JACKPINE REMNANT PROTECTED AREA



PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN Peace Region 2006

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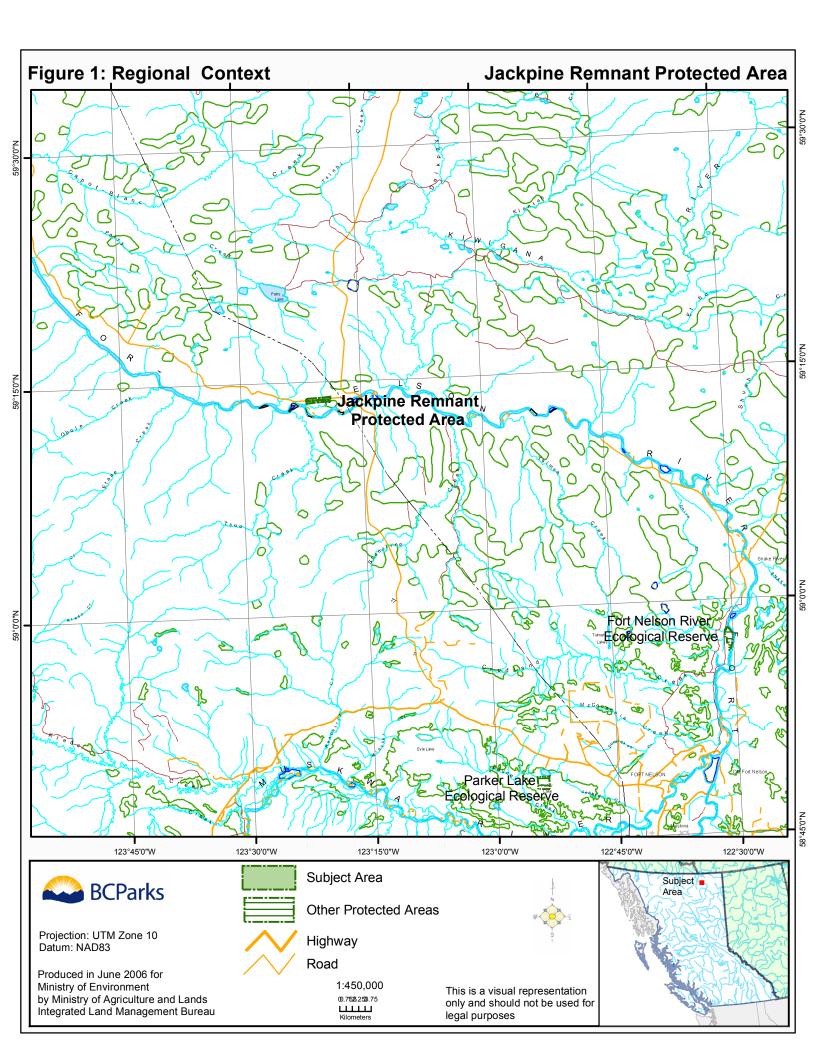
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Jackpine Remnant Protected Area is to protect one of the few remaining stands of old growth jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*) in the Fort Nelson area.

Known Management Issues	Response
The Fort Nelson LRMP directed that directional drilling with no surface disturbance be permitted in this protected area	Work with Oil and Gas Commission and any oil and gas tenure holder to ensure that Protected Area values, especially stands of old growth jackpine are not adversely affected by oil and gas exploration or development.
Designation as a Class A Provincial Park: amendments to the <i>Park Act</i> in 2003 have enabled directional drilling to occur under Class A Provincial Parks, provided there is no surface disturbance or surface access into the park. Therefore, there is no longer any impediment to designating the area as a Class A Park.	Following consultation with local government, re-designate the area as a Class A Provincial Park if appropriate.
An industrial road exists within the boundaries of the protected area that is heavily used during the winter	Monitor impacts of road use, and work with industrial users to mitigate any impacts identified
Adjacent oil and gas development and forest harvesting	Work with the Oil and Gas Commission, the Ministry of Forests, and tenure holders to prevent or identify and mitigate adverse effects on the old growth jack pine stand.
Wildfire could alter the existing successional pattern present in the protected area	Develop a Pre-Attack Plan for wildfire response and assess wildfire management plan requirements done

Zoning

Jackpine Remnant Protected Area is zoned Special Feature. Management will focus on conservation of the old growth stand of Jack pine, but due to limited human use at this time, further management prescriptions are not necessary.

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Representation - ecosection		Jackpine Remnant Protected Area is in the Fort Nelson Lowlands ecosection This ecosection is underrepresented in the protected areas system (just 0.47% protected). Jackpine Remnant makes an insignificant contribution to this total, containing 1.3% of the area protected.	
biogeoclimatic subzone/variant		Jackpine Remnant Protected Area makes an insignificant contribution (<0.01%) of the protected areas system total) to the protection of the BWBSmw 2 (Boreal White and Black Spruce, moist, warm) subzone. Approximately 2.2% of the BWBSmw2 subzone is protected province-wide.	
Special Feature		Old growth jack pine at the western extremity of their range	
Rare/Endangered Values			
Scientific/Research Opportunities			
Recreation			
Representation Backcountry			
Destination Travel corridor			
Local recreation		Wildlife viewing, some camping, although there are no facilities due to limited human use at present. The park is open to hunting.	
Special Opportunities			
Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Cultural Heritage			
Representation		None known. This protected area lies within the area traditionally used by the First Nations of Treaty 8.	
Special Feature			

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	
Relationship to other PAs	
Collaborative Management Arrangements	This protected area will, once the agreement is signed, be subject to the Memorandum of Agreement respecting the management of provincial parks between the Government of BC and the Treaty 8 First Nations.
Partnerships	
Vulnerability	
Relationship to other Strategies	The Fort Nelson Land and Resource Management Plan (1997) recommended the area as a goal 2 (special feature) protected area
Area:	145 hectares
Date of establishment:	March 30, 2001

