

BROWNE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

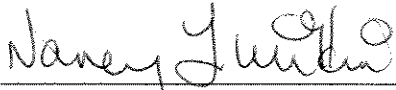
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Browne Lake Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Browne Lake Provincial Park, 47 hectares in size, is located in the Hydraulic Lake area, about 20 km east-southeast of Kelowna. Access is via Browne Lake Forest Service Road, off the McCulloch Lake Forest Service Road.

The park is located at the north end of Browne Lake, adjacent to the eastern boundary of Browne Lake Ecological Reserve. Together, they form a 161 hectare protected area. The park encompasses the slopes below the ecological reserve and a short section of upper Grouse Creek which is a small tributary of Mission Creek.

The park does not include the cut-off dam and adjacent land at the north end of the lake. The dam area remains within the user-maintained Forest Recreation Site (FRS), now administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts. The FRS also covers much of the lake's shoreline on the east and south sides. Lake use is mainly trout fishing and associated boating. Informal camping occurs in the Forest Recreation Site's main camping area on the east side and in the cut-off dam area.

The park receives very little recreational use. Some overflow camping has occurred in the north-east corner of the park near the cut-off dam.

Primary Role

The **primary** role of Browne Lake Park is to protect the Interior Douglas-fir-Montane Spruce transition forest. The park complements the ecological reserve by protecting the lower slopes.

Representative values are low. There are no known rare species in the park.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of the park is to provide low-impact, informal day-use recreation activities such as hiking and nature study.

Management Issues

Known Management Issues	Response
Limited information is available on rare and endangered species and communities.	Complete a rare/endangered species and communities inventory or a sensitive ecosystem assessment for the park and ecological reserve with the assistance of the ecological reserve warden or a university student.
Potential impact on the ecological values of the	Discourage trail development in the upland

park and ecological reserve from non-compatible or high levels of use.	portion of the park and establish signage. Take steps to discourage vehicle camping within the park, if required.
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Zoning

The whole of the park is zoned as Nature Recreation to allow compatible non-intensive day use recreation activities requiring minimal facilities such as nature study and hiking.

Protected Area Values and Significance Summary Matrix

Conservation

Representation

Ecosection

North Okanagan Highland – small contribution (0.16%) to the protected area system representation. This ecosection is moderately (3.48%) represented in the protected area system.

Biogeoclimatic subzone/variant

ICHmk1 – small contribution (2.42%) to the protected area system of this subzone/variant. This subzone/variant is poorly represented (1.55%) in the protected area system.

Special Features

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

Representation

Backcountry

Destination

Travel corridor

Local recreation

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

Representation

Special Feature

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations

Relationship to Other Protected Areas X The park forms part of a small protected land base that includes the adjacent Browne Lake Ecological Reserve

Collaborative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies X The park was recommended by the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan

Area

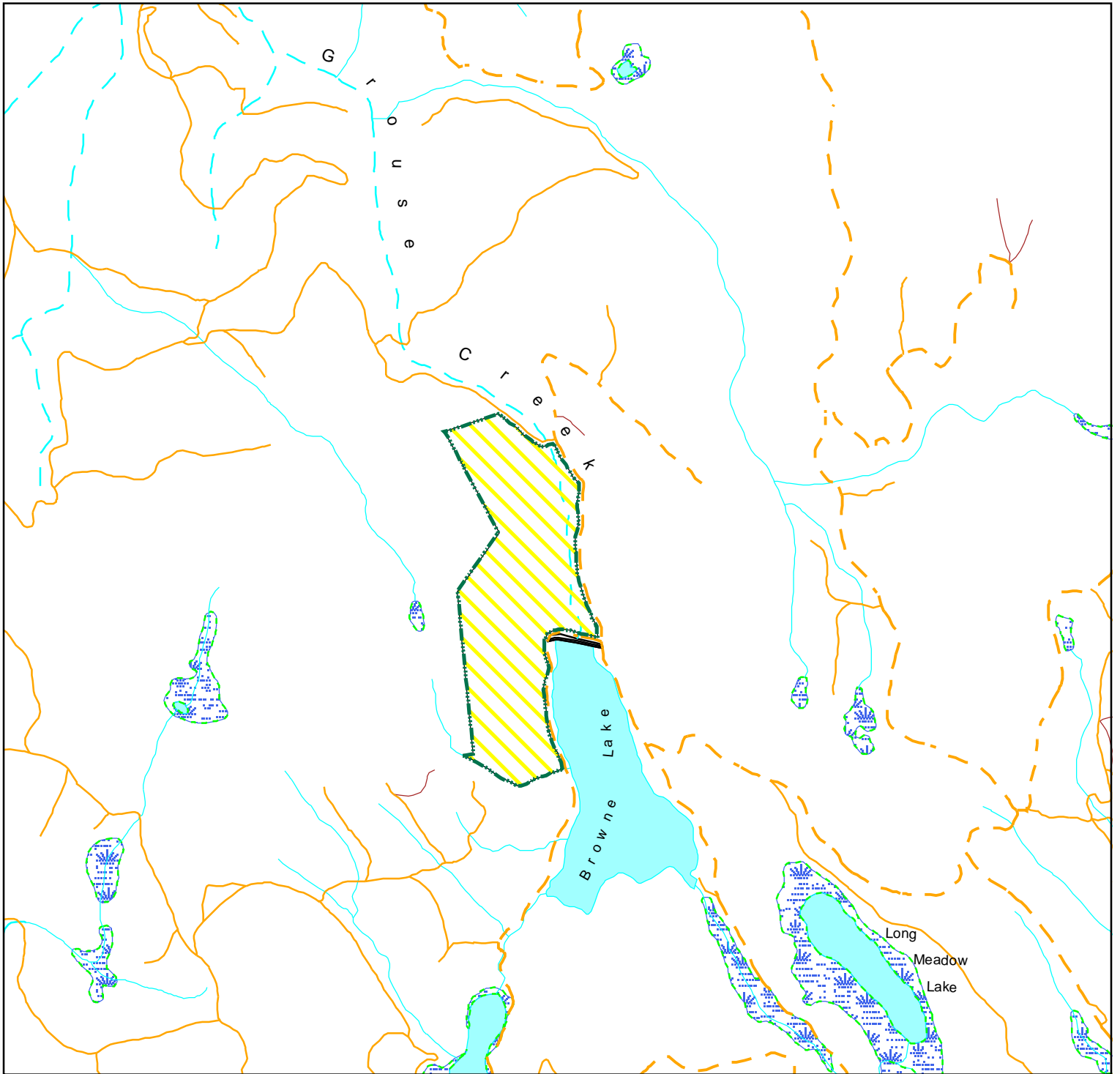
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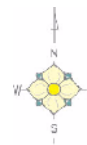
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Zoning Map

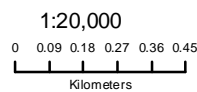
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 Nature Recreation



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