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**MANAGEMENT DIRECTION
STATEMENT**

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**for Upper Adams River
Provincial Park**



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This binder contains 15 management direction statements developed under the direction of the Kamloops Land and Resource Plan Implementation Table and BC Parks. The government designated these protected areas in May, 1996. The 15 management direction statements provide strategic direction for these protected areas until management plans can be developed with full public involvement. Protected areas' roles, strategies and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, implemented through operations plans, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

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Purpose of Management Direction Statements

Management Direction Statements provide strategic management direction for all protected areas that do not have a full management plan. MDS do not negate the need for future, more detailed management plans. Management Direction Statements also describe protected area values management issues and concerns; management strategy focused on immediate priority objectives and strategies; and, directional statements from other planning processes

UPPER ADAMS RIVER PARK

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION STATEMENT

I. Introduction

A. Setting and Context

The 5,140-hectare Upper Adams River Park, situated at the north end of Adams Lake, contains provincially significant conservation and recreation values. It includes 65 kilometres of undisturbed large river floodplain not found anywhere else in the Interior Cedar Hemlock zone. Access is from Highway 5 south of Barriere or from the Trans Canada Highway at Squilax, then 80 kilometres by logging roads along the west side of Adams Lake. Access also from Highway 5 at Vavenby and 30 kilometres south by good logging roads.

Upper Adams River Park was established by Order-in-Council under the *Park Act* on April 30th, 1996. Subsequently, the park was designated under Schedule E of the *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

This Management Direction Statement is intended to provide direction and guidelines for managing Upper Adams River Park until a more comprehensive management plan is developed for the area.

II. Protected Area Values

A. Conservation

- kilometres of large river floodplain with large areas of wetlands, riparian, oxbows from north of Tumtum Lake to Adams Lake
- some patches of old-growth cedar/hemlock, large areas of deciduous forest
- area of very old undisturbed forest north of Tumtum Lake with abundant lichens
- rich variety of habitats with a high diversity of associated species including otters
- extensive habitat for sockeye, chinook and coho salmon; native stocks of rainbow and bull trout; whitefish

B. Recreation and Tourism

- river kayaking and canoeing
- wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, angling

C. Cultural Heritage

- unknown

D. Significance in the Protected Areas System

- one of the best opportunities to protect a large river floodplain in the Interior Cedar Hemlock zone in the province
- rich diversity of habitats and species
- Upper Adams River Park is rated as provincially significant for conservation values
- Upper Adams River supports the most significant sockeye enhancement opportunity in the Fraser River Basin.

III. Other Land Uses and Interests

A. Existing Tenures

- all private lands are excluded
- designation under the *Park Amendment Act, 1997* ensures that all existing liens, charges, and encumbrances other than those applying to commercial logging, mining or energy exploration and development will continue to be authorized through issuance of park use permits. This policy recognizes all existing *Land Act* tenures, water rights, trapping licences and other legal tenures and rights.
- trapping licences, water rights and any other rights existing at time of designation will be respected

B. Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- bounded by logging roads; roads and cutblocks in many areas along the length of the park

C. First Nations Interests

- unknown

D. Other Agency Interests

The park will be managed in close co-ordination with various resource agencies, particularly BC Environment and Ministry of Forests.

- Ministry of Energy and Mines: long-term access requirements to mineral deposits (Ruddock Creek lead/zinc) and mineral claims in Oliver Creek that drains into the Adams at Tumtum Lake

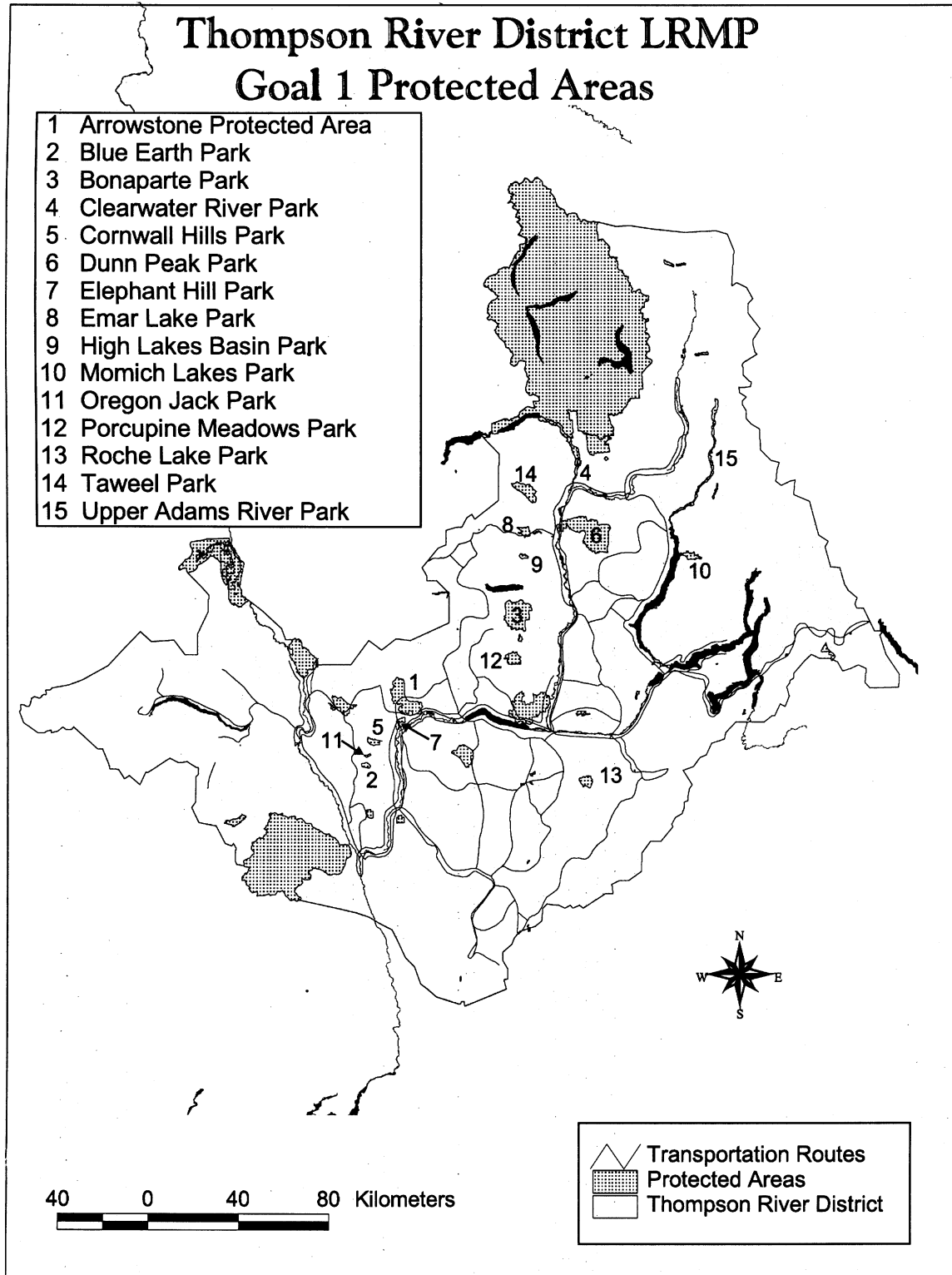
E. Private and Public Stakeholder Interests

- private lots at the delta area near Adams Lake

IV. Park Role Statement

Upper Adams River Provincial Park protects extensive river, riparian and upland forest habitats of the Upper Adams River. This 65-kilometer section of protected river has provincially significant fisheries values for rainbow trout, char and salmon species. The rich variety of habitats provides major contribution to representation of valley bottom ecosystems of the Shuswap Highlands Ecosection. The park offers regionally important recreation opportunities for canoeing, fishing and hunting.

Figure 1 – Regional Context Map



V. Management Issues and Concerns

A. Integration With Other Land Use Planning Processes

This Management Statement, future Management Statements, and all resulting management actions will follow the intent and criteria set out by the Kamloops LRMP for the Upper Adams River protected area.

Also the park will be planned and managed in co-ordination with other agencies' planning processes.

B. Consultation and Future Planning

Planning and management of the park will conform to the intent and directions as set forth in the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy. BC Parks is accountable for planning, administration and management of the park through application of the laws, policies and regulations granted under the *Park Act*. BC Parks will coordinate with other agencies, the LRMP table, various public planning groups and First Nations in developing management plans for all of the new parks arising from the Kamloops LRMP.

This Management Direction Statement has been reviewed and approved in principle by the Kamloops LRMP table. As well, the local First Nations band(s) and the various stakeholders have had opportunity to review and provide comments on this Direction Statement.

The LRMP table considers Upper Adams River Park as low priority for management planning. This Management Direction Statement will provide direction and guidelines for managing the area for the next five years or so until a management plan is developed. Any future management plan will be developed through involvement of other agencies, stakeholders, First Nations interests and public interest groups.

C. Zoning Plan

This zoning plan as shown on the adjoining page is preliminary and reflects the intent of the LRMP recommendations for the Upper Adams River Protected Area. The zoning plan may be changed in a future management planning process. At this time Natural Environment Zone covers most of the park, with the objective to protect and retain the natural qualities and character of the protected area. A small Intensive Use Zone covers the small access and campsite at the south end of Tumtum Lake. More intensive use sites will be identified as recreation use and facility development takes place in the park.

D. Management Strategies and Objectives

The following objectives will direct the short and long term management of the area:

- to maintain the natural qualities and conditions of the park
- to maintain the visual, recreational and tourism values
- to maintain the diversity of wildlife species and habitats

Figure 2 - Zoning Map

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- to provide for continued recreation use with opportunities for river boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, fishing, hiking, hunting, camping, nature viewing and other dispersed recreation activities

The more detailed management planning process will define how these strategies and objectives will be implemented. As well, there will undoubtedly be other strategies and objectives added to the list through the management planning process.

E. Longer Term Issues and Concerns

As a result of the LRMP process there are a number of apparent longer term issues that will be addressed in the management planning process that can be highlighted under the following broad topics:

Conservation

- vegetation management - insect and disease control and fire management
- fisheries and wildlife management

Recreation and Tourism

- access management - through co-ordination with local level planning
- recreation use - appropriate activities, insuring compatibility between user groups; motorized use on the river will have to be addressed

Culture

- inventory and protection of archaeological sites and recognition of any identified traditional First Nations uses

F. Short Term Issues and Concerns

Appendix A outlines guidelines for managing uses, activities and facilities in the park. The types and nature of recreation uses of the park will not change, however, more intensive levels of management may be applied; i.e. periodic park ranger patrols.

Appendix A - Activity/ Use Matrix for Upper Adams River Park

Activity/Use/Activity	Natural Environment Zone
Hunting	Y
Fishing	Y
Trapping	Y
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N
Recreational gold panning/ rock hounding	N
Utility corridors	N
Communication sites	N
Horse use/ pack animals	Y ³
Guide outfitting (hunting)	Y ²
Guide outfitting (fishing)	Y ²
Guide outfitting (nature tours)	Y ²
Guide outfitting (river rafting)	Y ²
Cat-assisted skiing	N/A
Ski-hills	N/A
Heli-skiing	N/A
Heli-hiking	N
Tourist infrastructure - resorts	N/A
Backcountry huts/lodges/ cabins	N2
Water control structures	N2
Fish stocking and enhancement	Y
Road access	Y ¹
Off-road access (snowmobiles)	Y ³
Off-road access (motorized)	Y ³
Off-road access (mechanical activities)	Y ³
Motorized water access	Y
Aircraft access	N/A
Fire management Wildlife management Prevention & preparedness Prescribed fire management	N1
Fire management (suppression)	Y
Forest insect/disease control	Y
Noxious weed control	Y
Exotic insect/disease control	Y
Scientific research (specimen collection)	N1
Scientific research (manipulation activities)	N1

Y = allowed, subject to conditions identified in the management direction statement or management plan
 N1 = allowed for expressed management purposes only

¹ = road access plan for this area designates open and closed roads

³ = on designated trails only

N = not allowed

N2 = not normally allowed, but if present at time of PA establishment, will normally be allowed to continue

² = by permit only

⁴ = on designated lakes only