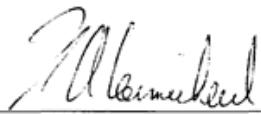


JOHNSTONE CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

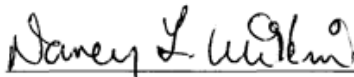
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**JOHNSTONE CREEK PARK
Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

Johnstone Creek Park, 38 hectares in size, is located adjacent to Highway 3 just west of Rock Creek.

The **primary purpose** of the park is to provide camping opportunities to highway travellers. The park contains 16 campsites, as well as trails to a lookout and to a nearby waterfall. The campsites are used for picnicking as well.

The **secondary purpose** of the park is to protect a small section of Johnstone Creek, its mature Douglas-fir - Larch - Spruce forest and small area of grassland. Johnstone Creek supports rainbow trout.

Although contributing about 15% of the land protected in the Southern Okanagan Highland Ecosystem, the park's small size and level of development limits the value of its contribution. Two biogeoclimatic subzones/variants are present - IDFxh1 and PPdh1 - the latter amounting to almost all of the subzone/variant protected in the ecosystem.

A 102 hectare addition is being considered by the Kootenay Inter-Agency Management Committee as part of the Kootenay Boundary Land Use Plan goal 2 review. This largely grassland/open forest land would increase the PPdh1 values and extend the length of creek protected.

Known Management Issues	Response
This park's small number of campsites and lack of room for expansion makes it unviable if it were not managed as part of a group of parks.	Investigate the potential transfer of the core developed area to a local interest or withdrawal of facilities. Protect the conservation values of the remainder of the park which would be greatly enhanced if the 102 hectare addition occurs.
The grassland values can be impacted by trespass grazing if fencing fails.	Monitor the situation and establish a fencing program if required.

Zoning

The land between the highway and the park road is zoned Intensive Recreation to provide camping and day use recreation opportunities (24% of the park). The remainder of the park (approximately 76% of the park) is Natural Environment Zone to protect its natural values.

CONSERVATION

Representation

- ecosection Southern Okanagan Highland – 1 of 5 small protected areas contributing to the representation of this ecosection. Only 0.55% of the ecosection is protected. Johnstone Creek contributes 14.93% of the overall protected area representation of this ecosection. Largest contributor to representation of this ecosection is Anarchist Protected Area (82.80%).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant IDFxh1 – under-represented in the protected areas system (6.85%); park contributes only 0.09% of the overall representation of this BEC unit in the protected areas system.
PPdh1 – only 0.23% protected; 1 of only 2 small protected areas contributing to the representation of this BEC unit; despite its small size (38 ha), the park contributes 95.68% of the representation of this BEC unit in the protected areas system

Special Feature

- Riparian habitat

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor Provides camping and picnicking opportunities for Highway 3 travellers
- local recreation

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

Special Feature

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

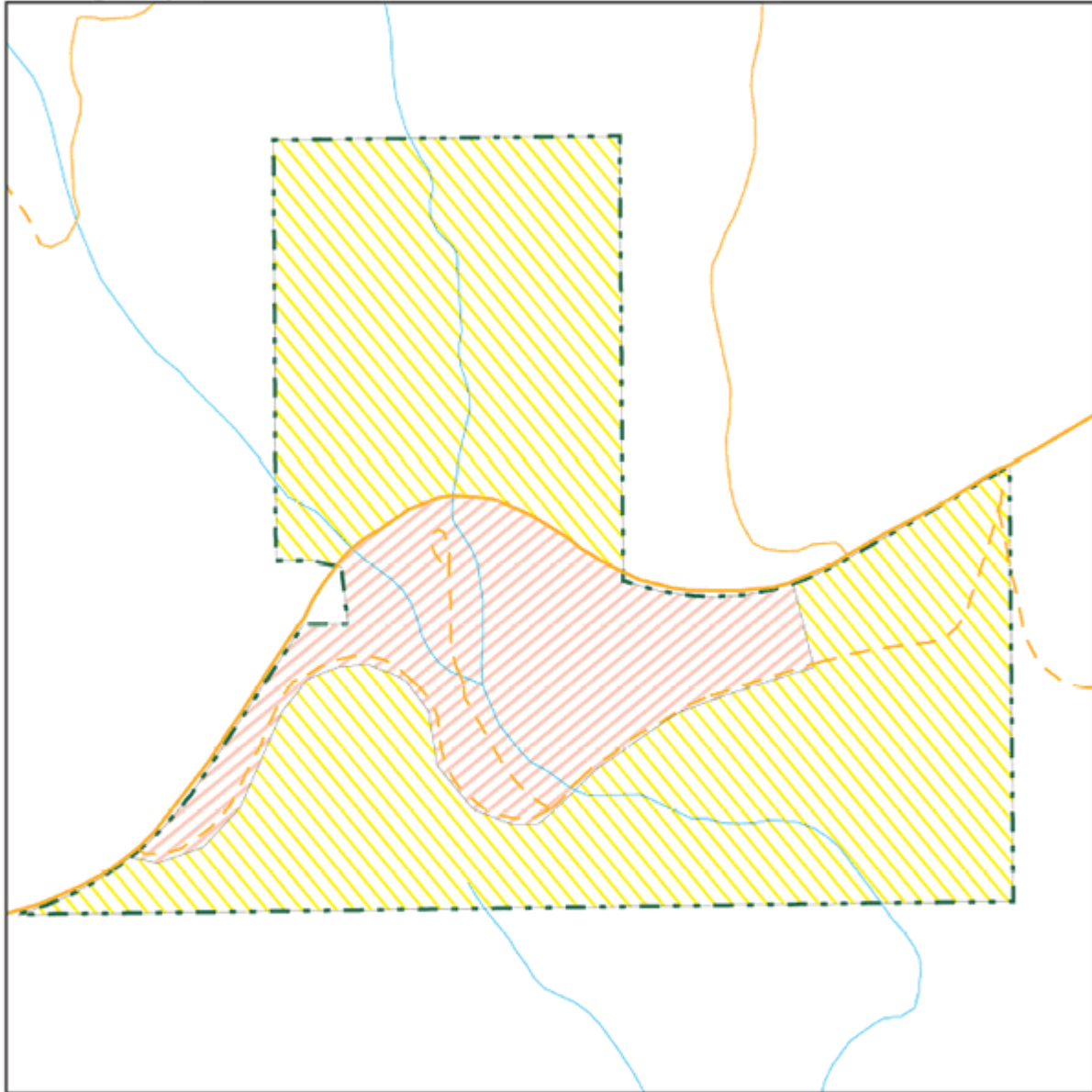
Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies Kootenay Boundary LUP goal 2 review recommends 102 hectare grassland/open forest addition

Area: 38 hectares




Date of establishment: March 16, 1956

Zoning Map - Johnstone Creek Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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