RYAN PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN
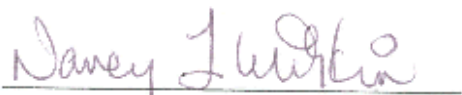
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Ryan Provincial Park is to provide a small, vehicle accessible day use area for travellers along Highway 3.

The park is complemented by a 1.2 hectare fish producing lake and is surrounded by mature forest. The Moyie River flows along the park's northeastern border.

The rest stop portion of the park is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and is one of three such roadside provincial parks in the East Kootenay under this type of co-management arrangement.

Known Management Issues	Response
Mountain pine beetle infestation was identified by Ministry of Forests in the early 1990's.	Removal of infested trees (140 in total) occurred between 1991 - 1994. Continual monitoring by means of over- flight observations by Ministry of Forests.
Trespass into park by adjacent residential property owner.	Legal survey and correspondence with private land owner to be pursued.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 3 ha or 5% of the park)

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

Natural Environment (approximately 56 ha or 95% of the park)

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

Conservation

Representation

    -ecosection   ☐   Southern Columbia Mountains (SCM). Ryan Provincial Park is one of thirteen PAs contributing to the representation of this ecosection. Ryan makes a minor contribution to total ecosection representation (0.14%). Within the PA system, this ecosection is under represented (6.38%). The major contributors to representation of this ecosection are West Arm (60%) and Kianuko (26%).

    -biogeoclimatic subzone/variant   ☐   ICHdw. Province-wide only 4.1% of this biogeoclimatic subzone/variant is protected. Ryan Provincial Park is a minor contributor to PA system representation of ICHdw (0.38%). Major representation is provided by Gladstone (44%) and West Arm (15%).

Special Feature   ☐   None identified.

Rare/ Endangered Values   ☐   None identified.

Scientific/ Research Values   ☐   None identified.

Recreation

Representation

    -backcountry   ☐   Not applicable

    -destination   ☐   Not applicable

    -travel corridor   ☒   Pullout and parking area provides rest area along Highway 3. The area is not identified as a provincial park (no signage).

    -local recreation   ☒   Residents use lake for fishing (stocked on an annual basis with eastern brook trout).

Special Opportunities   ☐   None identified.

Education/Interpretation Opportunities ☐ None identified.

Cultural Heritage

Representation ☐ Not yet addressed.

Special Feature ☐ None identified.

Other Management Considerations

Other designations ☐ None identified.

Relationship to other PA's ☒ Moyie Lake Provincial Park is situated 37 km east on Hwy 3. Yahk Provincial Park is located 7 km west on Hwy 3. All 3 parks help to protect the riparian corridor along the Moyie River.

Co-operative Management Arrangements ☒ Alberta Natural Gas maintains a gas pipeline along the southern fringes of the park.

Ministry of Transportation has an informal arrangement to maintain the rest stop section of the park.

Partnerships ☐ None identified.

Vulnerability ☒ The park may be vulnerable to new mountain pine beetle infestation. Noxious weeds are also a concern.

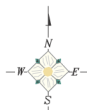Relationship to other Strategies ☐ None identified.
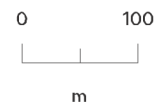
Area: 59 hectares

Date of Establishment: September 9, 1959

Zoning Map - Ryan Provincial Park

River

HWY 3/95

Moxie
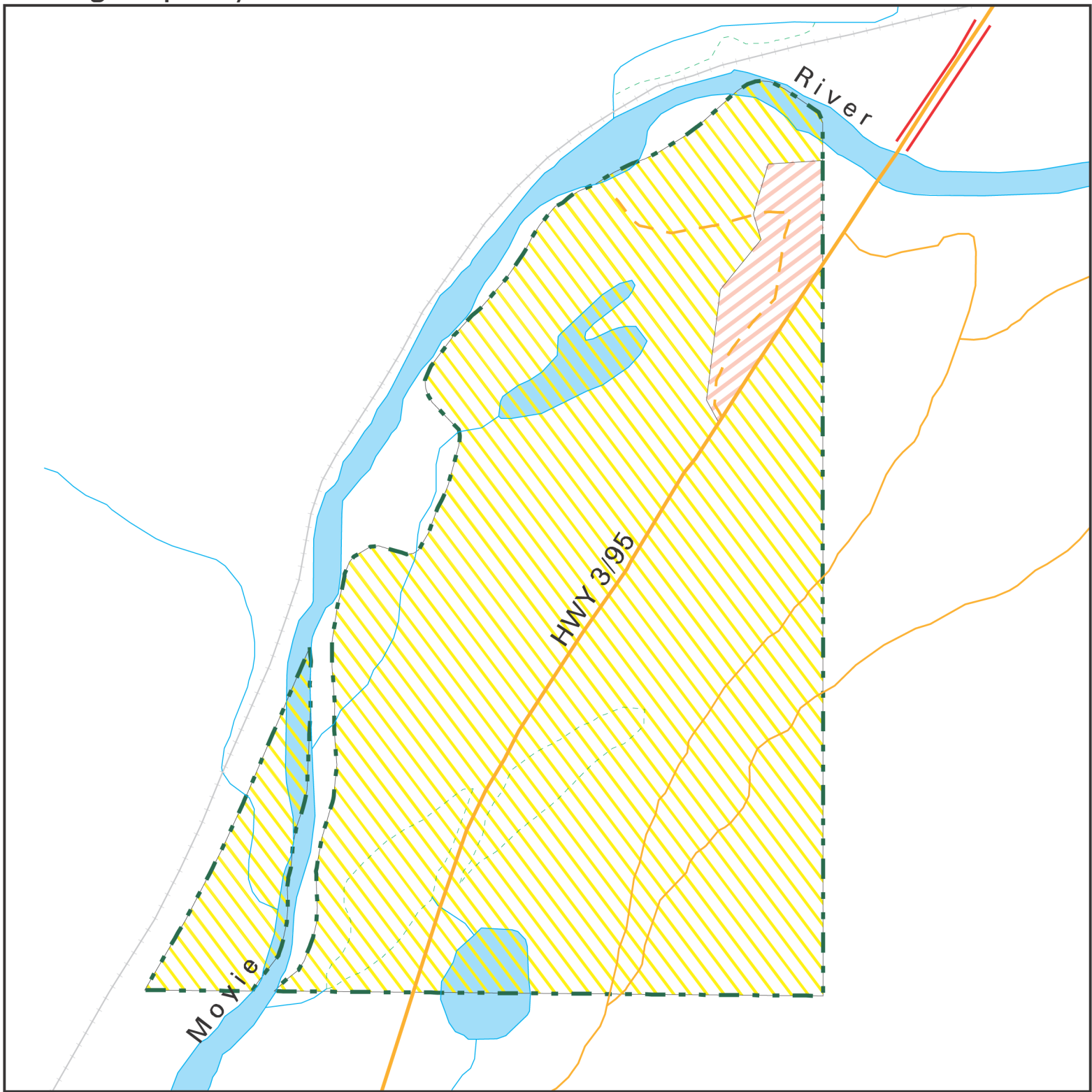
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Intensive Recreation
Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

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