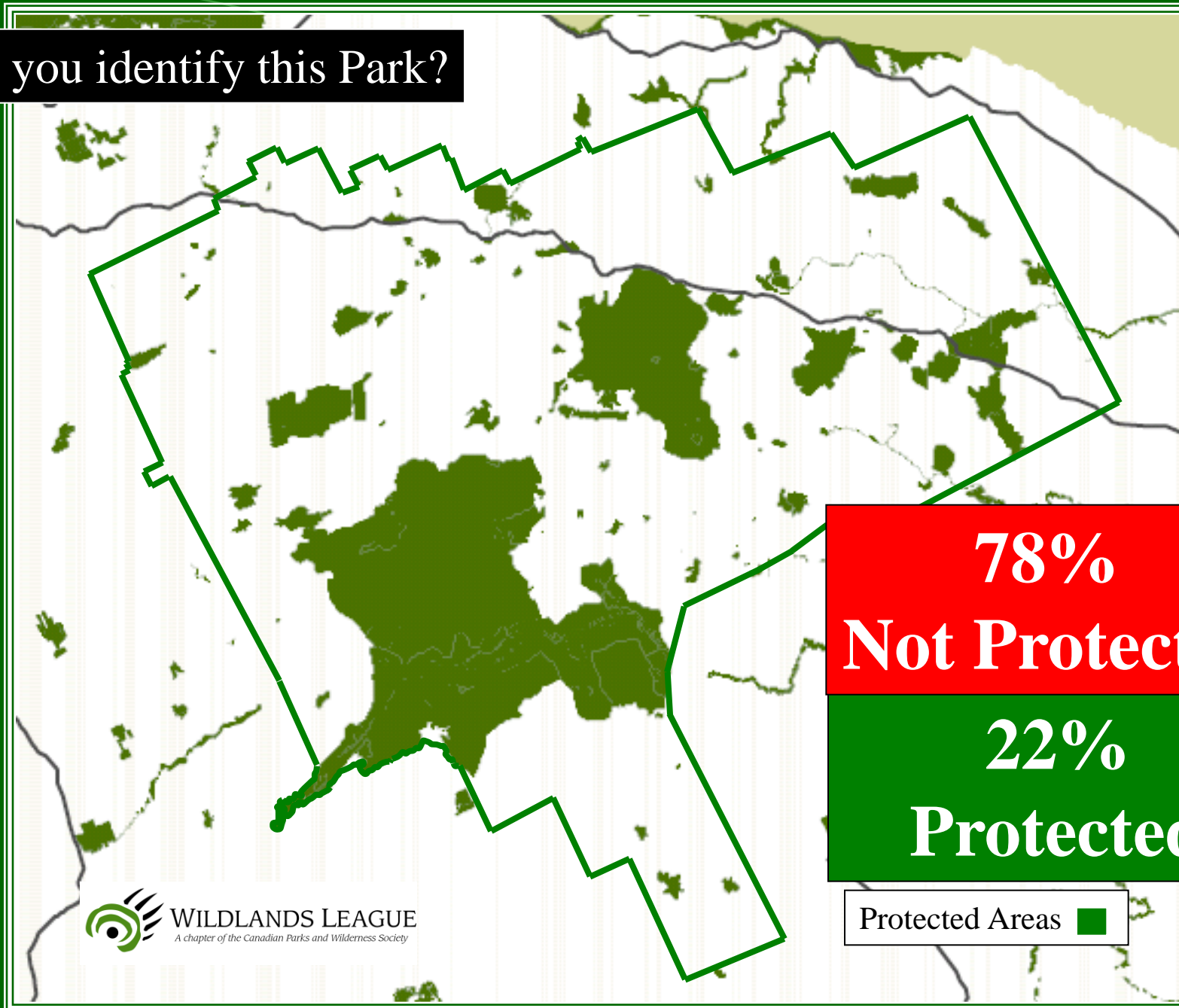
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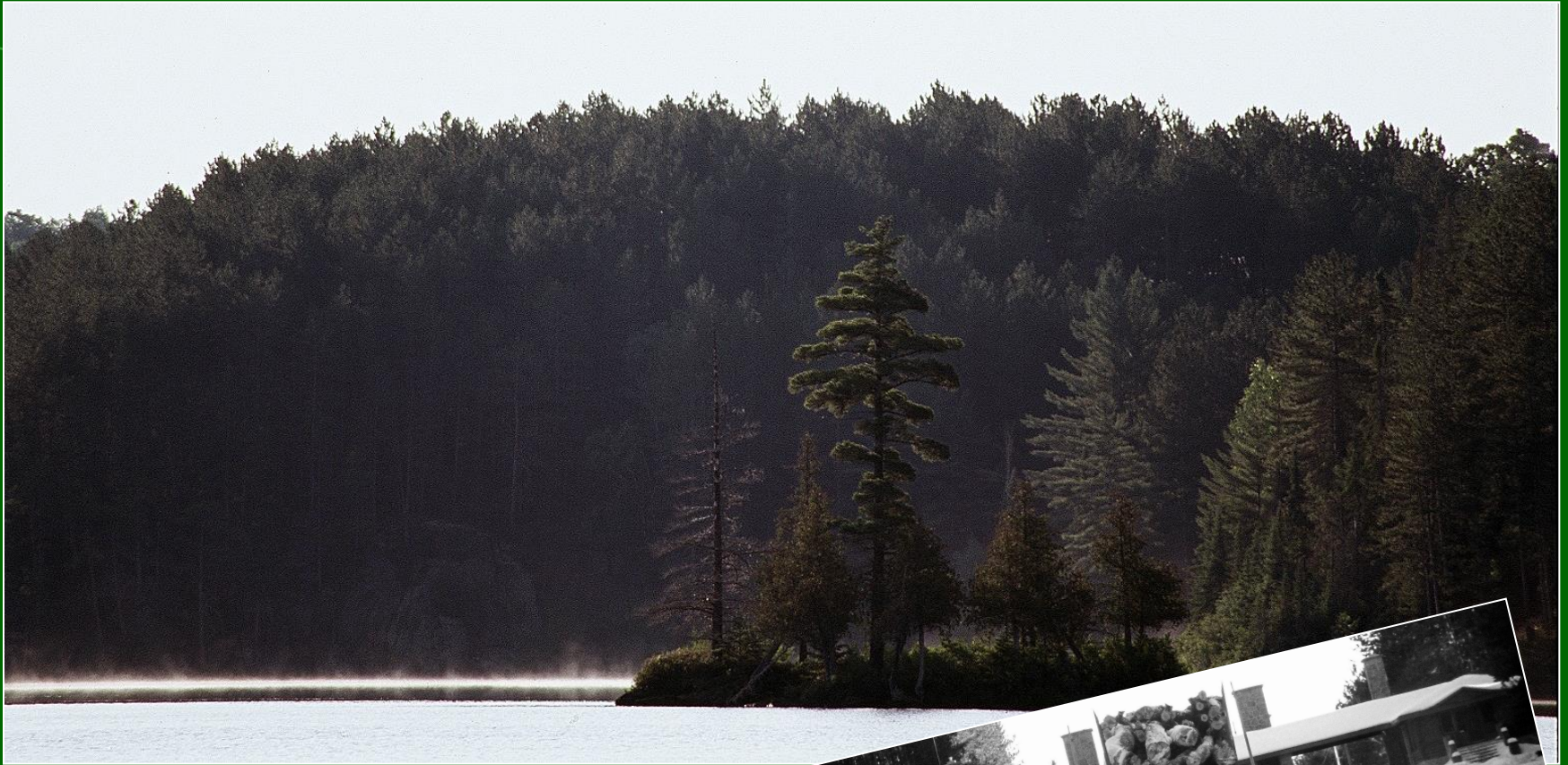
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Protected Areas 

Can you identify this Park?



Algonquin is not a park...



with logging in it...



It's an industrial zone...



that permits canoeing...



Algonquin: *as Canadian as:*

- Group of 7
- Maple leaves
- Family canoe trips



Algonquin

- Canada's oldest Provincial Park (1893)
- 2nd "National" Park
- Created to protect Logging



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Ontario's Protected Areas



- 631 P.A.s
 - Provincial Parks*
 - Conservation Reserves*
- 9.43 million hectares
 - (9% of the land base)*

- **90% open to industrial activity**

Logging in parks?

- Most P.A.s have had historic logging:
 - Rondeau - Sir Isaac Brock War of 1812
 - Wabakimi
 - Quetico
 - Lake Superior
 -Algonquin



Changing role of protected areas

from:

Protecting logging

to

Multiple Use

to

Ecological Integrity (EI)

1893



2007

Bill 11

(Chapter 12
Statutes of Ontario, 2006)

**An Act to enact the
Provincial Parks and
Conservation Reserves Act, 2006,
repeal the Provincial Parks Act
and the Wilderness Areas Act
and make complementary
amendments to other Acts**

The Hon. D. Ramsay
Minister of Natural Resources



Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act (PPCRA)

Proclaimed September 2007

3rd Reading May 8, 2006
June 19, 2006
Royal Assent

New Parks Act

Entrenches **Ecological Integrity**,
making sure that:

Yes



**natural systems
are healthy and intact**

New Parks Act

- Prohibits industrial activity in law:
 - Logging
 - Mining
 - Hydro
- 630 PA's meet legal criteria for protection in Act

Yes

Not Algonquin



New Parks Act

- Draws attention to Algonquin logging



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New Parks Act

- Draws attention to Algonquin roads

Soil compaction

Erosion

habitat destruction and disturbance

Habitat fragmentation

Increase in consumptive uses

Increase in heat, dust, noise

A map of the Algonquin Park area is shown in the background. Overlaid on the map are several text boxes. At the top, a green box contains the text 'Total Algonquin Area - 765,345 ha', with the number circled in red. Below this, a yellow box contains 'Canoe Routes = 2,000 km'. Further down, two red boxes list distances: '-City of Toronto = 5,300 km' and '-Vancouver – Halifax = 5,961 km'. Below these, another red box shows 'Logging Roads = 5,487 km' and '-basic rd. footprint 11,600 ha'. In the bottom right, a red box contains 'habitat fragmentation >546,100 ha', with the number circled in red. A red arrow points from this box up towards the top right corner of the map.

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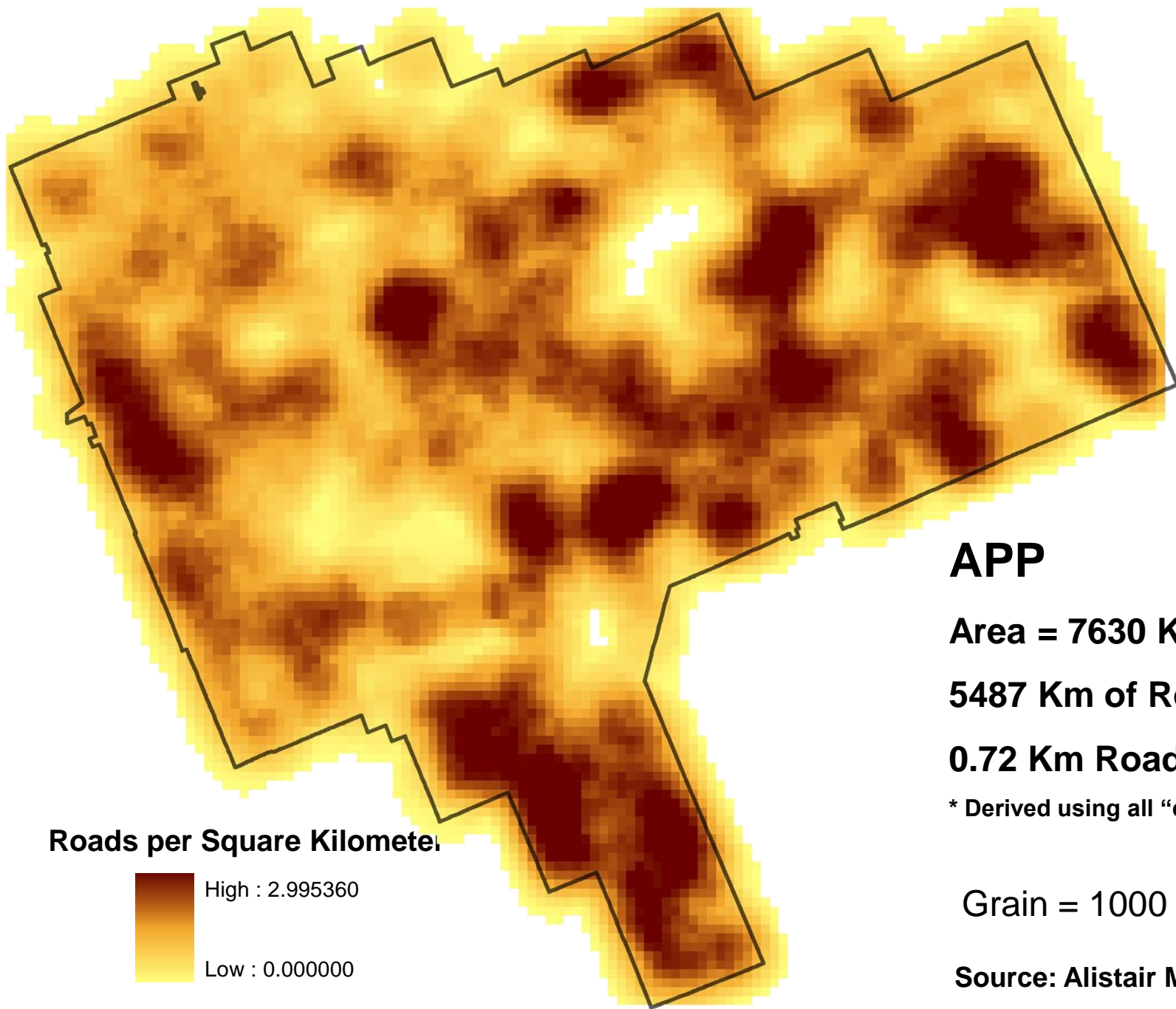
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**habitat
fragmentation
>546,100 ha**



Roads per Square Kilometer



APP

Area = 7630 Km²

5487 Km of Roads*

0.72 Km Road /Km²

*** Derived using all “current” roads**

Grain = 1000 x 1000 m

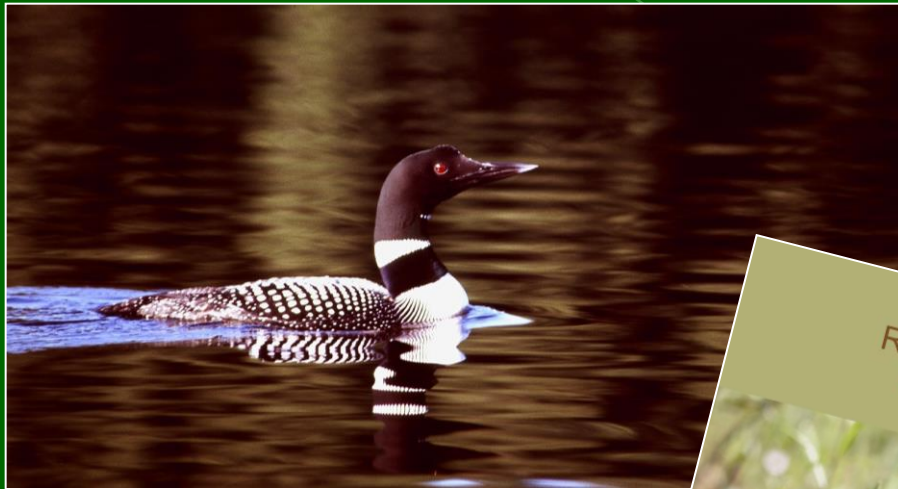
Source: Alistair Mackenzie

Should it be protected?



- Nationally Algonquin polls
 - 2nd after Banff
 - 1st in ON
- 79% oppose logging in parks ON
- 62% of ON have been there
- >18,000 letters to Premier (since (05/07))

Should it be protected?



ON Parks Board Report (2004)

- Increase protection from logging



Should it be protected?

ON Parks Board Report (2006)

- Increase protection from 22% - 54%



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Should it be protected?



Algonquin Forest Authority

2006 (logging agency)

-increase protection from

22% - 49%

Algonquin = Park or industrial zone

Should it be protected?

Environmental Commissioner of ON (2007)

- End all logging



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Should it be protected?

A photograph of a lush green forested valley with a river winding through it. In the foreground, a person stands on a rocky outcrop, looking out over the landscape. The sky is overcast.

New Minister

**Wants new joint report from
OPB/AFA**
(expected Spring 2008)

An aerial photograph of a lush, green forested landscape. A winding river flows through the center, surrounded by several lakes and smaller ponds. The forest is dense and green, with some areas appearing slightly more open or marshy near the water. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed environment.

Should it be protected?

Increase protection by
>250,000 ha (50%+)

Without affecting wood supply

Immediately

Should it be protected?

10 yr (+) phase out
Of all logging

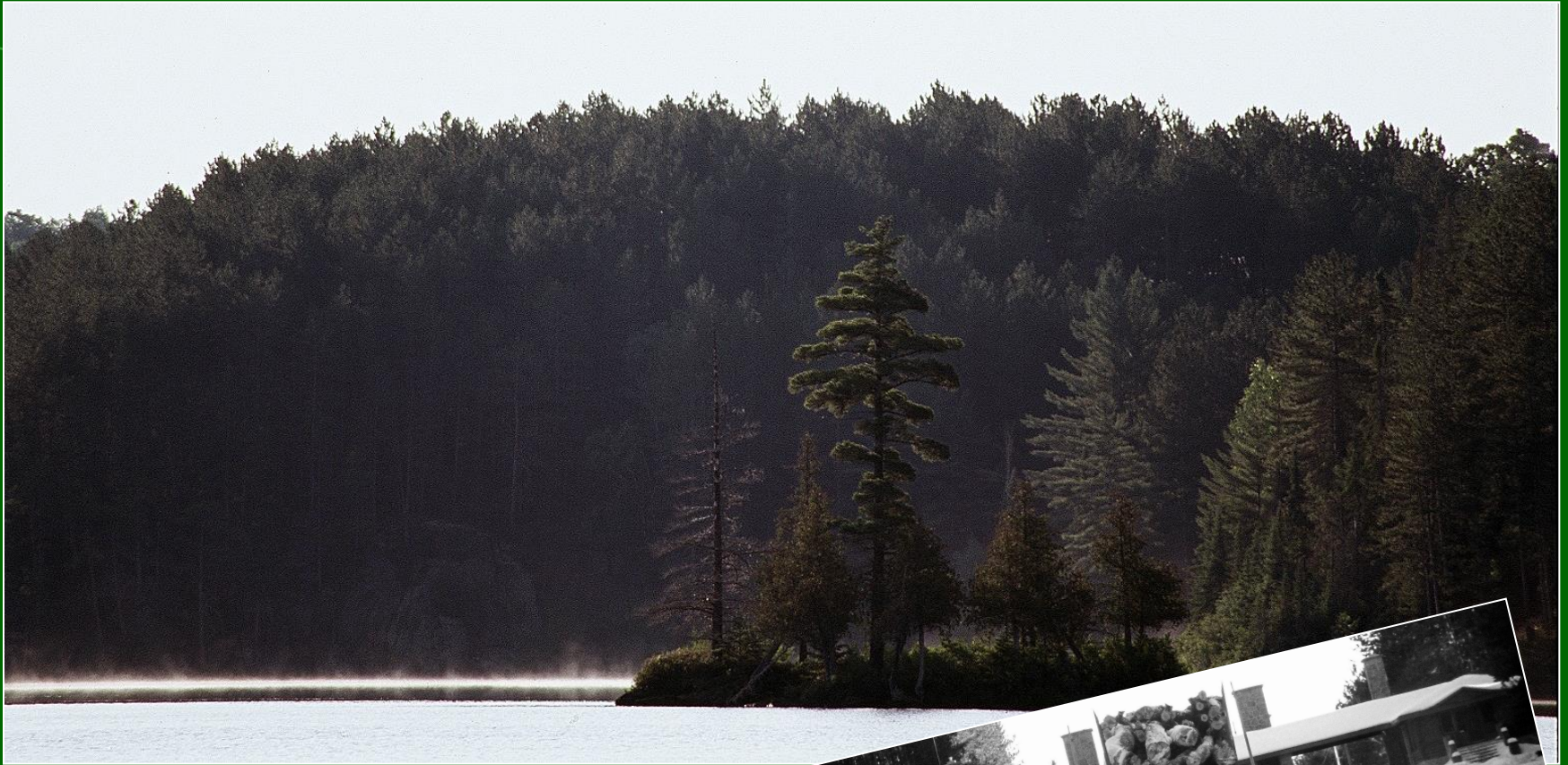


What Next?

- Joint Report (spring 08)
- Let MPPs know that you want more protection
- Stay tuned



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Save

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