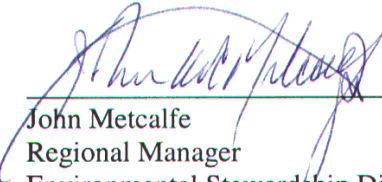


THREE SISTERS LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

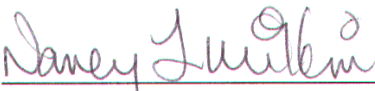
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Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park is located approximately 35 km southeast of Prince George. This 968 ha park includes three small lakes and unique canyon features on Government Creek.

Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park contributes towards representation of the Quesnel Lowlands Ecosection (QUL), an ecosection that is under-represented provincially.

The park has no services or facilities. A four wheel drive road leads into the park from Stone Creek Road, and a system of trails link lakes in the area. These trails are popular for horseback riding and hiking.

Primary Role

The primary role of the provincial park is to contribute towards the representation of the Quesnel Lowlands Ecosection.

Secondary Role

The park protects three attractive lakes and a unique canyon feature on Government Creek, features that provide backcountry recreation opportunities easily accessible from Prince George.

Known Management Issues	Response
Boundary Confusion	Existing mapping is erroneous on the north-east side of the park. Correct through the preparation of a new Official Plan.
Road Access	Determine whether the Ministry of Forests still has a need for the road which bisects the park. If not, deactivate if possible.

Zoning

Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park in its entirety (968 ha) is zoned Natural Environment to protect scenic values and provide backcountry recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

CONSERVATION

Representation

- ecosection X Significant contributor to the representation of the Quesnel Lowland Ecosection (QUL). Only 0.75 % of this ecosection is protected provincially; Three Sisters Lakes park is the second largest contributor (behind Fraser River Park) to the overall protection of this ecosection(25.8%).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant X Minor contribution to the representation of the underrepresented SBSmk1 (2.38%); Three Sisters Lakes park contributes 3% of the overall protected areas system representation of this unit.

Special Feature

- X Unique canyon feature, three small attractive lakes.

Rare/Endangered Values

Unknown

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation

- backcountry X Backcountry recreation opportunities (lake access) in a largely undisturbed natural environment; easy access from Prince George
- destination
- travel corridor
- local recreation X Walk-in lakes popular for hiking and horseback riding

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

unknown

Special Feature

unknown

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs X Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park complements other protected areas that provide representation of the Quesnel Lowlands Ecosection, including Fraser River Park and Fort George Canyon, by including small lakes and associated natural feature and recreation values.

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

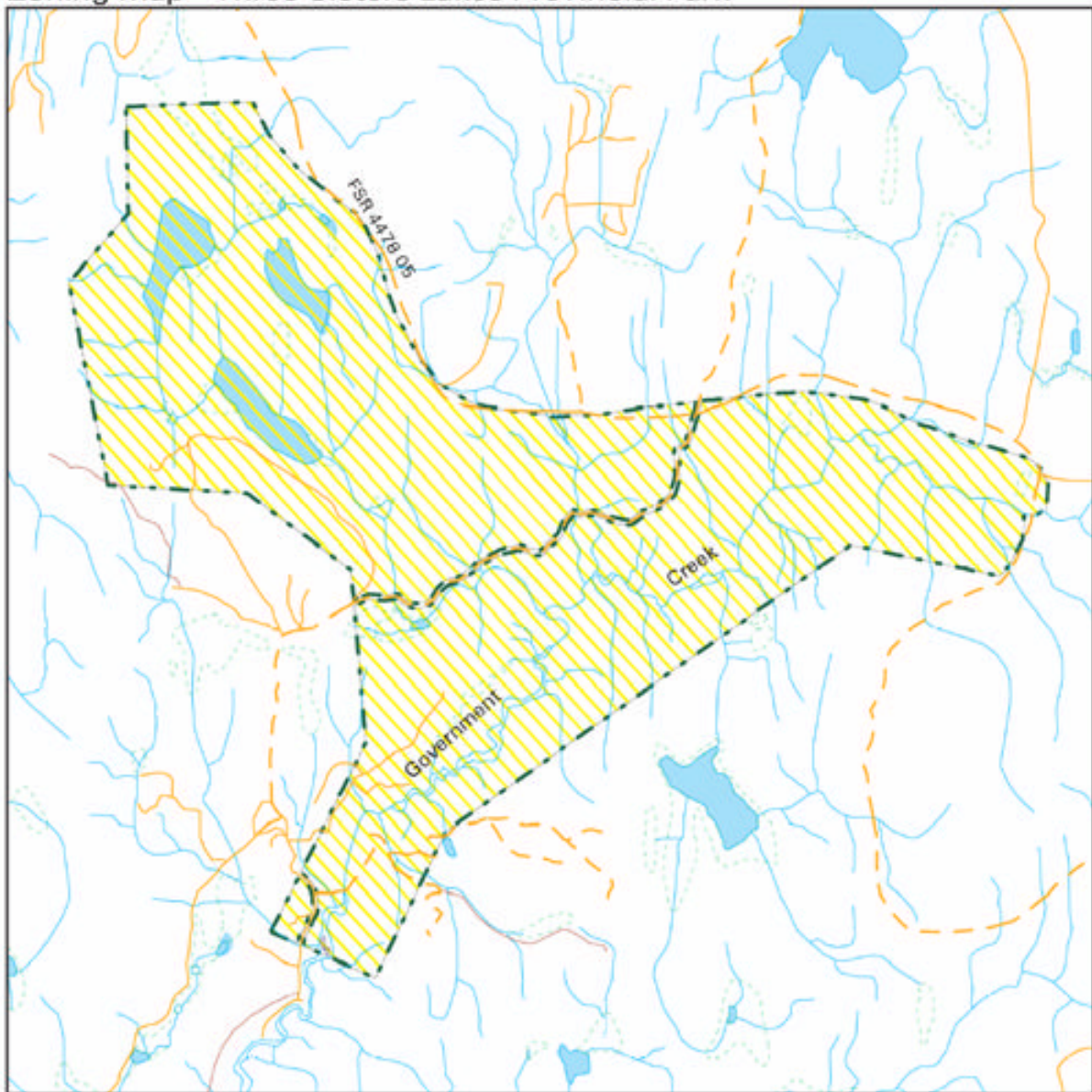
Vulnerability The Conservation Risk Assessment Process identified 2 risk factors (the shape, and the size of the park) for the park and rated them as highly significant. Only one stressor/threat was identified for the park: Forest Harvesting Activity which was rated as low significance.

Relationship to Other Strategies Recommended for protection by the Prince George LRMP which was approved in March, 1999.

Area: 968 hectares



Date of establishment: June 29, 2000.

Zoning Map - Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Natural Environment
 Protected Area Boundary



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