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Coldwater River Park Management Plan

Introduction

This management plan defines the role of Coldwater River Park within the Provincial Park system and the objectives and guidelines for managing the park's values and visitor use activities.

The park role, objectives and zoning as stated in this plan cannot be contravened in meaning or intent without consultation with the public and the approval of the district manager and Parks Management Committee (PMC). A five year business plan is included as Appendix B to provide direction for implementing the management plan. The actions identified in the business plan will be accomplished as funding and resources permit. The business plan is subject to annual review and adjustments.

Background

Location: The park is located 20 kilometres south of Merritt. The government established this 76 hectare Class A Provincial Park on May 15, 1986.

Protected Area Values

Conservation

- river valley representation
- river (riparian) wildlife habitats
- fish spawning habitats

Culture

- railway history and First Nations fishing

Recreation

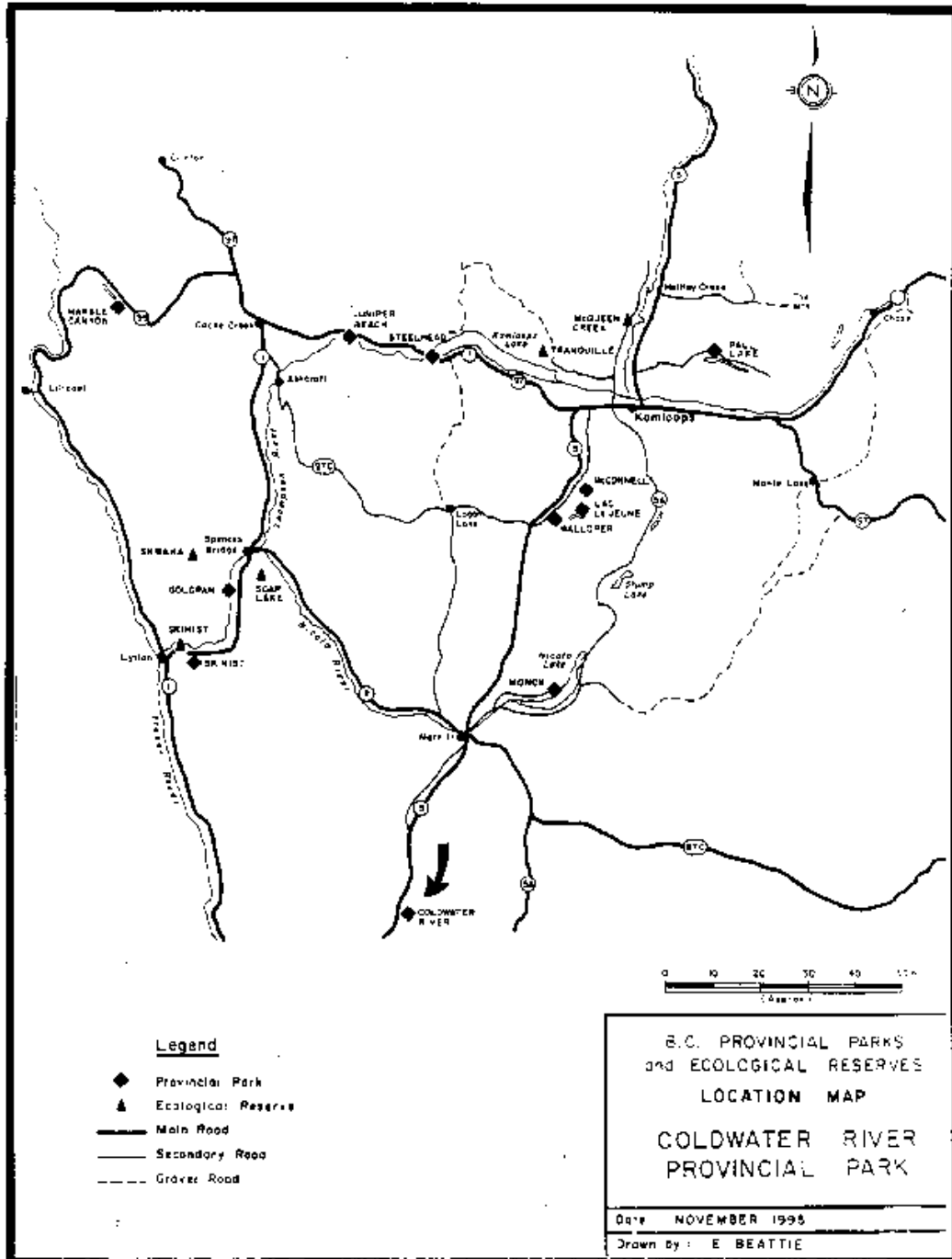
- river setting
- satisfies travel corridor and destination recreation goals
- provides fishing, winter recreation, camping, nature and historical interpretation, and auto-touring recreation activities

Private and Public Sector Interests

- Canadian Pacific Railway and Trans Mountain Pipeline rights-of-way. See land uses and encumbrances section.

First Nations Interests

- traditional fishing area
- part of the Coldwater First Nation's territory



Existing Land Uses and Encumbrances

- CPR (Kettle Valley Railway) right-of-way Plan A247 - Certificate of Titles in the name of Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Co. Ltd. - excluded from the park.
- Trans Mountain Pipe Line CG 233 - Certificate of Titles in the name of the Crown - exclude from the park.

Role of the Park

Conservation

- to conserve a representative portion of a river valley ecosystem.

Recreation

- to retain options for future destination, travel corridor use and historical interpretation recreation opportunities.

Culture

- to protect First Nations cultural values.

Vision Statement

Beyond the year 2000, BC Parks will have managed Coldwater River Park as a protected natural area. This valley is recognized as having high potential for outdoor recreation opportunities. Coldwater Park will be one of many public parks and recreation areas enhancing the recreation activities available to the touring public using the Coquihalla Highway corridor by providing green space and a site for limited day-use and camping facilities.

Zoning

Natural Environment Zone

- Objective: to protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.
- Zone description: includes all lands and waters within Coldwater Park.
- Appropriate land uses and recreation activities: hiking, walking, viewing, nature study, cross-country skiing and informal picnicking in a natural forest and river setting.

Management Concerns and Objectives

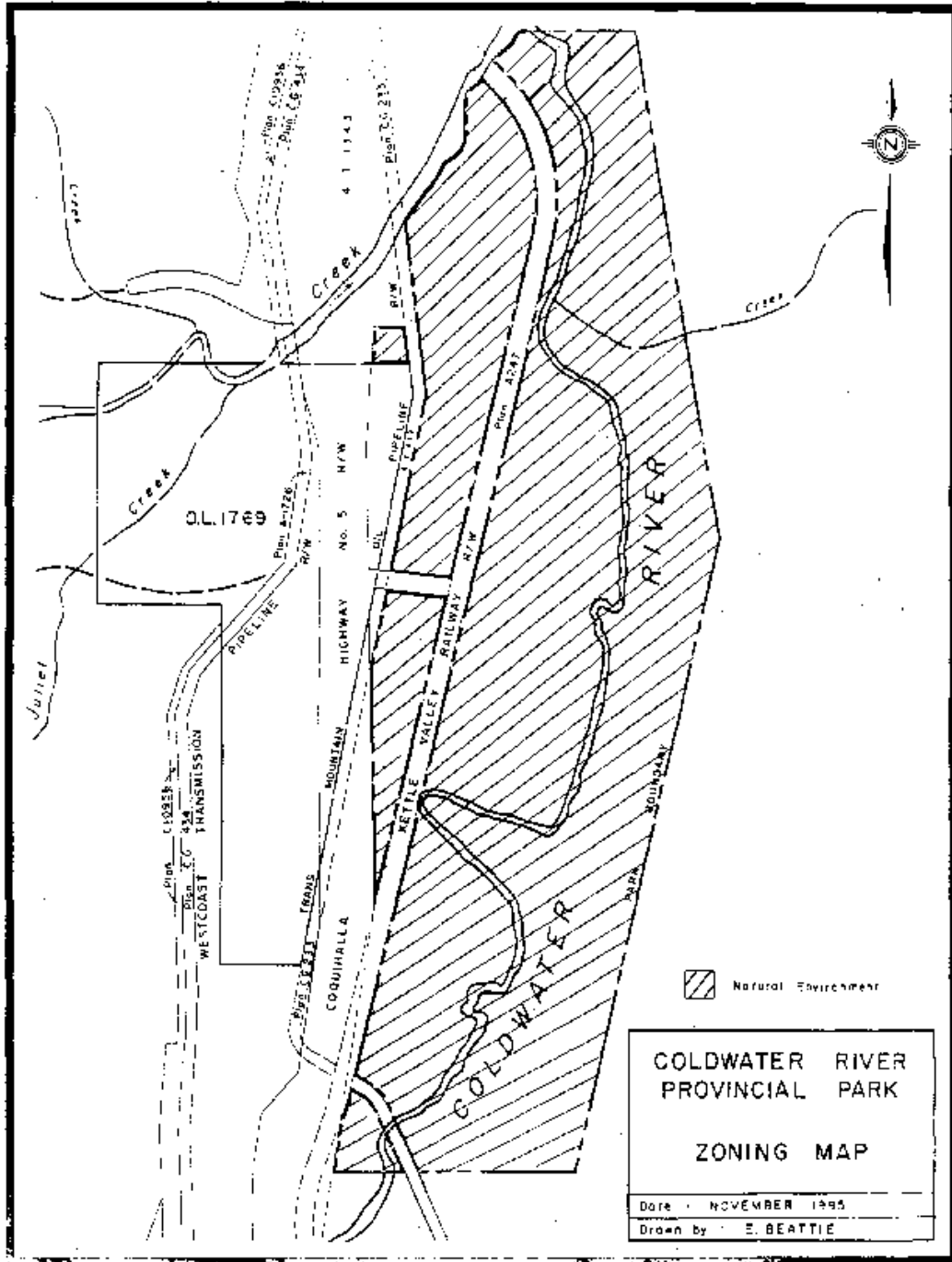
Conservation

Land

Objective : To maintain the park in a natural state.

Vegetation

Objective : To protect riparian river habitats and forest values.



Wildlife

Objective : To protect wildlife values in the park's upland and fish spawning habitats in the Coldwater River.

Recreation

Objective : To maintain this park as an undeveloped natural area providing informal recreation activities such as nature study, cross-country skiing, hiking and walking.

Culture

Objective : To ensure the protection and interpretation of First Nations cultural values and values associated with the Kettle Valley Railway.

Appendix A – Five Year Business Plan

Coldwater River

Goal/Action: Retain as land base