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This report describes provincial protected area boundary adjustments that have occurred since 2004.

Our records currently indicate that since 2004, there have been 95 modifications to remove land from protected area boundaries, totalling approximately 4,196 hectares.¹ This equates to less than 0.03 percent of the total area within the provincial protected areas system.

These boundary adjustments have included removing existing highways and public roads from parks, and authorizing highway improvements, access roads, transmission lines and pipelines. In some cases, lands removed from an area were protected under another designation (e.g., Class A park to protected area under *Environment and Land Use Act*). This total also includes boundary modifications to correct errors in which lands were inadvertently included in protected area boundaries (details of the boundary adjustments are in the table below).

Although the “category” system of boundary adjustments was not adopted until 2010, BC Parks has attempted to indicate which category would have been assigned for adjustments occurring prior to 2010.

53 of the 86 boundary modifications are considered “category 1” under the policy, dealing with corrections to administrative errors in park boundaries. These types of modifications have resulted in 3,404.4 hectares² being removed from parks, conservancies, ecological reserves and protected areas.

27 of the 86 boundary modifications are considered “category 2” under the policy, or adjustments to deal with human health and safety issues such as highway re-alignments and community infrastructure such as water supplies. These types of modifications have resulted in 153.1 hectares being removed from parks.

15 of the 86 boundary modifications are considered “category 3” under the policy, or adjustments where a proponent is interested in a development or activity not allowed under protected area legislation. These types of modifications have resulted in 638.8 hectares being removed from parks and conservancies.

¹ These numbers do not include a number of administrative changes in 2004 to remove existing highways and public roads from parks. Complete information respecting these administrative corrections is not available at this time. The numbers also do not include boundary modifications resulting from the Maa nulth First Nations Final Agreement.

² Of this amount, approximately 60% (2,499 ha) is attributed to one protected area change where lands from Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve that included trails and recreation activities were removed and added to Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.

Protected Area	Year	Bill/OIC	Category	Hectares Deleted	Purpose
Brandywine Falls Park	2004	Bill 50-2004	2	3.9	3.9 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.
God's Pocket Marine Park	2004	Bill 74-2004	1	11	11 ha deleted to remove an existing fish farm to conform to recommendations from land use plan.
Golden Ears Park	2004	Bill 74-2004 (brought into force in 2006)	3	1	Approximately 1 ha deleted to allow for the construction of a road to a private parcel of land outside the park. 0.81 of a hectare was added to the park in 2006.
Maquinna Marine Park	2004	Bill 50-2004	1	5	5 ha deleted on which an existing community water tower and incinerator were situated.
Maquinna Marine Park	2004	Bill 50-2004	2	60	60 ha deleted to enable the Hesquiaht First Nation to construct a 1.7 km stretch of road through the park to provide safer access to their community of Hot Springs. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Mount Elphinstone Park	2004	Bill 74-2004	1	5	A harvested cutblock (5 ha) which was included in the park in error was removed. 7 ha of land with higher conservation values were added.
Mount Robson Park	2004	Bill 50-2004	2	14	14 ha deleted to accommodate a residential waterline. These lands were established as a

					protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Porteau Cove Park	2004	Bill 50-2004	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable the transport and barging of waste associated with improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. The lands were established as a recreation area under the <i>Park Act</i> . These lands have since been “returned” to the park.
Shannon Falls Park	2004	Bill 74-2004	2	0.2	0.2 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. 0.3 hectares were added to the park as compensatory lands.
Wells Gray Park	2004	Bill 74-2004	2	2	2 ha delete to allow for improvements by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to a highway stream crossing at Second Canyon.
Coldwater River Park	2005	Bill 16-2005	1	3	3 ha deleted to remove an existing berm and pipeline.
E. C. Manning Park	2005	Bill 16-2005	2	1.66	1.66 ha deleted to enable bridge reconstruction to occur to address a public safety concern. 1.22 ha of land was added as a mitigation measure.
Shuswap Lake Marine Park	2005	Bill 16-2005	1	1.1	The Shuswap Lake East Site was cancelled as per direction from the LRMP. It was replaced by the Swall Site (7 ha) the previous year.
Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve	2006	Bill 15-2006	1	2,499	2,499 ha deleted to remove historic guide outfitter camps and trails that were included in the ecological reserve and

					correct errors in the 2004 description. The lands were added to Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.
Shannon Falls Park	2006	Bill 15-2006	2	1.3	1.3 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.
Strathcona Park	2006	Bill 15-2006	1	265	265 ha deleted from the Mount Flannigan area as part of land acquisition/exchange agreement. 305 hectares added to the park as part of the exchange.
Babine Mountains Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	1	4.5	4.5 ha deleted to remove the existing Driftwood Road.
Brandywine Falls Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. 11 hectares were added to the park as compensatory lands.
Echo Lake Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	1	0.43	0.43 hectares deleted to remove an existing forest service road.
Gitxaala Nii Luutiksm/Kitkatla Conservancy	2007	Bill 24-2007	1	3.93	3.93 ha removed based on clarification of the boundaries of a gravel reserve. 25.49 ha added to the conservancy as a result of clarifying the boundaries of the gravel reserve.
Mount Robson Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	3	478	478 ha deleted to accommodate expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion project. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> . Mitigation included the addition of 911 ha of lands to the park in 2010 and an endowment fund of

					\$350,000 from Kinder Morgan to support park management.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	2	0.858	0.858 ha deleted to accommodate the construction of a new road to provide secondary emergency access for the community of New Aiyansh.
Roderick Haig-Brown Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	2	3	3 ha deleted to enable Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to replace a single lane bridge over the Adams River.
Rubyrock Lake Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	1	11.6	11.6 ha deleted from the park to remove the Yekooche First Nation's community cemetery and water tower from the park.
Shuswap Lake Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	1	0.133	0.133 ha deleted to enable transfer to Columbia Shuswap Regional District for regional park purposes.
Stawamus Chief Park	2007	Bill 24-2007	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.
Cariboo Nature Park	2008	Bill 38-2008	2	3	3 ha deleted to enable Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to upgrade Highway 97.
Cypress Park	2008	OIC 314/2008	2	0.1672	0.1672 ha were deleted from the park as part of a land exchange agreement related to the Sea to Sky Highway Improvement project. 0.3349 ha were added to the park as part of the exchange.
Gilpin Grasslands	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	3	3 ha deleted to exclude an

Park					existing forest service road.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	100	100 ha were deleted to remove the Highway 113 right of way from the park to ensure the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was able to conduct necessary maintenance work. The deleted corridor also allowed for the construction of a fibre optic cable to service Nisga'a communities.
Roche Lake Park	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	0.32	0.32 of a hectare was deleted to exclude an existing forest service road.
Shuswap Lake Marine Park–St. Ives Site	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	0.8	0.8 of a hectare was deleted to exclude an existing forest service road.
Tsa-latí/Smokehouse Conservancy	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	5	5 ha were deleted to remove an existing mineral claim that was included in the conservancy in error.
Ug ^w iwey/Cape Caution Conservancy	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	0.3	Less than 0.3 of a hectare was deleted to remove an existing forest service road.
Upper Adams River Park	2008	Bill 38-2008	1	141	141 ha were removed to conform with the recommendations of the LRMP. 155 ha were added to the park to conform with the recommendations of the LRMP.
Cariboo River Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	1	1	1 ha deleted to exclude an existing road to enable access to a placer mineral tenure outside the park.
Dry Gulch Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	1	0.025	0.025 of a hectare was deleted to remove an existing road that

					was included in the park in error.
Ellison Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	2	0.09	0.09 of a hectare was deleted to enable the road improvements by the City of Vernon to address safety issues and provide utility services to an adjacent subdivision.
Johnstone Creek Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	2	0.2	0.2 of a hectare was deleted to enable the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake road improvements to meet subdivision safety standards and to access a gravel pit adjacent to the park.
Neġiļ/Nekite Estuary Conservancy	2010	Bill 15-2010	1	4	4 ha were deleted to remove a former forestry camp site that was included in the conservancy in error.
Ningunsaw Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	2	4	4 ha were deleted to align the park boundary with the surveyed edge of the right of way for Highway 37. This ensured that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was able to carry out necessary maintenance work on the right of way.
Otter Lake Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	1	1.7	1.7 ha were deleted to remove an existing road corridor (0.3 hectares) to a Lease of Placer Minerals. This removal was part of a legal agreement negotiated in the 1980s but never implemented.
Upper Lillooet Park	2010	Bill 15-2010	1	0.1	Less than 0.1 of a hectare was deleted to except a portion of an

					existing mineral claim.
Wawley/Seymour Estuary Conservancy	2010	Bill 15-2010	3	1	1 ha was deleted to exclude a log sort area to enable a First Nation to undertake timber harvesting on adjacent land outside the conservancy.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	2011	Bill 13-2011	3	10.5	10.5 ha were deleted to enable construction of the Northwest Transmission Line. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
White Lake Grasslands Protected Area	2011	OIC 504/2011	1	1.15	Removed a road to a private residence, correcting an administrative error made at time the area was established..
Cultus Lake Park	2012	Bill 49-2012	1	11	11 ha were removed to exclude three existing public roads.
Dzawadi/Upper Klinaklini River Conservancy	2012	Bill 49-2012	3	62	62 ha were deleted to enable environmental studies for a potential hydro-electric generating project. The land was established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Kamdis Conservancy	2012	Bill 49-2012	1	0.236	0.236 of a hectare was removed to exclude an existing access road to an industrial lease.
Stawamus Chief Park	2012	Bill 49-2012	3	2.36	2.36 ha were deleted to enable construction of Sea to Sky Gondola. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .

Elk Falls Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	3	5.65	5.69 ha were deleted to enable the John Hart Replacement Project by BC Hydro. The land converted to protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Inkaneep Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	3	0.24	0.24 of a hectare was deleted and transferred to Shared Services BC for secondary road access to Oliver Correctional Centre. 0.9 of a hectare was added as a mitigation measure.
Mara Meadows Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	1	7.3	7.3 ha were deleted to remove overlap with woodlot licence.
Moose Valley Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	1	50	Removal of lands recommended by the Goal 2 land use planning process to provide a more rational and recognizable park boundary. 161 ha were added to the park as a result of the land use planning recommendations.
Upper Violet Creek Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	1	0.1	0.1 of a hectare was deleted to remove overlap with woodlot licence.
Wakes Cove Park	2013	Bill 5-2013	1	0.1	Land was deleted to enable repair of breakwater for adjacent marina.
Elk Falls Park	2014	Bill 11-2014 (brought into force by BC Regulation 150/2014)	3	10	10 ha were deleted to remove lands required by the City of Campbell River to construct a replacement municipal water supply intake system.
Greenbush Lake Protected Area	2014	OIC 138/2014	1	2.4	2.4 ha were removed to correct an administrative error made at time of establishment (2001). A cutblock was included in the

					protected area in error.
Kamdis Conservancy	2014	Bill 11-2014	1	0.06	0.06 ha was removed to correct an error in the 2012 description. 0.05 ha was added to also correct an error in the 2012 description.
Kleanza Creek Park	2014	Bill 11-2014	2	2	2 ha were removed to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the Kitselas community of Gitau.
McDonald Creek Park	2014	Bill 11-2014	1	0.0075	0.0075 ha was deleted to provide for a legal easement to a private in-holding in the park. Existing legal means of access will be closed.
Mount Richardson Park	2014	Bill 11-2014	1	0.75	0.75 ha was deleted to correct an administrative error associated with a licence of occupation.
Paul Lake Park	2014	Bill 11-2014	2	2.75	2.75 ha was deleted to remove an existing community water system from the park.
E. C. Manning Park	2015	Bill 8 - 2015	2	2.06	2.06 ha were deleted to enable the replacement of the 3 Cambie Creek bridges on Highway #3. 3.2 ha added to park as a mitigation measure.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	2015	Bill 8-2014 (brought into force by BC Regulation 112/2015)	3	63.5	63.5 ha were deleted to enable the PRGT natural gas pipeline to proceed. The land was established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Say Nuth Khaw Yum Park [a.k.a.]	2015	Bill 11-2014 (brought into force by BC	1	11	11 ha were deleted to remove recreational lots that were

Indian Arm Park]		Regulation 9/2015)			included in the park in error.
Finn Creek Park	2016	Bill 25-2016 (brought into force by BC Regulation 88/2017)	3	2.43	2.43 ha were deleted to enable the construction, use, operation and maintenance of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.
Prudhomme Lake Park	2016	Bill 15-2016	1	0.04	Adjustments were made to the park boundary due to change in the natural boundary of the shoreline over the past 50 years.
Lac du Bois Grasslands Protected Area	2017	OIC 117/2017	3	0	No lands removed from the protected area. OIC 811/2008 amended to enable the construction, use, operation and maintenance of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project.
E. C. Manning Park	2018	Bill 19-2018	1	4.7	4.7 ha were deleted from the park as a result of a highway realignment project that occurred in the 1970s. 2.3 ha were added to the park as a mitigation measure.
Fintry Park	2018	Bill 19-2018	2	0.318	0.318 of a hectare was deleted from the park to allow for road improvement work being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.
Kleanza Creek Park	2018	Bill 19-2018	3	0.18	0.17 of a hectare was removed from the park to allow for an access road for a new subdivision south of the park. An additional 0.01 ha deleted from the park for the purpose of snow storage and maintenance by the Ministry of Transportation and

					Infrastructure. 4.265 ha added to the park as a mitigation measure.
Maquinna Protected Area	2018	OIC 364/2018	3	0	No lands were removed from the protected area. OIC 811/2008 amended to enable the construction and maintenance of a power distribution line and other utility services within the protected area.
Monkman Park	2018	Bill 19-2018	1	4	4 ha were deleted to remove a forest service road that was included in the park in error.
Tā Ch'ilā Park [a.k.a. Boya Lake Park]	2018	Bill 19-2018	1	15	15 ha were removed from park as a result of a recent survey of the Stewart-Cassiar Highway that is used to describe the western boundary of the park.
Loon Lake Park	2019	Bill 32-2019	3	2	2 ha were deleted: one ha was removed to provide land for Thompson Nicola Regional District to build a community firehall; one ha was removed to except two segments of road that crossed park.
Blackcomb Glacier Park	2021	OIC 343-2021	1	29	Removal of 29 ha to correct an error in the legal boundary description of Blackcomb Glacier Park that inadvertently resulted in the inclusion of an area of Crown land within the Controlled Recreation Area for Whistler Blackcomb Resort. The subject area includes ski lift facilities and was not intended to be included in the park's boundaries at the time it was

					established.
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Park	2021	Bill 17-2021	1	1	1 ha removed from the park to allow for an access corridor for private land that was erroneously included in the park.
Goat Range Park	2021	Bill 17-2021	1	1	1 ha removed from the park to provide for a right-of-way for a small segment of Highway 31, correcting an error made when the park was established.
Moberly Lake Park	2021	Bill 17-2021	1	3	Removed 3 ha from Moberly Lake Park to provide legal access to five private lots, correcting a past administrative error for owners of adjacent private lands whose access roads existed prior to park establishment.
Elk Falls Park and Protected Area	2021	Bill 17-2021	2 and 3	2.2	The boundary of the park was modified by: adding 14 ha of the area that was in the 16 ha Elk Falls Protected Area (which was cancelled); adding 5.3 ha of land owned by BC Hydro; and deleting 0.2 ha of land from the park to transfer to BC Hydro.
Omineca Park	2022	OICs 288 & 289/2002	1	172	Removed 172 ha containing an industrial road that was not intended to be in the park.
Burnt Cabin Bog Ecological Reserve	2022	Bill 3- 2022	1	0.2	Removed 0.2 ha to correct an administrative error by removing area containing water supply infrastructure.
Big White Mountain Ecological Reserve	2022	Bill 3- 2023	1	4	Removed 4 ha to correct an administrative error to remove a segment of an existing ski run.

West Arm Park	2022	Bill 3- 2024	2	2	The boundary was modified to allow for required road safety improvements.
Elko Park	2022	162/2022	2	0.39	The boundary was modified to allow for required road safety improvements.
Thorsen Creek Conservancy	2023	Bill 3-2023	1	14	Corrected boundary error that included incompatible activities in the conservancy at the time of establishment.
Peace River Corridor Park	2023	73/2023 (BIF Section 5: Bill 17-2021)	2	42	Deleted land from the park and added to Peace River Corridor Protected Area to enable the authorization of water supply infrastructure and an access road for use by the adjacent community.
Tow Hill Ecological Reserve	2023	273/2023 (BIF Section 1: Bill 5-2014)	1	0.05	To address an overlap/trespass issue.
E.C. Manning Park	2023	Bill 42: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023	2	1	To allow for MOTI's required bridge replacements on Highway 3.
Kikimun Creek Park	2024	Bill 9: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	1	1.6	Removed area of road from park.
Nancy Greene Park	2024	Bill 9: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	1	0.6	Removed area of forest service road from park.
Yaaguun Suu Conservancy	2024	Bill 9: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	1	2.7	Removed area of forest service road from park.

Kiskatinaw Park	2025	Bill 3- Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025	1	0.5	Deleted 0.5 hectares of land from one area of the park and added 0.5 hectares of land elsewhere in the park, addressing historical errors associated with BC Hydro Statutory Rights of Way and associated infrastructure.
Naikoon Park	2025	Bill 3- Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025	2	1	Removed 1 hectare of land for the purpose of expanding the Tlell cemetery.