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The following information is presented in point form to give a quick summary of the recommendations put forward for this region. The following is proposed based on the type of site:

(For a definition of site types refer to the Proposed Concept Plan in the map pocket.)

CAMPGROUNDS

Paradise Gardens	- coordinated signage.
Vale Island, Hay River	- upgrade.
Polar Lake	· upgrade.
Mission Island	· new development.
Sandy Lake	· new development.
Little Buffalo Falls	- polish.
Thebacha	- coordinated signage.
Queen Elizabeth Campground	- upgrade.

DAY-USE DEVELOPMENTS

Hay River Golf Course	- additional development.
Vale Island, Hay River	- upgrade.
Dene Settlement Day-Use Area	- coordinated signage.
Polar Lake	- upgrade.
Pine Point	· new development.
Mission Island	- new development.
Sandy Lake	- upgrade.
Angus Fire Tower	· upgrade.
Little Buffalo Falls	- additional development.
Salt Plains Overview	· additional development.
Bell Rock	- new development.
Queen Elizabeth Campground	· upgrade.
Slave River Rapids	· new development.

ROADSIDE PULL-OFFS

Paradise Gardens Pull-off	new development
Buffalo River Crossing	· upgrade.
Paulette Bay Pull-off	upgrade.
Nyarling River	upgrade.
Wetland Viewpoint	· new development.
Salt Mountain Pull-off	· new development.
Fort Smith Pull-off	· new development.

REGIONAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

In addition to increased opportunities to stop for recreational or interpretive reasons, we are proposing a series of **regional** orientation maps. These are located at decision points and cover the entire region, graphically depicting the highways and what to do and see along the routes. They are located at the 7 following locations.

Enterprise	- additional development.
Junction of Highways 2 & 5	new development.
Hay River Tourist Cabin	additional development.
Junction of Highways 5 & 6	· new development.
Fort Resolution	new development.
Fort Smith Pull-off	· new development.
Queen Elizabeth Campground	· upgrade.

1.2 SITE ASSESSMENTS

Figure 3.1 illustrates a list of all the sites that were examined in this project. The chart indicates their location, **milage**, servicing available and **needed**, as well as the proximity of the attraction to the Highway. The chart also summarizes information on recreation potential and our assessment of the interpretive potential.

SITES

CAPABILITY INFORMATION

CORRIDOR

HIGHWAY
 KILOMETER
 DISTANCE FROM ROAD
 i = IMMEDIATE
 c = CLOSE < .5 Km
 o = OFF HIGHWAY > .5 Km
 TIME FRAME
 < 30 Min.
 30 Min - 1 Hour
 > 1 Hour

RECREATIONAL POTENTIAL

SCENERY FEATURE
 PICNICING
 WALKING TRAILS < 1 Hour
 HIKING > 1 Hour
 PLAYGROUND
 SWIMMING / WADING
 FISHING (Year Round)
 CANOEING
 BICYCLING
 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
 SNOWMOBILING

INTERPRETIVE POTENTIAL

W.O.W. FACTOR
 ORIENTATION
 REGIONAL
 AREA
 LOCAL SITE
 INTERPRETATION
 MAJOR
 MINOR
 TOPIC

SERVICE NEEDS

WATER
 TOILET FACILITIES
 DUMPING STATION

EXISTING SERVICES

GROCERIES
 GAS / PROPANE
 FOOD / SERVICE
 GIFT / SOUVENIR PURCHASE

ENTERPRISE
 PARADISE GARDENS
 GOLF COURSE
 VALE ISLAND Campground
 JUNCTION HIGHWAY 2 & 5
 HAY RIVER BRIDGE
 POLAR LAKE
 BUFFALO RIVER CROSSING
 JUNCTION HIGHWAY 5 & 6
 PINE POINT
 PAULETTE BAY
 DAWSONS LANDING
 PAULETTE BAY OVERVIEW
 LITTLE BUFFALO COMMUNITY
 FT. RESOLUTION CAMPGROUND
 FT. RESOLUTION
 MISSION ISLAND
 NAGLE CHANNEL/SLAVE RIVER

 SANDY LAKE
 PARK ENTRANCE
 ANGUS FIRE TOWER
 NEEDLE LAKE ROAD
 NYARLING RIVER CROSSING
 KLEWI LAKE
 PREBLE CREEK
 WETLAND VIEWPOINT
 LITTLE BUFFALO FALLS
 SALT PLAINS OVERVIEW
 SALT MOUNTAIN (VIEWS FROM)
 SALT RIVER CROSSING
 THEBACHA CAMPGROUND
 BELL ROCK
 Q.E. CAMPGROUND
 FT. SMITH
 SLAVE RIVER

Highway	Kilometer	Distance from Road	Picnic	Walking Trails	Hiking	Playground	Swimming/Wading	Fishing	Canoeing	Bicycling	Cross Country Skiing	Snowmobiling	Orientation	Regional	Area	Local Site	Interpretation	Major	Minor	Topic	Water	Toilet	Dumping	Groceries	Gas/Propane	Food/Service	Gift/Souvenir	Purchase
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5	2	i																										
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5	261																											
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KEY
 ● HIGH
 ○ MEDIUM
 ○ LOW
 □ BLANK = NO POTENTIAL,
 REQUIREMENT OR
 APPLICABILITY
 ~ APPROXIMATE



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 Site Assessments**

Figure
3.1

MAJOR INTERPRETATION **OPPORTUNITIES**

Vale Island Campground	- Transportation History
Buffalo River Crossing	- Forest/People
Pine Point	- Boom & Bust
Fort Resolution	- Transportation History
Mission Island	- Settlement History
Sandy Lake	- Dune Ecology
Angus Fire Tower	- Karst
Wetland Viewpoint	- Whooping Crane
Salt Plains Overview	- Salt/People
Bell Rock	- Transportation History
Fort Smith	- Transportation History
Slave River	- Transportation History

MAJOR RECREATION **OPPORTUNITIES**

vale Island Campground
Polar Lake
Paulette Bay
Fort Resolution
Mission Island
Sandy Lake
Bell Rock
Queen Elizabeth Campground
Slave River

1.3 **DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The development strategy involves three issues.

lists the sites in recommended order of

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY CHART

FIGURE 7.

Sites are listed in recommended order of development.

SITE	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
LITTLE BUFFALO FALLS					
REGIONAL MAP PROGRAM					
ENTERPRISE					
HAY RIVER TRAVEL INFO					
JUNCTION 2 AND 5					
JUNCTION 5 AND 6					
FORT RESOLUTION					
FORT SMITH PULLOFF					
Q.E. CAMPGROUND					
CONSTRUCTION					
PARADISE PULL-OFF					
JUNCTION 2 AND 5					
JUNCTION 5 AND 6					
FORT SMITH PULL-OFF					
SALT PLAINS PULL-OFF					
ENTERPRISE					
BUFFALO RIVER CROSSING					
PAULETTE BAY PULL-OFF					
POLAR LAKE					
VALE ISLAND					
FORT RESOLUTION TOWNSITE					
MISSION ISLAND					
PARK ENTRANCE SIGN					
ANGUS FIRE TOWER					
WETLAND VIEWPOINT					
NYARLING RIVER					
SALT PLAINS OVERVIEW					
HAY RIVER GOLF COURSE					
SANDY LAKE					
BELL ROCK					
PINE POINT					
SLAVE RIVER RAPIDS					
Q. E. CAMPGROUND					

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Fiml Report breaks each site down into a year by year phasing strategy which has then been used to suggest combinations of projects that could be administered together. These are grouped together on the Development Chart and have been structured to streamline:

- duplication in planning or design **contracts**,
- construction timing and geographic **location**,
- prevention of overlap in community input between projects,
- cost savings in consulting travel and expenses.

A 5 year time frame has been proposed. **Most** of the sites are **small** developments and individually will not elicit a major change in the habits and decisions of the driving public. The strength of this proposed concept and hence its **simultaneous** development of many sites is the increased quality and attractiveness that will be found all along the Highway in the region making the region-as-a-place-to-explore, the destination experience.

The regional orientation map **program** is felt to be critical and a format has been developed that will allow for installation of inexpensive temporary signs that can be replaced as developments occur so that visitor orientation is not a component of the program that is deferred until the end of development, hence its special graphic notation on the Development Chart.