# SCATTER RIVER OLD GROWTH PROVINCIAL PARK



### PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN Peace Region 2006

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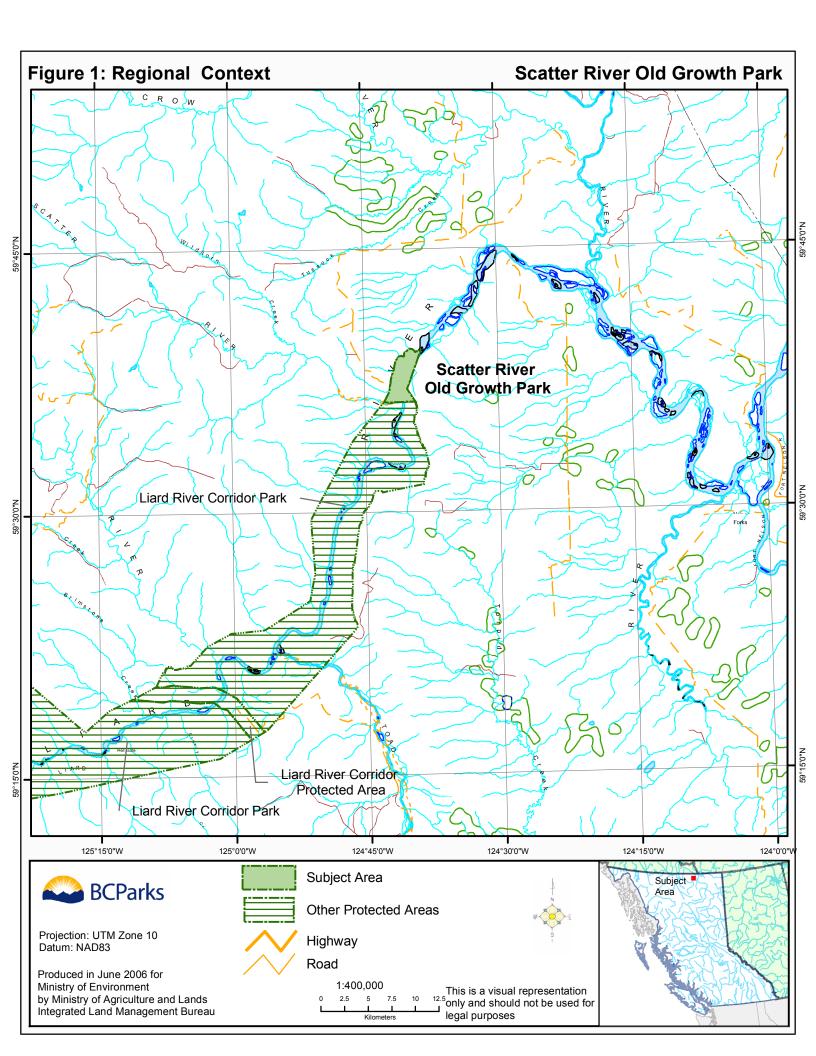
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#### **Primary Role**

The primary role of Scatter River Old Growth Provincial Park is to conserve an example of river bottom old growth spruce forests. The park contains a diversity of landscapes from high upland plateau and muskeg and is home to moose, grizzly bear, Rocky Mountain elk, northern long-eared bats, and ecosystems associated with succession from the series of large forest fires that have swept through the Liard River valley-It is adjacent to Liard River Corridor Provincial Park and Protected Area

#### **Secondary Role**

The secondary role of the park is to provide recreational opportunities, including: wilderness camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, river boating, wildlife viewing, hunting, and photography. The park may be accessed via riverboat up the Liard River or down the Trout River

Known Management Issues	Response	
Lack of management presence due to difficult	Increase management presence as resources	
access	permit	
One trappers cabin is present in the park, and	Continue to work with the trapper to ensure	
the trapper has a permit for quad access as	ATV use to access trap line is not adversely	
required to operate the trap line	affecting park values	

#### Zoning:

The entire park is zoned Nature Recreation The objective of this zone is to provide for backcountry recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

	Conserv	ration	
Representation - ecosection		Scatter River Old Growth contributes 1.4% of the provincial representation of the Muskwa Plateau ecosection, which is 3.4% protected across the province.	
biogeoclimatic subzone/variant		The Park protects the Boreal White and Black Spruce moist warm (BWBSmw2 and BWBSmw3) variants. The BWBSmw2 is 2.18 % protected province-wide and the BWBSmw3 variant is 3.9% protected. Scatter River Old Growth contributes 0.6% of the former total, and less than 0.01% of the latter.	
Special Feature	$\boxtimes$	River bottom old growth spruce forest	
Rare/Endangered Values			
Scientific/Research Opportunities			
	Recrea	tion	
Representation Backcountry	$\boxtimes$	opportunities for camping, hiking, boating,	
Destination Travel corridor Local recreation Special Opportunities		hunting and wildlife viewing,	
Education/Interpretation Opportunities			
Cu	ıltural H	eritage	
Representation		None known. This park lies within the area traditionally used by the First Nations of Treaty 8 and the Kaska Dena.	
Special Feature			
Other Mana	gement	: Considerations	
Other Designations			
Relationship to other Pas		Adjacent to Liard River Corridor Protected Area	
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, and is subject to the 1997 Letter of Understanding with the Kaska Dena Council.
Partnerships	with the Naska Dena Council
Vulnerability	
Relationship to other Strategies	Future more detailed planning for this park should be done in conjunction with planning for the Liard River corridor parks.
Area:	1140 hectares
Date of establishment:	June 29, 1999

