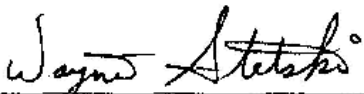


YAHK PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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YAHK PROVINCIAL PARK Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary role** of Yahk Provincial Park is to provide tourism travel route recreational facilities in a forested creek setting. It is just one of eleven provincial parks that enhance the tourism travel routes in southeastern British Columbia and support tourist destination opportunities in local communities.

The park serves as both an introduction to British Columbia for tourists entering from the United States and a scenic day use area and camping location for travelers following the southern trans-provincial highway. The park setting along the Moyie River affords a private and quiet camping or picnicking experience. Angling for bull trout, along the banks of the river and hiking an abandoned railway grade which borders the park allows for additional opportunities for visitors of all ages.

The small historic community of Yahk is immediately adjacent to the park and provides a variety of amenities for travelers.

Known Management Issues	Response
Old growth cottonwood and decaying snags along the riparian corridor of the park creates a public safety hazard.	Assess the importance of this stand and develop a strategic plan using Wildlife Tree Assessment criteria. Modify or remove as required.
Non-native invasive plants (common tansy) and noxious weeds (knapweed, hounds-tongue) threaten indigenous plant communities.	Monitor and continue control treatment.
Mountain pine beetle infestations in selected areas of park (concentration in campground location).	Monitor for new pitch tubes in trees (green attack) and removal of red attack trees.
Periodic flooding of Moyie River impacts facilities, increases risk to public, reduces visitation (i.e. park closures).	Constant monitoring of seasonal water levels. Additional armouring/shoring of riverfront campsites, if required.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 5 ha or 50% of the park)

Objective: To provide for a variety of readily accessible, facility-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

Natural Environment (approximately 5 ha or 50% of the park)

Objectives: To protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Minor contributor (0.01%) to the Southern Columbia Mountains Ecosection (SCM) owing to the small size of the park.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Negligible contributor (0.05%) to ICHdw within the total PA system. Within SCM ecosection, Yahk contributes 0.24% to representation of ICHdw. Major contributor within SCM is West Arm (69.7%).
- Special Feature Old growth stand of cottonwood and associated plant communities.
- Rare/Endangered Values Not yet assessed.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None identified.

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not applicable.
- destination Not applicable.
- travel corridor Hwy 3-95 (southern trans-provincial highway). 15km from Idaho State border, vehicle/tent camping (26 sites).
- local recreation Picnicking, fishing on Moyie River for bull trout and rainbow trout, and day use (parking for 30 cars).
- Special Opportunities None identified.
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities None identified.

Cultural Heritage

- Representation None identified.
- Special Feature Area once supplied Canadian Pacific Railway with vast amounts of hand hewn railroad ties (circa 1910).

Other Management Considerations

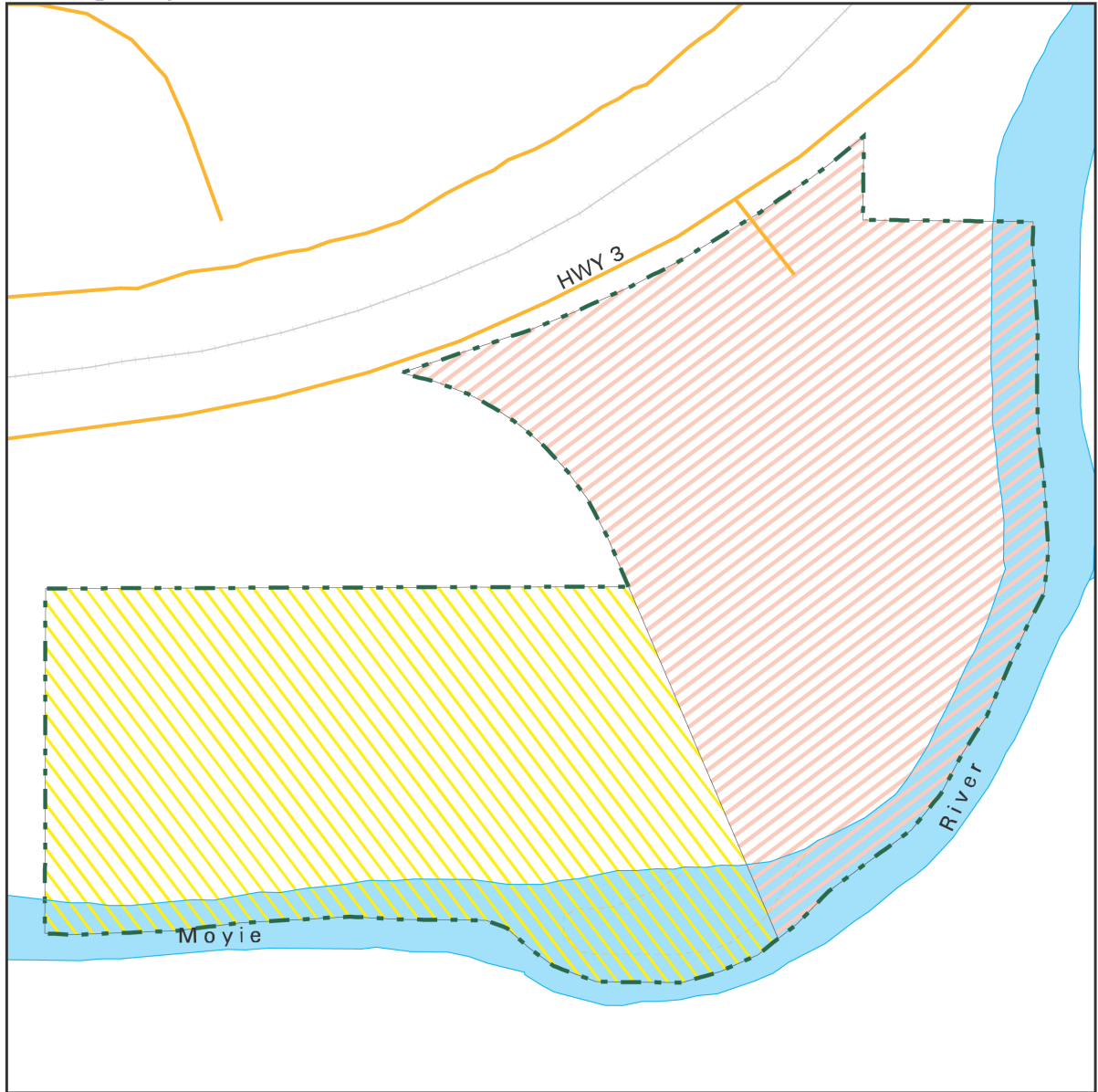
- Other Designations None identified.

Relationship to other PAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>1 of 11 parks contributing to the enhancement of tourism travel routes in southeastern BC.</p> <p>1 of 3 provincial parks along Hwy 3 between Creston and Cranbrook offering camping (alternates- Moyie Lake, Jimsmith).</p>
Co-operative Management Arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Vulnerability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Spread of non-native/noxious weeds, competition with indigenous species.</p> <p>Mountain pine beetle reducing forest cover and influencing overall forest health.</p> <p>Periodic flooding of the Moyie River impacts riverfront sites (day use/camping).</p> <p>Removal of wildlife trees and unique black cottonwood stands to satisfy risk management objectives.</p>
Relationship to other Strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.

Area: 10 hectares




Date of establishment: March 16, 1956

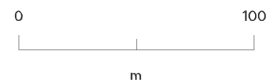
Zoning Map - Yahk Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
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-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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