

Dear Minister Crummell,

Thanks for the reply. It is great that the government plans to expand the protection of other natural areas in the province; the Mealy Mountains, being one of them. It was stated in the paper that 47 parks were up for sale at market value. That sounds like complete ownership to me and a form of real estate marketing. If someone wants to expand the parks for more accommodations and attractions through grants, you can still do it through leasing the park land. Putting 47 parks up on the market, as the paper stated, is a lot of wilderness.

Some of these park owners and individuals that I had the opportunity to meet environmentally over the years, are a danger to themselves let alone own a park area.

Like a stated in my previous email some park owners are environmentalist and some are not. You also have to enforce these regulations and put checks in place which government always found costly and ineffective. The truth is there is a tonne and a half of grey areas in governments park plan. The truth is this whole island of Newfoundland and Labrador should be treated as an ecologically sensitive area that even the humblest of Newfoundlanders could enjoy. Our remote wilderness areas and ecological treasures or parks should be in public trust and maintained in a way that anyone could enjoy them and feel a sense of connection to. Buy the way not everyone can afford a \$1800.00 a year RV site and a \$40000 RV. Is that what wilderness is coming to in this province??

Yours in conservation

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