

**SKAGIT RIVER COTTONWOODS
ECOLOGICAL RESERVE #89 MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

(This statement is intended for use in conjunction with the descriptive text and map pages supplied in the "Guide to Ecological Reserves in British Columbia").

Features Requiring Special Management Consideration:

Proposals for all Skagit reserves predated finalization of the Recreation Area status, and of lake flooding levels. Boundaries and distribution of reserves may therefore not be optimal under the present circumstances.

Management Issues:

1. ER includes a section of the historic Watcom trail used by hikers and fishermen. The Volunteer Warden has found evidence of campfires and vandalism to ER signs.

Management Actions Required and their Priority:

1. Include this reserve in a general review of all Skagit ecological reserves.
2. Examine if disturbance by recreational use warrants rerouting of the trail around the reserve.

Fire, Insect and Disease Contingency:

1. Avoid fires; if firefighting becomes necessary, avoid using chemicals and bulldozers in the reserve.
2. No insect and disease control desired.