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# Forecasting SAR demand in Nunavut's National Parks

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# Changes in Visitation

- Increase likely to occur in:
  - Cruise ship tourism
  - Private yacht travel
  - Business travellers
  - Adventure tourism – new activities
- Local and traditional use likely to remain high in most Nunavut parks.



# Changes in Visitation

- Increased attention in the north/arctic will result in gradual increase in Nunavut visitation.
- Dramatic increase in park visitors not expected unless travel costs decrease.
- New activities and changing climate may be a “wild card” for visitation.
- Resolution of firearms permitting for guides may result in more guided visitation.



# Impacts on SAR in our parks

- Overall, dramatic increase in incidents not expected however growth will be constant.
- New activities may require new SAR expertise.
- Visitors travelling in more remote areas will lead to more unknowns during rescue.



# Impacts on SAR in our parks

- Potential increase in incidents in surrounding area.
- Changing climate may have unexpected impacts on SAR incidents.
- New visitor groups may not be familiar with the hazards.

