

19.3 PROGRAM BENEFITS

Although forest recreation may provide fewer direct economic benefits than some of the consumptive resources, the recreation program does provide two very important benefits to the Ministry of Forests.

It aids the effective management of other ministry programs. By having the mandate for forest recreation as well as timber and range, the Ministry of Forests can develop goals, objectives and strategies for each program simultaneously. This allows a greater degree of flexibility in the integration of programs, particularly in the long term, than if the ministry was dependent on another agency.

It is a good vehicle for developing public rapport. It is popular because it satisfies real public needs by providing the type of recreation facilities desired in the environment preferred within the timeframe required. The on-site contact between Ministry of Forests staff and the recreating public provides the opportunity for direct two-way communication and allows planners to keep in touch with public preferences.

APPENDIX A APPENDIX A/1 Proposed Timber Supply Areas

