"Protect The Lower Bird River"
postcard petition
Wilderness Committee Manitoba
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Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Protect The Lower Bird River ~PETITION~

Thank you for your recent correspondence to The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba, regarding your support for protection of the lower Bird River. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Premier and Honourable Rochelle Squires, Minister of Sustainable Development.

The goal of Manitoba’s Protected Areas Initiative is to create a network of protected lands that adequately represents the biodiversity in each of Manitoba’s 16 ecoregions.

The entire Bird River corridor falls within the Lac Seul Upland ecoregion and Manitoba has made tremendous progress over the years to achieve significant protected area designations that represent the biodiversity found in this area. As a result, much of this ecoregion in eastern Manitoba is already protected in three provincial parks, four First Nation traditional use planning areas and in one wildlife management area. In fact, part of the Bird River is protected in Nopiming Provincial Park. Given the current extent of protection in the ecoregion, the department will not proceed with protecting the lower Bird River in future.

However, the province does recognize the ecological value of the Bird River and will continue to manage the non-protected Crown land along the river corridor in a manner that sustains the wildlife, plants, and the natural features you have highlighted.

Thank you again for your correspondence and interest in Manitoba’s protected areas program.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Rob Olson
Deputy Minister

cc: The Honourable Brian Pallister
Honourable Rochelle Squires