

BULL CANYON PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Bull Canyon Provincial Park is to provide a highway accessible, vehicle accessed camping area and rest stop on the Highway 20 corridor.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of the park is to protect important archaeological features (pit houses) as well as to provide nature appreciation (walking, bird watching) and fishing opportunities.

Known Management Issues	Response
Fir bark beetle infestation and fire management	Pheromone baiting undertaken, especially around burned areas, fall and burn to eliminate infested Douglas-fir.
Archaeological sites	No more facility development without extensive impact assessment
Public use of the BCFS Fire Suppression camp	Allow no overnight use in this area.

Zoning

The areas around the campground and trail are zoned *Intensive Recreation* (approximately 22 ha or 6% of the park), and the remaining areas of the park are zoned *Natural Environment* (approximately 321 ha or 94% of the park).

CONSERVATION

Representation

- ecosection 343 hectares to the moderately represented Chilcotin Plateau Ecosection (4.02%)
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant 1 of only 4 parks in the poorly represented IDFdK4 variant, but provides minimal representation due to small size (43 ha); provides the second best representation of the IDFXm variant in the protected areas system, although quality of representation is limited due to small size (272 ha)

Special Feature

- Contains a portion of a lava canyon around the Chilcotin River, locally significant. Caves contain locally significant bat habitat.

Rare/Endangered Values

- Unknown and not assessed

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation:

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor Regionally significant stop on Highway 20
- local recreation

Special Opportunities

- One kilometre self-guided hiking trail, steelhead fishing on the Chilcotin River

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

- Self-guided nature trail

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

Special Feature

- Pit houses and place of gathering/conflict between Shuswap and Chilcotin people. Historic wagon road.

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

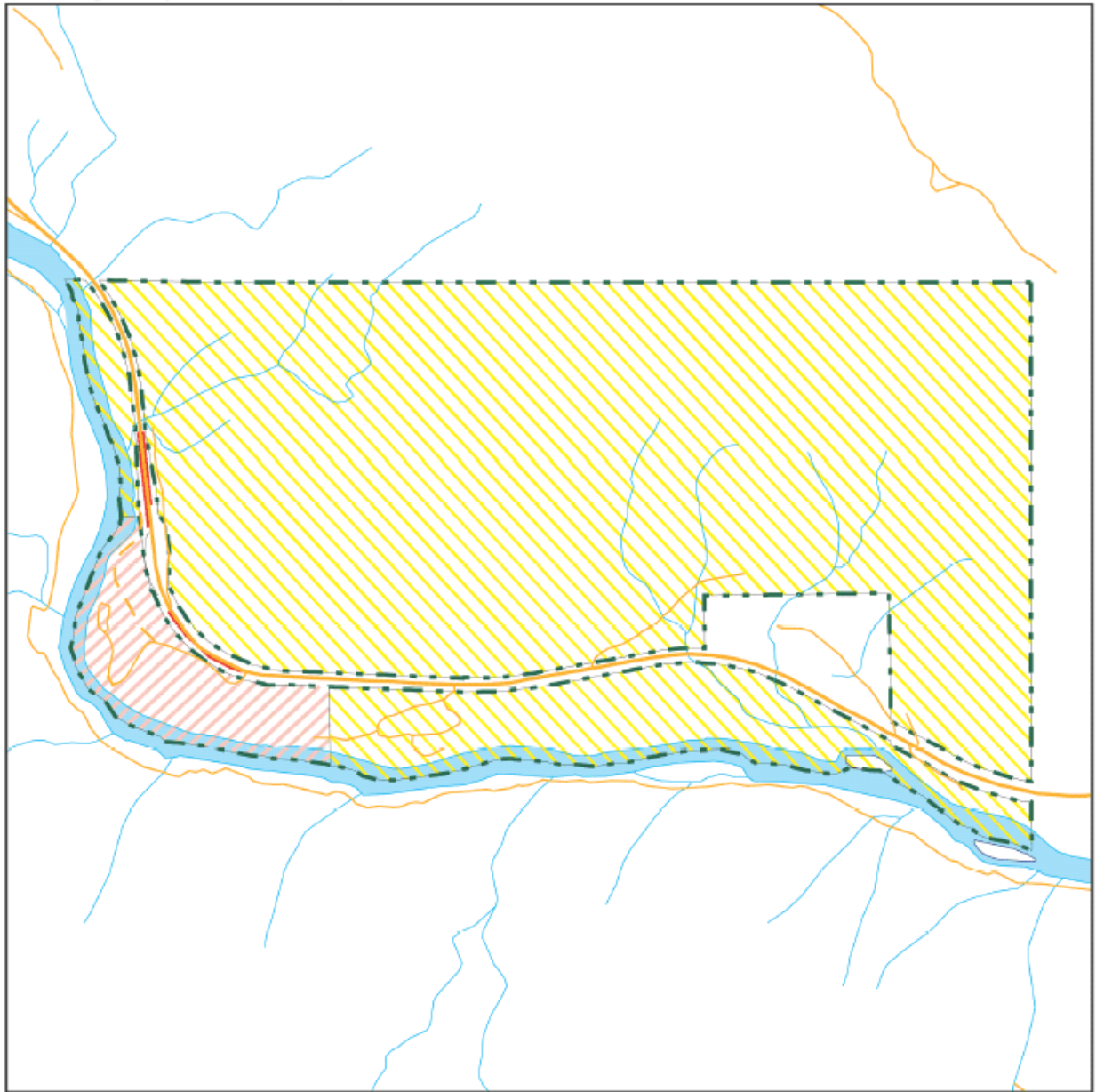
Vulnerability Pit houses may be vulnerable to vandalism

Relationship to Other Strategies

Area: 343 hectares




Date of Establishment : April 7, 1993

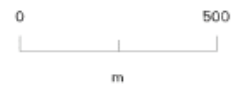
Zoning Map - Bull Canyon Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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