BC Parks Management Planning in the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area

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Presentation Overview

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What is a BC Parks Management Planning process?
What is a BC Parks Management Plan?
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When will engagement occur?

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Northwest Territories

**Muskwa-Kechika
Management Area**

Fort Nelson

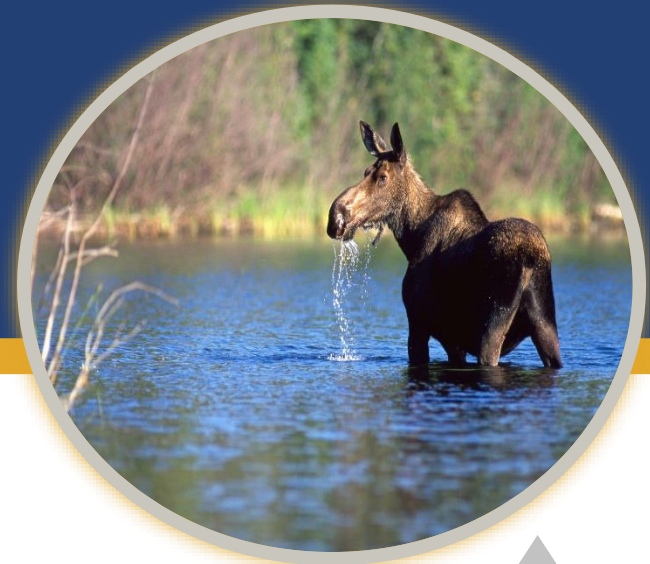# Protected Areas included in this planning initiative:

1. Dall River Old Growth Park
2. Denetiah Park & Denetiah Corridor Protected Area
3. Dune Za Keyih Park & Protected Area
4. Finlay-Russel Park & Protected Area
5. Graham-Laurier Park
6. Horneline Creek Park
7. Kwadacha Wilderness Park
8. Liard River Corridor Park, Protected Area & West Corridor Park
9. Liard River Hot Springs Park
10. Muncho Lake Park
12. Ospika Cones Ecological Reserve
13. Prophet River Hotsprings Park
15. Scatter River Old Growth Park
16. Sikanni Chief River Ecological Reserve
17. Stone Mountain Park
18. Toad River Hot Springs Park

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Why a Management Plan?

- Fulfills a legislated strategic planning commitment in the *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act*.
- Confirms management direction from LRMPs
- Multiple efficiencies
- Will guide operations and management of protected areas
- Every provincial protected area is subject to a management plan

What is a BC Parks Management Planning Process?

BC Parks is developing a management plan that will follow a multi-stage process:
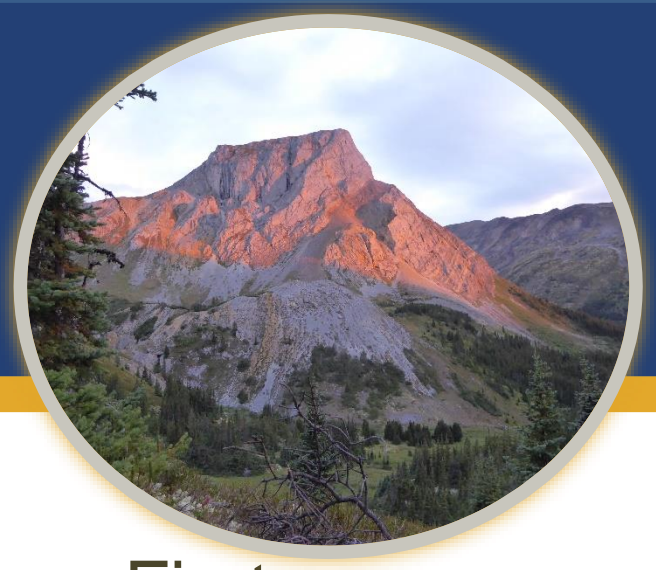
May 2020

- Public/stakeholder/First Nations notice of project initiation

Fall/Winter 2020

- Prepare draft management plan
- Draft management plan posted on website for public review

The planning process for this park is currently in the *Initial Planning Stage.*

Pre-Planning

Initial Planning

Draft Management Plan

Final Management Plan

Implementation

Monitoring & Evaluation

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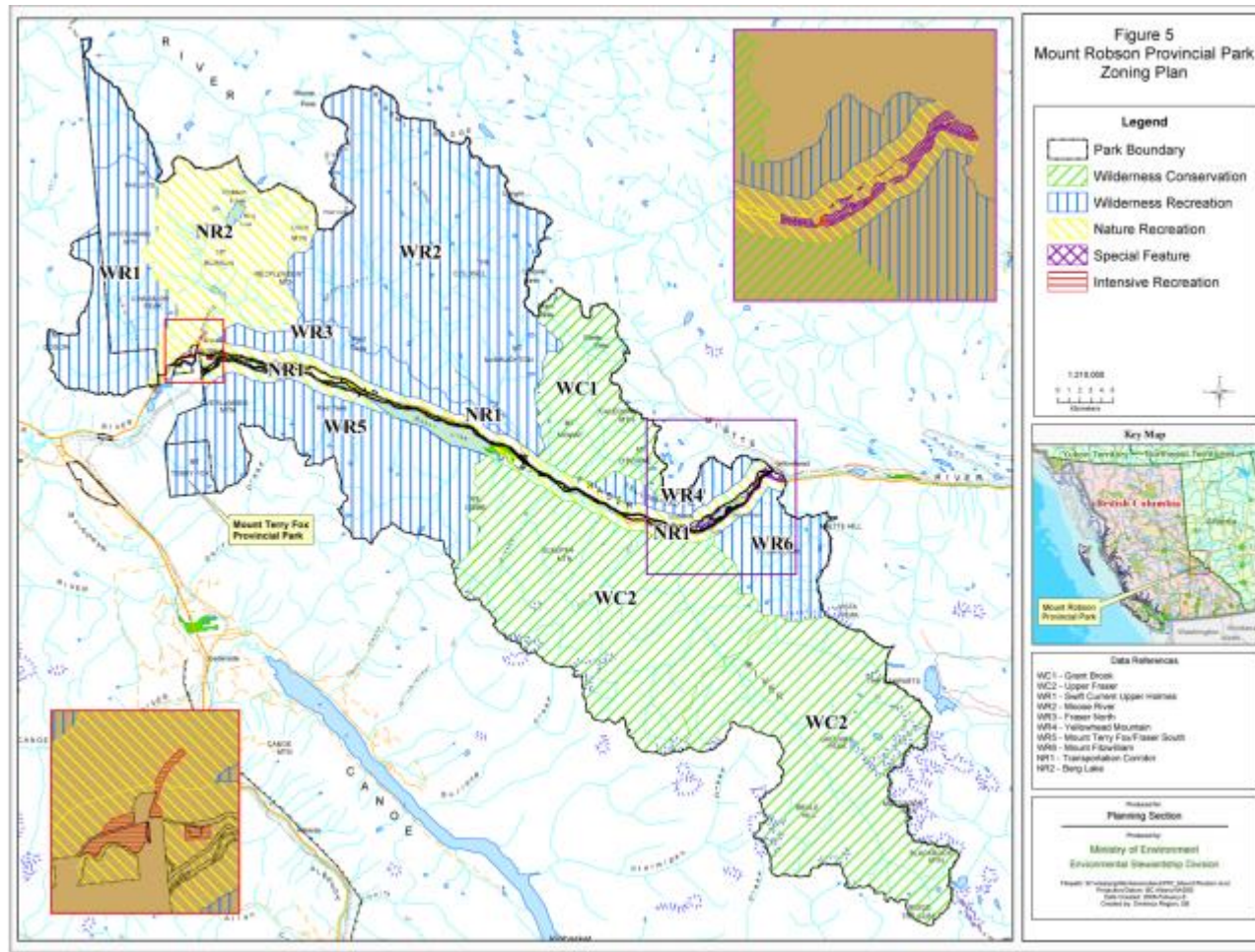
What is a BC Parks Management Plan?

- **Process:** developed with input from First Nations, local governments, the public and interest groups/stakeholders.

- **Document:** (resulting from the process) that outlines the **management direction** and **desired future condition** for a park, while providing **objectives** and **strategies** to help achieve those.

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Example Objectives & Strategies

Management Objective	Management Strategies
To protect and gain a better understanding of cultural features, archaeological sites and traditional use locations.	• Support efforts to conduct historical and ethnographic research and cultural heritage field inventories as appropriate (e.g. funding opportunities or permits). • Work with First Nations to implement protective measures where threats to known cultural values are identified.

To promote stewardship of social, ceremonial and cultural values/uses and interests of the Kaska and Treaty 8 First Nations in the park.	• Integrate First Nations language in park information, as appropriate. This may include:
	  o Identification by First Nations where First Nations place names can be applied;
	  o First Nations language on maps, other publications and interpretive material as appropriate.
	• Support, when possible, opportunities to develop cultural interpretive material for the park.
	
	• Support, when possible, opportunities for First Nations traditional, sustenance and harvesting activities.
	
	• Incorporate traditional knowledge into park management.

To encourage cultural and First Nations tourism activities in the park.	• Encourage commercial recreation operators to establish working relationships with the First Nations and seek opportunities for mutual benefits. • Encourage discussions with First Nations regarding the development of appropriate cultural tourism activities.

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Example Zoning

Figure 5
Mount Robson Provincial Park
Zoning Plan

Who will be Engaged?

- Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Advisory Board
- General Public
- First Nations
- Key Interest Groups, Partners, Stakeholders, and Government Agencies

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How will BC Parks Engage?

- Website Content and Online Survey
- Posters in Fort Nelson
- Posters in Campgrounds
- Individual meetings with First Nations
- Individual meetings with Key Interest Groups, Partners, Stakeholders, and Government Agencies

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When will Engagement Occur?

May-September 2020
- Public/stakeholder/First Nations notice of project initiation
- Public/stakeholder/First Nations initial input via various forms of engagement

Winter 2020
- Draft management plan posted on website for public review and comment

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Questions?

Visit the BC Parks Planning website for
more information and to access the
online survey.

http://bcparks.ca/planning/