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A Proposal for a New Managed Area in Amazonia

While the Amazon rain forest is rich in natural resources, including: hydroelectric energy; mineral resources such as iron ore, gold, copper, and tin; and oil and natural gas, development needs to occur to access these resources and make them available to the global economy. As the forest is cleared for construction of dams, mines, and roads, indigenous populations are threatened by this development. Using the information you and your group found through exploring the map Amazonia: The Human Impact, identify one area of Amazonia that you think should be protected from future development. Use information you recorded on your worksheet, Resources in the Amazon, to help you write your proposal.

1. On the map below, draw a circle about this size in the area you want to propose as a new managed area in Amazonia. As a protected area, no new development will be allowed and the forest and indigenous territories that fall within this area will remain untouched.

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2. Brainstorm reasons why you selected this area. You should provide several reasons to support your proposal. Refer to the map, Amazonia: The Human Impact, and your worksheet, Resources in the Amazon, and consider the following:

- Are there indigenous territories in or around this area?
- What development is being considered in this area? For example:
  - Mines
  - Oil and gas development
  - Hydroelectric projects

3. Synthesize your reasons and write a one-paragraph proposal for a new managed area in Amazonia.

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