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This binder contains 32 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 32 management direction statements provide strategic direction for these protected areas. 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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Pritchard Park Management Direction Statement

Introduction

Purpose of the MDS

Management direction statements (MDS) 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. While strategies may be identified in the MDS, the completion of all these strategies is subject to funding and funding procedures. In addition, all development associated with these strategies within the protected area is subject to the BC Parks Impact Assessment Policy. This management direction statement is intended to provide direction and guidelines for managing Pritchard Park for the foreseeable future.

Setting and Context

- The 60-hectare Pritchard Park protects six kilometers of foreshore riparian habitat along the South Thompson River at Pritchard. It is situated 32 kilometers east of Kamloops at Pritchard and accessed by crossing to the north side of the South Thompson River.
- This protected area was recommended through the Kamloops LRMP process and formally established in Schedule E of the *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

Protected Area Attributes

Conservation

- Protects six kilometres of riparian habitat along the South Thompson River (much of the river frontage is in private hands)
- Rich riparian habitats of willows, cottonwoods, aspens, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, Russian olive, hawthorns, Saskatoon berry, grasses, sedges of the Thompson Basin Ecosection.
- Diverse habitats support a variety of species: major overwintering area for tundra and trumpeter swans; large variety of waterfowl and shorebirds; passerines and cavity-nesters; otter, beaver, muskrat
- On internationally significant salmon runs; spawning of salmon species increasing as runs recover; rainbow and bull trout

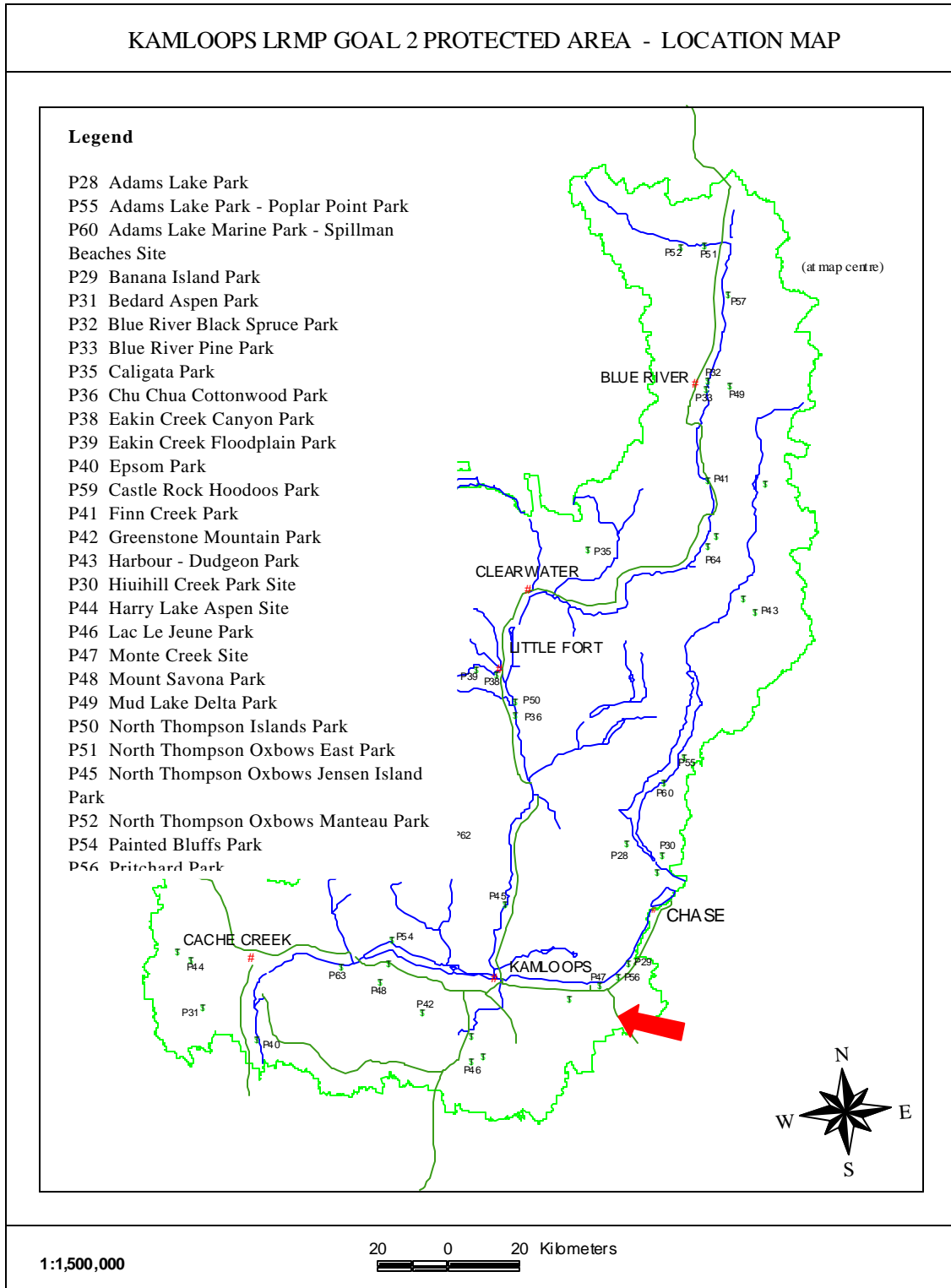
Recreation and Tourism

- Valuable green space for public access to and enjoyment of undisturbed river frontage
- Nature study, hiking, bird watching, canoeing, boating

Cultural Heritage

- Unknown, but likely of high significance with probable kekuli pits

Figure 1 - Location Map



Significance in the Protected Areas System

- A representative of the river riparian habitats of the South Thompson River not found in any other protected areas
- One of a few small sites on the South Thompson River that together represent some of the variety of habitats and cultural heritage (Monte Creek, Banana Island) of the Thompson Basin.

Land Uses, Tenures and Interests

Access

Access to the park is gained by crossing to the north side of the South Thompson River at Pritchard.

Existing Tenures

Park designation under the *Park Amendment Act* 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.

Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- Trans Canada Highway right-of-way
- Private lands adjoin park (residential, farmland).

First Nations Interests

Management of the park will require ongoing consultation with the local Indian Bands (Niskonlith, Little Shuswap, Adams River) to incorporate First Nations interests.

Other Agency Interests

The park will be managed in close co-ordination with various resource agencies, particularly federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and BC Environment to protect fisheries and riparian habitats.

Private and Public Stakeholder Interests

Adjacent private land owners – potential trespass into park

Role of the Park

Pritchard Park, as one of only three park sites (Monte Creek and Banana Island), serves important roles in both protecting riparian habitats and in providing recreation opportunities on the South Thompson River.

Management Commitments and Issues

Integration with Other Land Use Planning Processes

This management statement, future management plans, and all resulting management actions will follow the intent and criteria set out by the Kamloops LRMP for Pritchard Park.

Longer Term Issues and Concerns

Specific issues that will be considered in the longer term can be highlighted under the following topics:

Conservation

- vegetation management - insect and disease control; fire management; rehabilitation.

Recreation and Tourism

- Access management.
- Recreation use - appropriate activities and levels of use

Culture

- Inventory and protection of archaeological values.

Short Term Issues and Concerns

There are no apparent short-term issues in the park.

Management Direction

Management Strategies and Objectives

The Table of Acceptable Activities, Uses and Facilities outlines guidelines for managing uses, activities and facilities in the park. These guidelines reflect the intent of the LRMP and, in general principle, follow the policies as set out for use and management of provincial park Natural Environment zones.

In addition to accepting the basic principles of maintaining existing tenures and rights, the following objectives will direct the short and long term management of the area:

- To maintain the natural qualities and conditions of the park
 - ⇒ Conservation of natural and cultural values will receive primary emphasis at Pritchard Park.
- To maintain ongoing consultation with First Nations
- To maintain the visual, recreational and tourism values
 - ⇒ Levels of recreation use and types of facilities will be managed to maintain low impacts.
 - ⇒ Activities will include walking, canoe and boat access day use, fishing, nature study and photography.
- To discourage the introduction of non-native plant species

Consultation and Future Planning

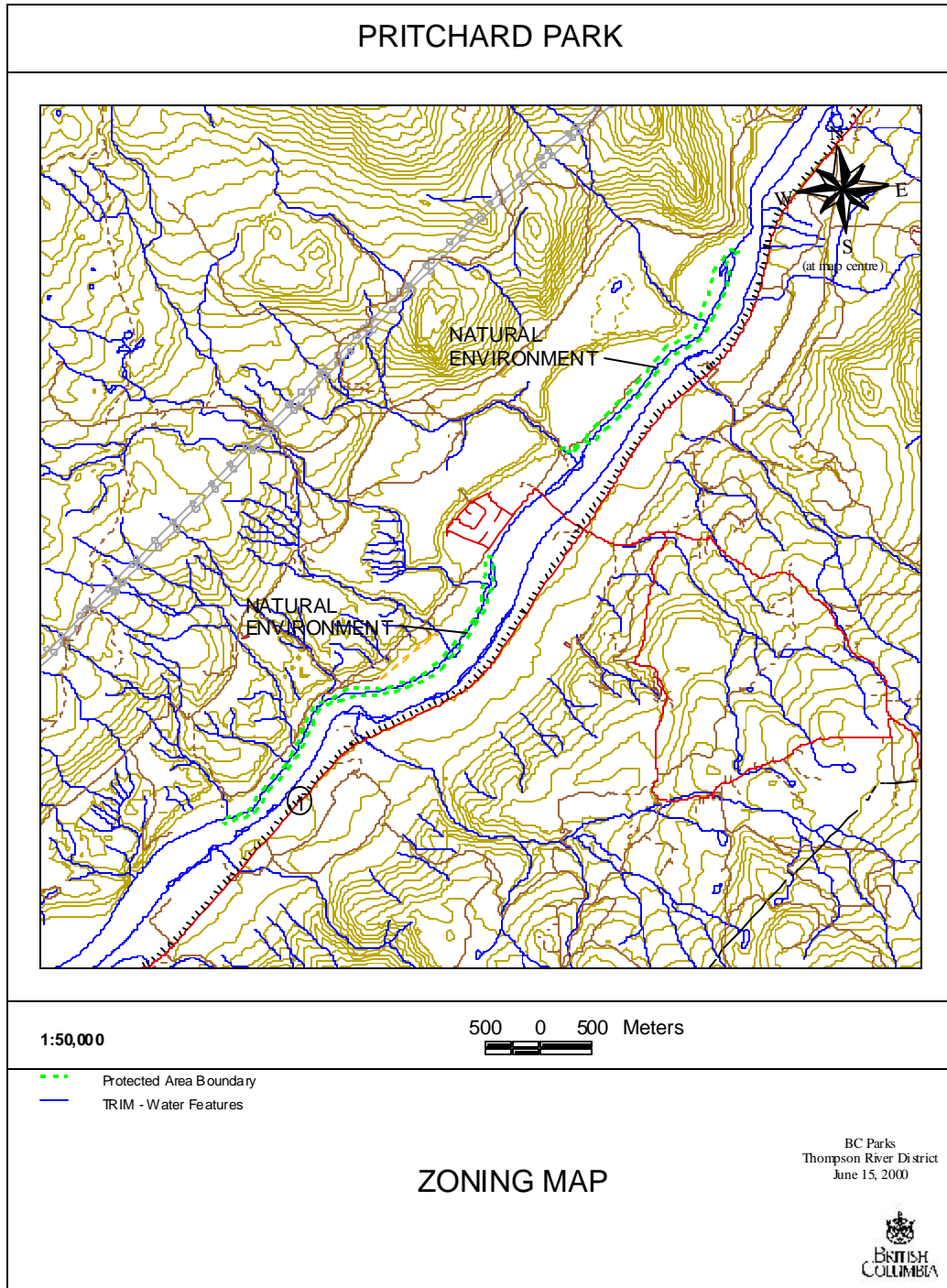
Planning and management of the park will conform to the intent and directions as set forth in the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy. BC Parks is accountable for planning, administration and management of the park through application of the laws, policies and regulations granted under the *Park Act*. 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.

Zoning Plan

The zoning plan as shown on the adjoining page reflects the intent of the LRMP recommendations for Pritchard Park is zoned as **Natural Environment** to maintain the area in a natural condition.

Figure 2 - Zoning Map



**Appendix I - Table of Acceptable Activities,
Uses and Facilities for Pritchard Park**

Activity/Use Facility	Natural Environment
Hunting	N
Fishing	Y
Trapping	N2
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N
Recreational Gold Panning/Rock Hounding	N
Utility Corridors	N
Communication Sites	N
Horse Use/Pack Animals	N/A
Guide Outfitting (hunting)	N
Guide Outfitting (fishing)	Y ²
Guide Outfitting (nature tours)	Y ²
Guide Outfitting (river rafting)	Y ²
Cat-Assisted Skiing	N/A
Ski-Hills	N/A
Heli-skiing	N/A
Heli-hiking	N
Tourist Infrastructure - Resorts	N/A
Backcountry Huts / Lodges / Cabins / Guest Ranches	N/A
Water Control Structures	N/A
Fish Stocking and Enhancement	N1
Road Access	Y ¹
Off-road Access (snowmobiling)	N/A
Off-road Access (motorized)	N
Off-road Access (mechanical activities)	N
Motorized Water Access	Y
Aircraft Access	N
Fire Management (Prescribed) Wildlife Management Prevention & Preparedness Prescribed Fire Management	N1
Fire Management (suppression)	Y
Forest Insect / Disease Control	N1
Noxious Weed Control	Y
Exotic Insect / Disease Control	Y
Scientific Research (specimen collection)	N1
Scientific Research (manipulative activities)	N1

Y= allowed, subject to conditions identified in the interim management statement or management plan
 N= not allowed
 N1= allowed for expressed management purposes only
 N2= not normally allowed, but if present at time of PA establishment, will normally be allowed to continue

¹ Road access plan for this area designates open and closed roads
² By permit only
³ On designated trails only
⁴ On designated lakes only