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**for Castle Rock Hoodoos
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This binder contains 32 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 32 management direction statements provide strategic direction for these protected areas. 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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Castle Rock Hoodoos Park Management Direction Statement

Introduction

Purpose of the MDS

Management direction statements (MDS) 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. While strategies may be identified in the MDS, the completion of all these strategies is subject to funding and funding procedures. In addition, all development associated with these strategies within the protected area is subject to the BC Parks Impact Assessment Policy. This management direction statement is intended to provide direction and guidelines for managing Castle Rock Hoodoos for the foreseeable future.

Setting and Context

- The 34-hectare Castle Rock Hoodoos Park protects a small hoodoo feature in the Deadman Valley. It is situated 70 kilometers northwest of Kamloops, and is accessed by the Deadman Creek road from Trans Canada Highway.
- This park was recommended through the Kamloops LRMP process and formally established in Schedule E of the *Park Amendment Act, 1997*.

Protected Area Attributes

Conservation

- Protects yellow to white coloured hoodoos formations comprised of eroded fluvial deposits of volcanic ash
- South facing with dry plant communities – Douglas fir, choke cherry, saskatoon berry

Recreation and Tourism

- Visual feature as seen from the road

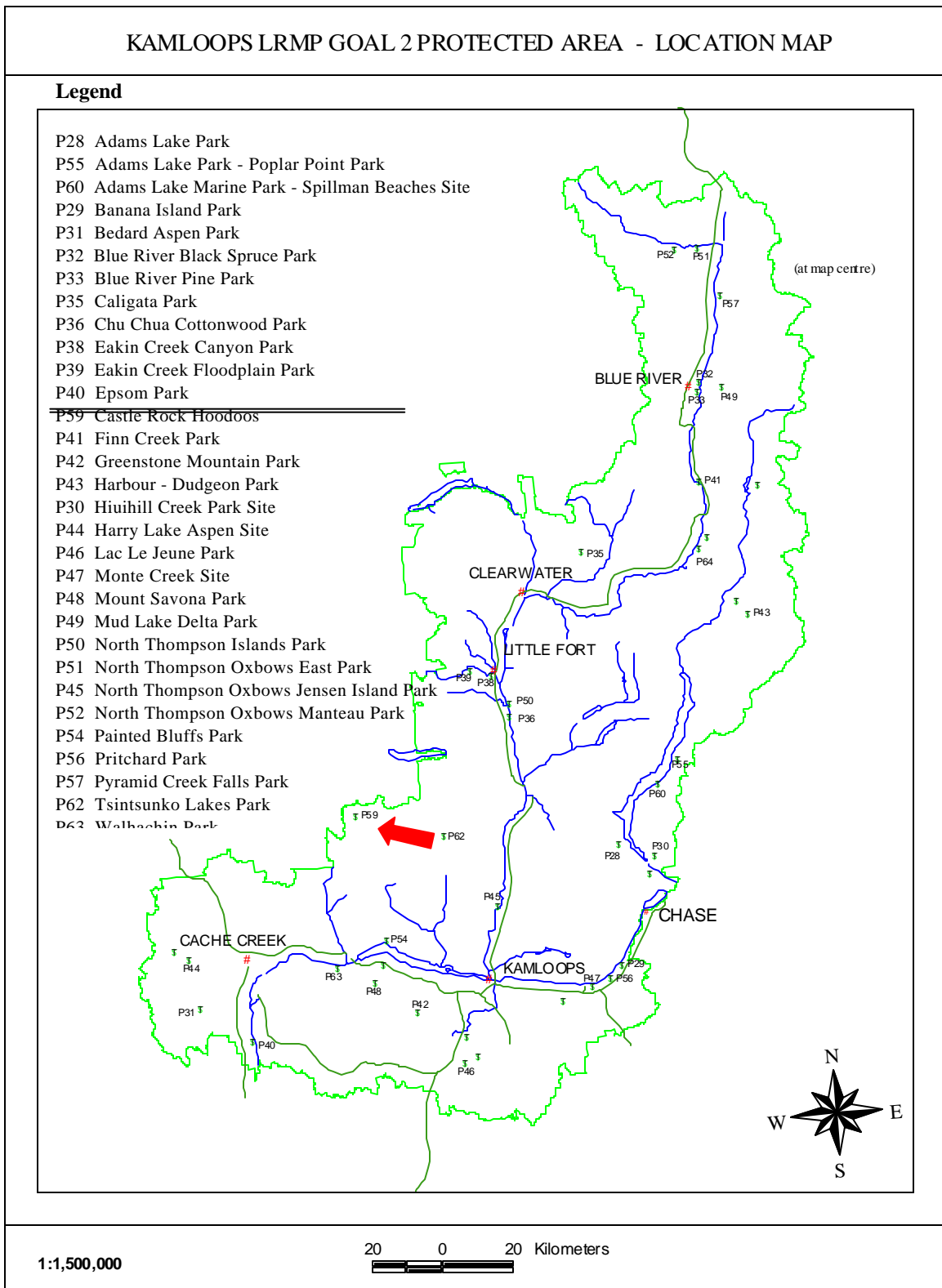
Cultural Heritage

- Unknown

Significance in the Protected Areas System

- A small special features park of regional significance for its visual appeal.

Figure 1 - Location Map



Land Uses, Tenures and Interests

Access

The park is accessed via the Deadman Creek road, approximately 45 kilometres by good gravel two-wheel drive road (maintained year round) from the Trans Canada Highway. The Deadman Creek Road leaves the Trans Canada Highway about six kilometres west of Savona.

Existing Tenures

Park designation under the *Park Amendment Act* 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 licenses and other legal tenures and rights. Park designation provides for continuance of existing grazing under administration and management of the *Range Act*. (The park is included in a range tenure but the steep hoodoo terrain restricts cattle access).

Adjacent Patterns of Land Use

- Deadman Creek road
- Cattle grazing on adjacent lands

First Nations Interests

- Management of the park will require ongoing consultation with the Skeetchestn Band to incorporate First Nations interests.

Other Agency Interests

- The park will be managed in close co-ordination with various resource agencies
- Grazing is managed by Ministry of Forests
- Access road forms the western boundary of the park

Role of the Park

The role of this park is the protection of the hoodoos formations as a representative geological feature and as a viewing attraction along the Deadman Creek road.

Management Commitments and Issues

Integration with Other Land Use Planning Processes

This management statement, future management plans, and all resulting management actions will follow the intent and criteria set out by the Kamloops LRMP for Castle Rock Hoodoos Park.

Longer Term Issues and Concerns

Specific issues that will be considered in the longer term can be highlighted under the following topics:

Conservation

- Vegetation management - insect and disease control; grazing management, fire management

Recreation and Tourism

- Access management
- Recreation use - appropriate activities and levels of use

Culture

- Inventory and protection of archaeological values

Short Term Issues and Concerns

There are no apparent short-term issues in the park.

Management Direction

Management Objectives and Strategies

The Table of Acceptable Activities, Uses and Facilities outlines guidelines for managing uses, activities and facilities in the park. These guidelines reflect the intent of the LRMP and, in general principle, follow the policies as set out for use and management of provincial park “natural environment zones”.

In addition to accepting the basic principles of maintaining existing tenures and rights, 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 ongoing consultation with First Nations
- To maintain the visual, recreational and tourism values
- To discourage the introduction of non-native plant species

Consultation and Future Planning

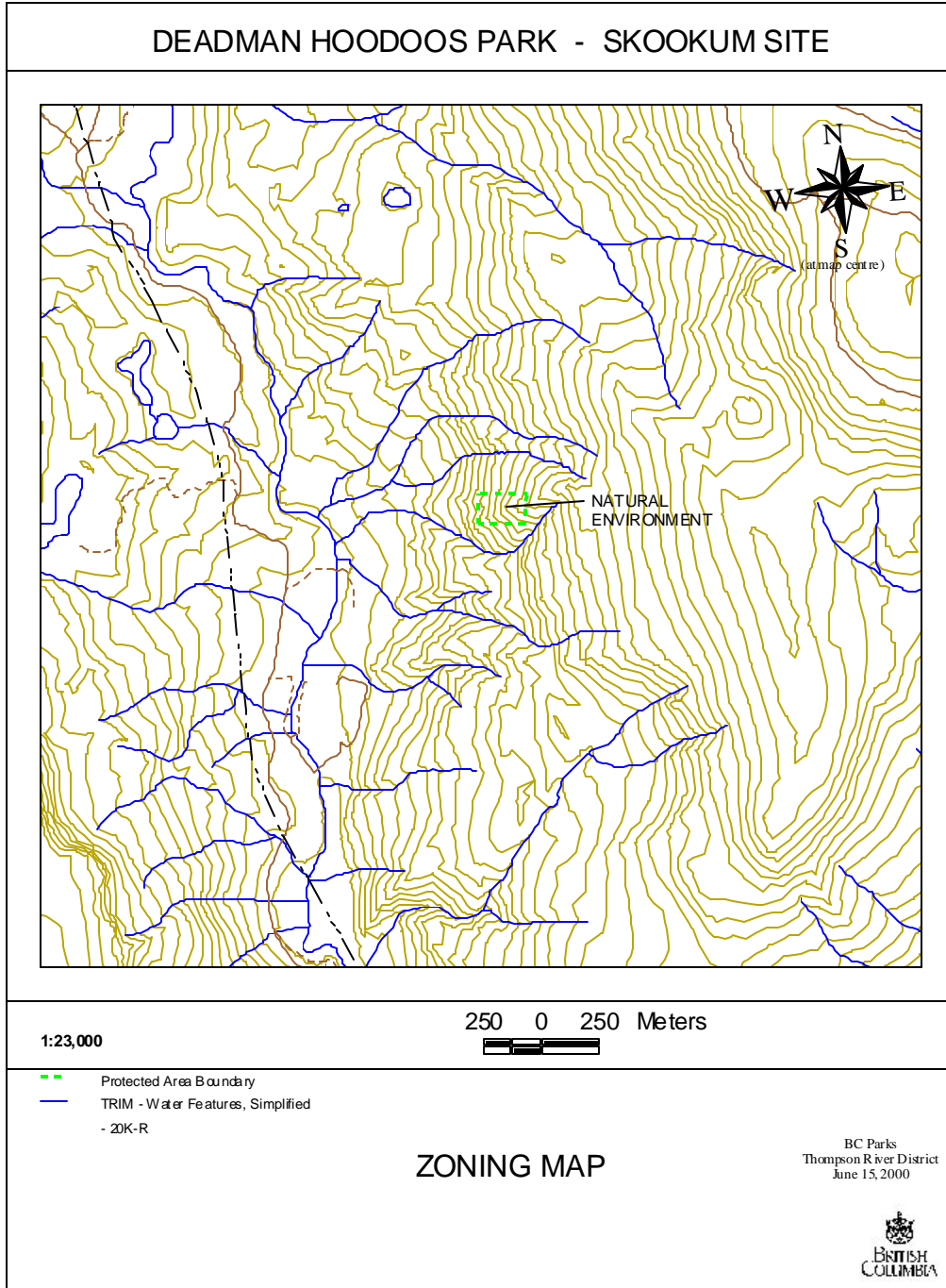
Planning and management of the park will conform to the intent and directions as set forth in the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy. BC Parks is accountable for planning, administration and management of the park through application of the laws, policies and regulations granted under the *Park Act*. 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 implementation team.

Zoning Plan

The zoning plan as shown on the adjoining page reflects the intent of the LRMP recommendations for Castle Rock Hoodoos Park. The park is zoned as **Natural Environment** to maintain the area in a natural condition.

Figure 2 - Zoning Map



Appendix I

**Table of Acceptable Activities, Uses and Facilities
for Castle Rock Hoodoos Park**

Activity/Use Facility	Natural Environment
Hunting	Y
Fishing	N/A
Trapping	N2
Grazing (domestic livestock)	N2
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)	N/A
Guide Outfitting (nature tours)	Y ²
Guide Outfitting (river rafting)	N/A
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 / Guest Ranches	N/A
Water Control Structures	N/A
Fish Stocking and Enhancement	N/A
Road Access	Y ¹
Off-road Access (snowmobiling)	N/A
Off-road Access (motorized)	N
Off-road Access (mechanical activities)	N
Motorized Water Access	N/A
Aircraft Access	N
Fire Management (Prescribed) Wildlife Management Prevention & Preparedness Prescribed Fire Management	N1
Fire Management (suppression)	Y
Forest Insect / Disease Control	N1
Noxious Weed Control	Y
Exotic Insect / Disease Control	Y
Scientific Research (specimen collection)	N1
Scientific Research (manipulative activities)	N1

Y= allowed, subject to conditions identified in the interim management statement or management plan
 N= not allowed
 N1= allowed for expressed management purposes only
 N2= not normally allowed, but if present at time of PA establishment, will normally be allowed to continue

¹ Road access plan for this area designates open and closed roads
² By permit only
³ On designated trails only
⁴ On designated lakes only