

Humes River Wilderness Area



County

Inverness, Victoria

Size

3596 ha

Classification

Wilderness Area

Status

New

Conditions Apply?

No

Overview

One of the last remaining large tracts of intact mature forest in the Bras d'Or Lake watershed

Ecological Values

Large area of old growth tolerant hardwood, red spruce and eastern hemlock

Steep, humid river canyons

Highland barren and lake

Representative of Keppoch Highlands Natural Landscape

Within American Marten Habitat Management Area and provincially endangered lynx breeding range

Outdoor Recreation Values

Rare opportunity for wilderness recreation destination directly accessible from Trans Canada Highway

Old cart track along Lewis Mountain used for hiking

Hunting and fishing

Forest Values

Mix of mature hardwood, softwood and mixedwood

Partial harvests in some hardwood stands during the 1990s

Parts of area unavailable for forestry due to DNR old forest policy and steep slopes

Other Resource Values

Medium mineral potential

High petroleum potential

Medium wind potential

Conditions

Exclusions and Vehicle Access

Potential OHV agreement for route 700.

Trail opportunities along MacPherson Brook to be explored.

Additional Comments

