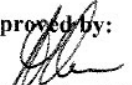


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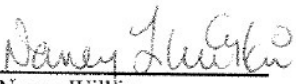
PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN Peace Region 2006

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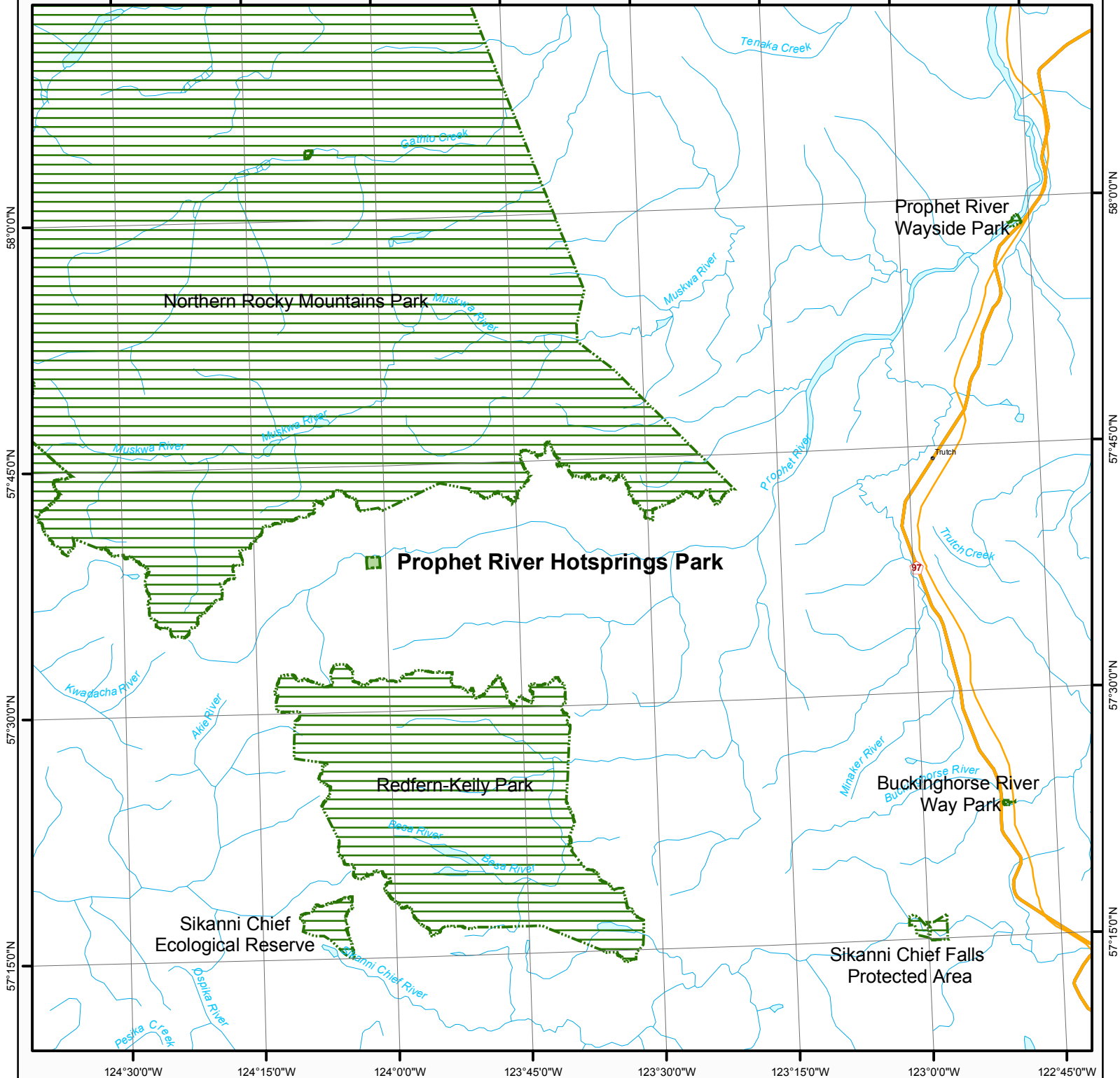


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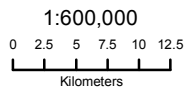
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-  Subject Area
-  Other Protected Areas
-  Highway
-  Road



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**PROPHET RIVER HOTSPRINGS PROVINCIAL PARK
Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

Primary Role

The **primary** role of the Prophet River Hotsprings Park is to protect locally significant hotsprings and associated wildlife habitat. The tufa mound created by mineral deposits from the springs is edged on one side by stands of black spruce that thin out to the alpine of the surrounding mountains. The area is frequented by sheep, caribou and moose.

The park is located west of the Alaska Highway between Fort St. John and Fort Nelson. The area is accessible only by hiking, horse or helicopter.

Known Management Issues	Response
Hunting pressure on wildlife that congregate in vicinity of mineral lick in the park.	Monitor hunting pressure to determine whether adverse effects on species populations are occurring.
Oil and gas development in the vicinity of the park may increase access to the area for recreational users	Work with the Oil and Gas Commission and tenure holders to ensure appropriate access controls are implemented to maintain park values.
Park location affords opportunity to enhance protected area connectivity between Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park and Redfern – Keily Provincial Park	Work, in consultation with affected stakeholders, towards establishing a protected area corridor between Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park and Redfern-Keily Provincial Park that includes the area of Prophet River Hotsprings Provincial Park

Zoning:

The entire park is zoned special feature to protect the hotsprings and the wildlife that frequent them. Motorized access other than by boat is not appropriate in this park, as directed by the draft Muskwa-Kechika Recreation Management Plan.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Prophet River Hotsprings Provincial Park represents a portion of the Eastern Muskwa Ranges ecosection. 40% of this ecosection in BC is contained in protected areas. Prophet River Hotsprings makes a very minor contribution to that representation (less than 0.1%)
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Prophet River Hotsprings represents the Spruce – Willow – Birch moist cold (SWB mk) variant. This variant is 22.5 % protected province wide, of which the park contributes less than 0.1%.
- Special Feature Hotsprings with associated tufa mounds
- Rare/Endangered Values
- Scientific/Research Opportunities Tufa formation and ecology

Recreation

- Representation
- Backcountry
 - Destination
 - Travel corridor
 - Local recreation limited local use of hotsprings, due to difficult access
- Special Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation This park lies within the area traditionally used by the First Nations of Treaty 8. One archaeological site is known to exist in the park, consisting of prehistoric surface lithics.
- Special Feature

Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park

is located just to the North of Prophet River Hotsprings, and Redfern Keily Provincial Park is located just to the south.

Collaborative Management Arrangements

This park 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

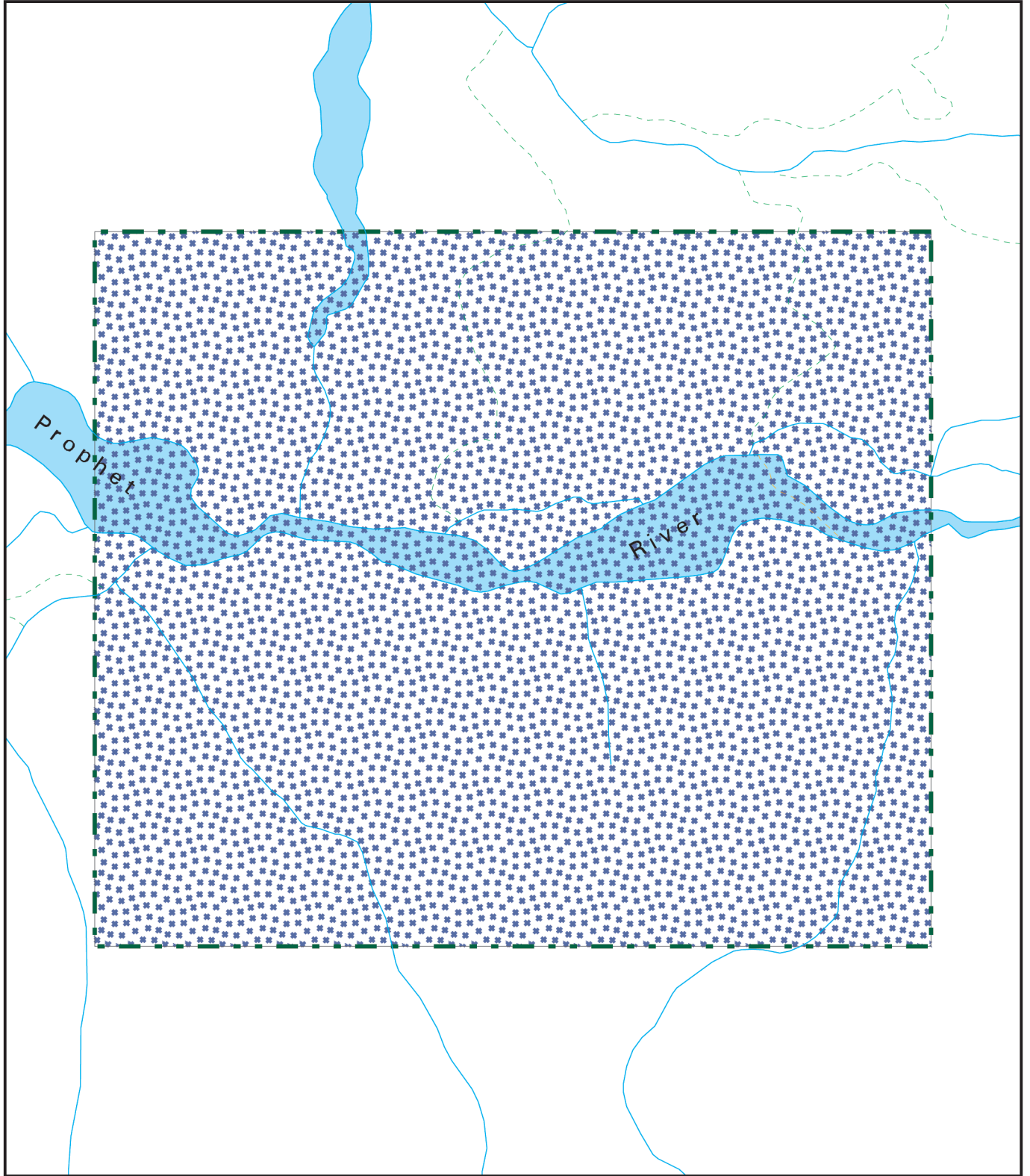
The park is within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area and was identified in the Fort Nelson Land and Resource Management Plan as a Goal 2 (special feature) area. The Prophet River is also a Provincial Heritage River.

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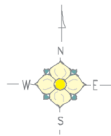
184 hectares

Date of establishment:

June 29, 1999



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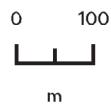
Special Feature



Protected Area Boundary



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