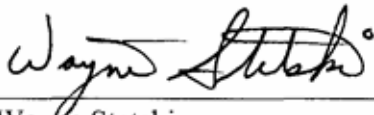


MOYIE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

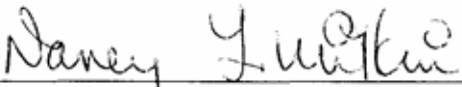
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Moyie Lake Park is to maintain outdoor recreation holiday destination and tourism travel route opportunities oriented to a forested lakeside setting. Moyie Lake Park along with several other provincial parks add to the diversity of public and private attractions in the Southern Rocky Mountain Trench. This well established holiday destination features open grasslands and dry forests within the backdrop of the Southern Rocky Mountains. The park provides a diversity of recreation opportunities close to the major urban and tourism centre of the region.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of the park is to protect a remnant estuary/wetland ecosystem of the Moyie River.

There are very few provincial parks in the Kootenays that contain wetlands. The complex in the park, although small, is one of the best examples in the region. It contains important habitat for great blue herons (blue listed) and includes an old growth cottonwood stand.

Tertiary Role

The **tertiary role** of the park is to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for local communities. Public access to many of the largest lakes in the region is limited by terrain and private ownership. Moyie Lake Park ensures access to lake-oriented recreational opportunities for local communities.

Known Management Issues	Response
Significant riparian/wetland complex that may be at risk from recreational use and adjacent land uses.	Carry out ecological assessment of wetland complex with special focus on species at risk. Prepare management strategy based on assessment.
Mountain pine beetle attack on lodgepole pine creates hazardous trees (public safety concern).	Follow the intent of the Vegetation Plan with special recognition to potential wildlife tree candidates and removal of hazard trees.
Non-native plants threatening native species.	Ongoing control required plus an overview every few years to assess abundance of non-native species.
Trespass structures on parklands.	Ongoing work/enforcement with owners.
Wildlife trees at risk due to hazard associated with recreational trails.	Carry out formal assessments as per policy and initiate modifications as required.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 53% of the park)

Objective: To provide for a variety of readily accessible, facility-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

Natural Environment (approximately 18% of the park)

Objectives: To protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Special Feature (approximately 29% of the park)

Objectives: To protect and present significant natural or cultural resources, features or processes because of their special character, fragility and heritage values.

Conservation

Representation
- ecosection

- The McGillivray Range Ecosection is under-represented (1.26%) in the PA system. Moyie Lake Park makes a minor contribution to this very poorly represented ecosection, providing 1.2% of the province-wide PA representation (the third highest) Other contributors include Gilnockie Park (96%) and Gilnockie Creek Ecological Reserve (2%). The park also makes a minor contribution to the moderately represented (6.38%) Southern Columbia Mountains Ecosection.

- biogeoclimatic subzone /variant

- Makes a minor contribution to the poorly represented (4.21%) ICH mk1. The park contributes only 0.54% of the overall representation of the ICH mk1. Makes a minor contribution to the very poorly represented (0.93%) IDF dm2. The park contributes only 0.2% of the overall representation of the IDF dm2.

Special Feature

- Wetland estuary/complex and old growth cottonwood.

Rare/Endangered Values

- blue heron (b), badger (r), painted turtle (b), plains reedgrass (r).

Scientific/Research Opportunities

- None identified.

Recreation

Representation
backcountry

- Not applicable.

destination

- Vehicle camping (111 sites), fishing, hiking and boating.

travel corridor

- Highway 3-93-95 Southern Trans-provincial.

local recreation

- Swimming, picnicking, hiking and ice fishing. Day use parking for 160 cars and boat launch.

Special Opportunities

- None identified.

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

- None identified.

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Archaeological values associated with the Ktunaxa/ Kinbasket (lower Columbia tribes) have been identified in the park. |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Archeological sites (lithic scatter) along foreshore. |

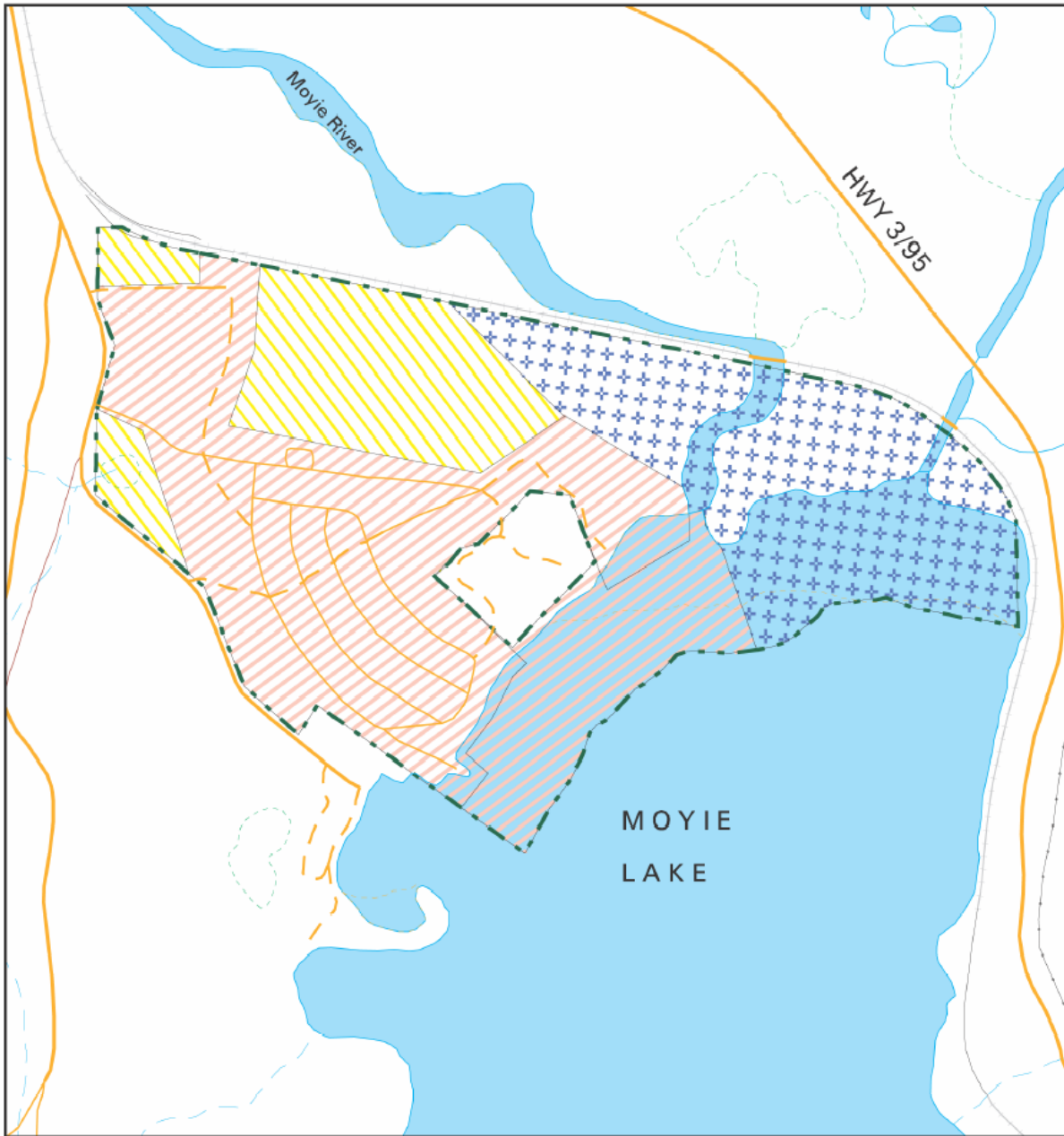
Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 of 3 provincial parks along the Moyie River drainage. |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Vulnerability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wetland complex sensitive. Noxious weed species (23 in total) may spread if control efforts are not performed. Pine beetle infestations. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |

Area: 90.46 hectares




Date of establishment: July 7, 1959

Zoning Map - Moyie Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Special Feature
-  Protected Area Boundary

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