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Subject: PARLBY CREEK-BUFFALO LAKE WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Environment Minister Fred Bradley today announced the 1986-87 construction program for the Parlby Creek-Buffalo Lake Water Management Project.

In 1986 Alberta Environment will construct the Spotted Lake outlet control structure and begin work on a bypass channel. This is a continuation of the department's program of drainage improvements from Buffalo Lake to Highway 50.

The outlet control structure will accommodate multipurpose management for Spotted Lake, and the bypass channel will be designed so that flood flows and water discharge from upstream improvements can be safely conveyed around the lake. Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) has been allocated for this work. The total project expenditure for previous work downstream is \$767,480.

The operational criteria for the new Spotted Lake outlet control structure will be developed in consultation with landowners and the Departments of Agriculture and Forestry. The operation of the structure will be consistent with lake management and upstream drainage and flood control requirements.

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The department is continuing to work closely with representatives from the local area and other agencies to develop a multipurpose management plan for Spotted Lake. Various alternatives are being examined. Funding and scheduling for this component will be determined once the management plan for Spotted Lake has been completed and accepted.

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