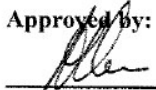


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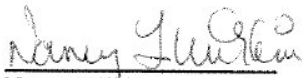


## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN Peace Region 2006

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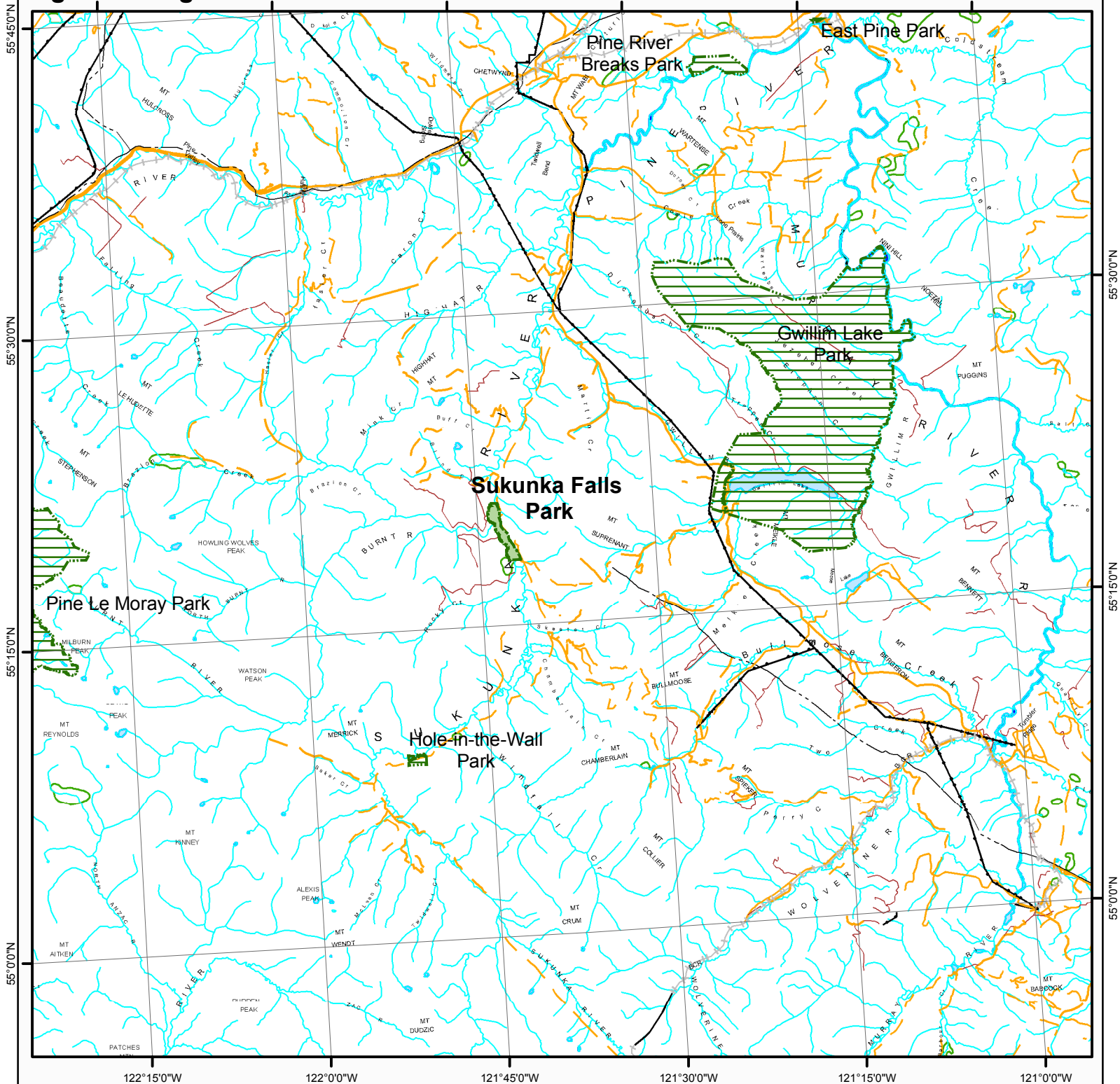
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**Figure 1: Regional Context**

**Sukunka Falls Park**



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-  Subject Area
-  Other Protected Areas
-  Highway
-  Road

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## SUKUNKA FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

### Primary Role

The **primary** role of Sukunka Falls Provincial Park is to provide day use recreation and viewing opportunities at a series of three waterfalls along the Sukunka River. Sukunka Falls Provincial Park is located approximately 45 km south of Chetwynd via the Chetwynd-Tumbler Ridge Highway and the Sukunka Forest Service road.

<b>Known Management Issues</b>	<b>Response</b>
Mountain Pine Beetle infestation is present in the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct ongoing fall and burn program in cooperation with Ministry of Forests</li></ul>
Public safety – the hiking trail to the falls is in poor condition due to erosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrade hiking trail to repair existing and prevent future erosion damage.</li></ul>
Forestry and oil and gas development on adjacent lands is likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with MoF and Oil and Gas Commission to ensure that park values are protected</li></ul>

### Zoning

The entire park is zoned Special Feature. Management will focus on providing day use recreation opportunities centered on viewing the falls. This park is closed to hunting.

### Conservation

Representation  
- ecosection

Sukunka Falls Provincial Park protects a very small portion of the Hart Foothills ecosection. 4.8% of this ecosection is protected throughout the Province, and Sukunka Falls contributes just over 1% to that total. Gwillim Lake and Wapiti provincial parks contribute the majority (over 87%) of protected areas system representation of this ecosection.

biogeoclimatic subzone/variant

Sukunka Falls Provincial Park provides representation for the BWBSmw 1 (Boreal White and Black Spruce, moist, warm) variant, which is only 0.68% protected in the Province. Sukunka Falls contributes 1.7% of that total.

Special Feature

Unique series of waterfalls and rapids

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

### Recreation

Representation

Backcountry

Destination

Travel corridor

Local recreation

Opportunities for nature appreciation, angling (arctic grayling, bull trout, Rocky Mountain whitefish, and rainbow trout) and some non-motorized boating (kayaking, canoeing) on the river

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

### Cultural Heritage

Representation

Unknown. This park lies within the area traditionally used by the First Nations of Treaty 8.

Special Feature

### Other Management Considerations

Other Designations

Relationship to other PAs

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.

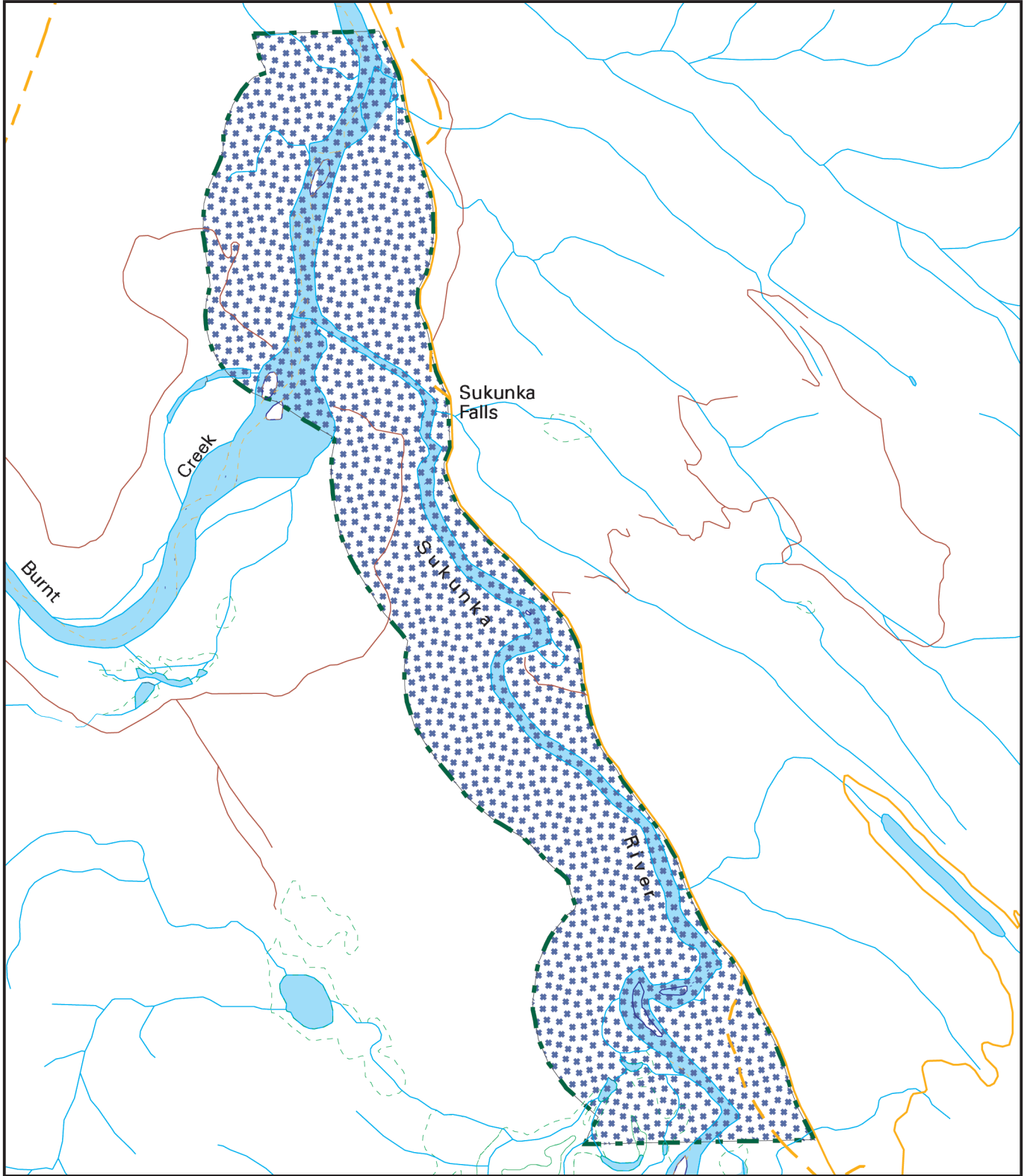
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Vulnerability

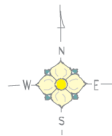
Relationship to other Strategies

**Area:** 360 hectares

**Date of establishment:** July 30, 1981



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Special Feature



Protected Area Boundary



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