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**MANAGEMENT DIRECTION
STATEMENT**

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**for Oregon Jack
Provincial Park**



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This binder contains 15 management direction statements developed under the direction of the Kamloops Land and Resource Plan Implementation Table and BC Parks. The government designated these protected areas in May, 1996. The 15 management direction statements provide strategic direction for these protected areas until management plans can be developed with full public involvement. Protected areas' roles, strategies and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, implemented through operations plans, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

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Purpose of Management Direction Statements

Management Direction Statements provide strategic management direction for all protected areas that do not have a full management plan. MDS do not negate the need for future, more detailed management plans. Management Direction Statements also describe protected area values management issues and concerns; management strategy focused on immediate priority objectives and strategies; and, directional statements from other planning processes

OREGON JACK PARK

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION STATEMENT

I. Introduction

A. Setting and Context

The 233 hectare Oregon Jack Park, situated 25 kilometres southwest of Cache Creek, is important for conservation and cultural heritage values including a spectacular limestone canyon and falls. Access is up the gravel road along Oregon Jack Creek from the Trans Canada Highway, 17 kilometres south of Cache Creek.

This protected area was recommended through the Kamloops LRMP process and formally established on April 30th, 1996 as a provincial park through Order-in-Council under the *Environment and Land Use Act*. Subsequently, the park was designated under Schedule E of the *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

This Management Direction Statement is intended to provide direction and guidelines for managing Oregon Jack Park until a more comprehensive management plan is developed for the area.

II. Protected Area Values

A. Conservation

- spectacular limestone canyon and falls of Oregon Jack Creek (the Notch)
- old-growth Douglas-fir on the steep north slopes
- wetlands and aspen stands along creek above the Notch

B. Recreation

- interesting back-country tourist feature
- wildlife viewing - bears, moose, waterfowl

C. Cultural Heritage

- pictographs and Three Sisters rock shelter

D. Significance in the Protected Areas System

- protects important cultural heritage features
- Oregon Jack Park rates as a regionally significant cultural heritage site

III. Other Land Uses and Interests

A. Existing Tenures

- park designation under the *Park Amendment Act, 1997* ensures that all existing liens, charges, and encumbrances other than those applying to commercial logging, mining or energy exploration and development will continue to be authorized through

- issuance of park use permits. This policy recognizes all existing *Land Act* tenures, water rights, trapping licences and other legal tenures and rights.
- park designation provides for continuance of existing grazing under administration and management of the *Range Act*.

B. Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- logging roads and cutblocks on the south
- private land on east and west ends
- ranching activities

C. First Nations Interests

- specific interest of Ashcroft Indian Band unknown

D. Other Agency Interests

The park will be managed in close co-ordination with various resource agencies, particularly BC Environment and Ministry of Forests

- Forest Service access road through the park
- long-term possible mines interest in public access road through Oregon Jack valley

E. Private and Public Stakeholder Interests

- unknown

IV. Park Role Statement

The primary role of Oregon Jack Park is to protect the geological features, wetlands, upland forest habitats and cultural features associated with the setting and environs of Oregon Jack Creek. The park is one of a number of small parks in the BC Parks Thompson River District (Cornwall Hills, Blue Earth Lake, Bedard Aspen and Harry Lake Aspen) and larger parks in Cariboo District (Marble Range and Edge Hills) that together represent the diverse ecosystems of the Pavilion Ranges Ecosection. A secondary role is to continue providing traditional low profile recreation opportunities for viewing the geological and waterfall features, hiking, hunting and nature appreciation.

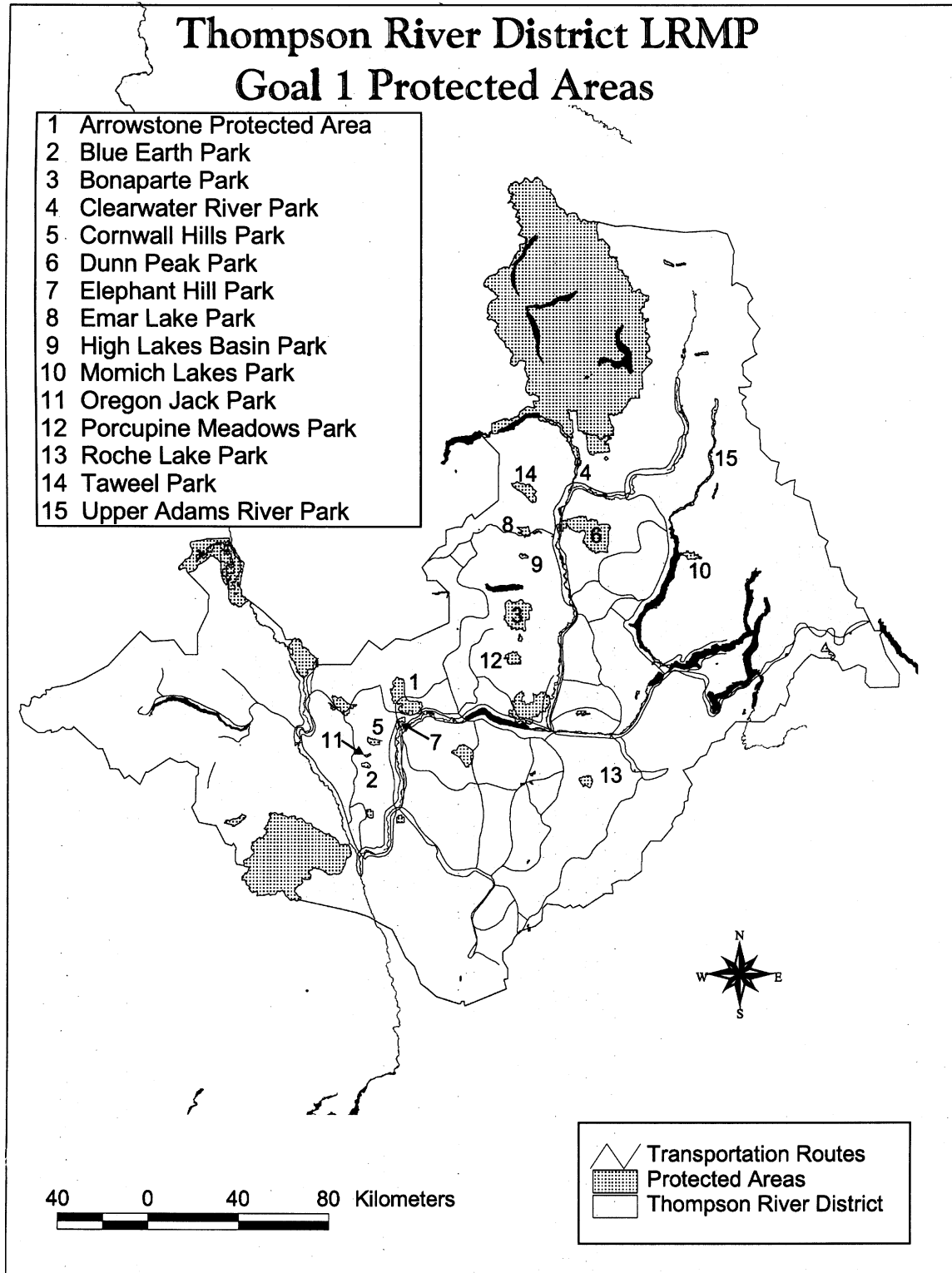
V. Management Issues and Concerns

A. Integration With Other Land Use Planning Processes

This Management Statement, future Management Statements, and all resulting management actions will follow the intent and criteria set out by the Kamloops LRMP for the Oregon Jack protected area

Also the park will be planned and managed in co-ordination with Ministry of Forests and other agencies' planning processes.

Figure 1 – Regional Context Map



B. Consultation and Future Planning

Planning and management of the park will conform to the intent and directions as set forth in the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy. BC Parks is accountable for planning, administration and management of the park through application of the laws, policies and regulations granted under the *Park Act*. BC Parks will coordinate with other agencies, the LRMP table, various public planning groups and First Nations in developing management plans for all of the new parks arising from the Kamloops LRMP.

This Management Direction Statement has been reviewed and approved in principle by the Kamloops LRMP implementation team.

The LRMP table considers Oregon Jack as low priority for management planning. This Management Direction Statement will provide direction and guidelines for managing the area for the next five years or so until a management plan is developed. Any future management plan will be developed through involvement of other agencies, stakeholders, First Nations interests and public interest groups.

C. Zoning

This zoning plan as shown on the adjoining page is preliminary and reflects the intent of the LRMP recommendations for Oregon Jack Park. The zoning plan may be changed in a future management planning process. Tentative zones include:

Natural Environment

- includes the major portion of the park; the objective is to maintain the area in a natural condition

Heritage Areas and Natural and Cultural Sites

- special management sites may be identified through future inventories for cultural and conservation purposes

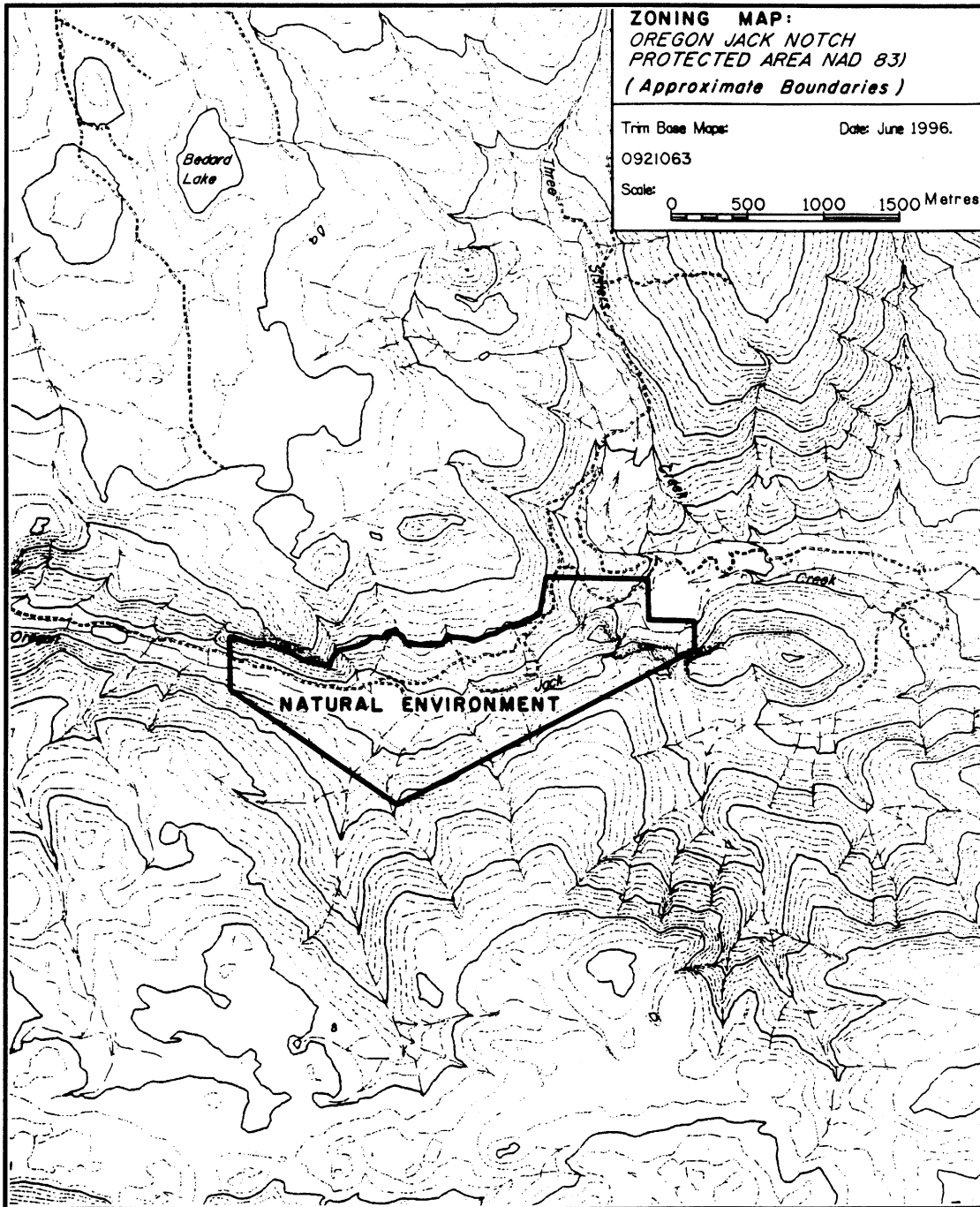
D. Management Strategies and Objectives

The following objectives will direct the short and long term management of the area:

- to maintain the natural qualities and conditions of the park
- to maintain the visual and recreational values
- to maintain the diversity of wildlife species and habitats
- to discourage the introduction of non-native plant species
- to provide for continued recreation use with opportunities for hiking, nature viewing, hunting and other dispersed recreation activities

The more detailed management planning process will define how these strategies and objectives will be implemented. As well, there will undoubtedly be other strategies and objectives added to the list through the management planning process.

Figure 2 - Zoning Map



E. Longer Term Issues and Concerns

As a result of the LRMP process there are a number of apparent longer-term issues that will be addressed in the management planning process that can be highlighted under the following broad topics:

Conservation

- vegetation management - insect and disease control and fire management
- wildlife management

Recreation and Tourism

- access management to protect the wetlands - through co-ordination with local level planning
- recreation use - appropriate activities, insuring compatibility between user groups

Culture

- inventory and protection of archaeological sites and recognition of any identified traditional First Nations uses

F. Short Term Issues and Concerns

Appendix A outlines guidelines for managing uses, activities and facilities in the park. The types and nature of recreation uses of the park will not change, however, more intensive levels of management may be applied; i.e. periodic park ranger patrols.

Appendix A - Activity/ Use Matrix for Oregon Jack Park

Activity/Use/Activity	Natural Environment Zone	Heritage Areas & Natural/ Cultural Sites Zone
Hunting	Y	N
Fishing	Y	Y
Trapping	Y	Y
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N2	N2
Recreational gold panning/ rock hounding	N	N
Utility corridors	N	N
Communication sites	N	N
Horse use/ pack animals	Y ³	Y ³
Guide outfitting (hunting)	Y ²	Y ²
Guide outfitting (fishing)	N/A	N/A
Guide outfitting (nature tours)	Y ²	Y ²
Guide outfitting (river rafting)	N/A	N/A
Cat-assisted skiing	N/A	N/A
Ski-hills	N/A	N/A
Heli-skiing	N/A	N/A
Heli-hiking	N	N
Tourist infrastructure - resorts	N/A	N/A
Backcountry huts/lodges/ cabins	N/A	N/A
Water control structures	N2	N2
Fish stocking and enhancement	N1	N1
Road access	Y ¹	N1
Off-road access (snowmobiles)	Y ³	Y ³
Off-road access (motorized)	N	N
Off-road access (mechanical activities)	Y ³	Y ³
Motorized water access	N	N
Aircraft access	N/A	N/A
Fire management Wildlife management Prevention & preparedness Prescribed fire management	N1	N1
Fire management (suppression)	Y	Y
Forest insect/disease control	Y	Y
Noxious weed control	Y	Y
Exotic insect/disease control	Y	Y
Scientific research (specimen collection)	N1	N1
Scientific research (manipulation activities)	N1	N1

Y = allowed, subject to conditions identified in the management direction statement or management plan

N1 = allowed for expressed management purposes only

¹ = road access plan for this area designates open and closed roads

³ = on designated trails only

N = not allowed

N2 = not normally allowed, but if present at time of PA establishment, will normally be allowed to continue

² = by permit only

⁴ = on designated lakes only