

9.0 SUMMARY OF PROTECTED AREA ACTIVITIES

The following table provides an overview of the management of specific activities within the Churn Creek Protected Area. It utilizes three categories for permitted, restricted and not permitted activities.

9.1 Permitted Activities

Activities that are allowed under normal management guidelines and are governed by relevant provincial legislation and regulations.

Activity	Comment/Rationale
Game Guiding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pre-existing operations continue at current levels under Park Use Permit. ◆ Managed in conjunction with BC Environment
Hunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regulated in conjunction with BC Environment. ◆ Native hunting rights not affected . ◆ Mix of Motorized and Non-motorized hunting access determined by Zone.
Trapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pre-existing licensed operations continue at current levels under Park Use Permit. ◆ Managed in conjunction with BC Environment.
Non-Mechanized Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Non-commercial, public recreation that does not rely on machines or engines, including hiking and cross-country skiing.
Primitive Camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No permanent facilities or sites except where required to protect resources due to concentrated use. ◆ Pack-in / pack-out policy. ◆ Monitored for impacts; sensitive sites avoided.
Horseback Riding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Non-commercial, personal use; generally intermittent and for pleasure or hunting. ◆ Pack own pellet feed due to shortage of forage for non-wildlife uses. ◆ Monitor for impacts. ◆ Groups of 12 or more use trails
Aboriginal Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Managed consistent with BC Government policy. Allow for the continued exercise of aboriginal rights that may exist in accordance with the law.

9.2 Restricted Activities

Activities that may be permitted under stricter than normal management guidelines in the Protected Area.

Activity	Comment / Rationale
Mountain Biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Restricted to existing roads and trails. ◆ Monitored for potential impacts.
Commercial Horse Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Primarily day use; authorize pre-existing operations. ◆ Confined to designated trails and roads.
Habitat Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Controlled burning is permitted, subject to the conservation of Protected Area values and consistent with ecosystem protection roles.
Commercial ATV Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ By permit only for ranch operations, trapline management, Conservation Officers or Protected Area management activities.
Fire Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Subject to the terms of fire management plan. Initial attack in interim ◆ Prescribed fire permitted.
Forest Health and Pest Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Where possible, naturally occurring infestations will run their course. ◆ Control actions integrated with those of the MoF will be considered where insect infestations in the Protected Area threaten adjacent resources. ◆ Pest management decisions will be site-specific.
Angling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Few fish resources in PA. ◆ No fisheries enhancement. ◆ No launching of motorboats in the Protected Area.
Aircraft Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aircraft landing restricted to ranch operations and Protected Area management activities, including enforcement, public safety and fire fighting. Landings restricted to designated areas.
Chemicals and biocontrols for noxious weed control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Spot applications only ◆ Weeds one the largest risks to grasslands.
Scientific Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Non-destructive study consistent with protected area management objectives. ◆ Permanent research facilities such as camps or stations will not be permitted.

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Cougar, Lynx and Bobcat hunting with snowmobiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Managed in conjunction with BC Environment and subject to hunting regulations◆ Restricted to existing roads and trails; snowmobiles not permitted on grasslands
Snowmobiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Restricted to routes identified in access management strategy
Commercial Backcountry Camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ No permanent structures or facilities.◆ Wilderness style camps.◆ Pack-in / pack-out policy.

9.3 Activities That Are Not Permitted

Activities that are not permitted by law within the Protected Area, or are considered incompatible with the management objectives for Churn Creek.

Activity	Comment / Rationale
All-terrain vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Potential impacts on grasslands and wildlife. ◆ Inconsistent with <i>Park Act Regulations</i>. ◆ Not a pre-existing use in Protected Area.
Commercial Jet Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Not considered appropriate given high archaeological values and sheep escape terrain on Fraser River Breaks.
Commercial Rafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Not considered appropriate given high archaeological values and sheep escape terrain on Fraser River Breaks.
Road Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No new roads. ◆ Existing roads not maintained. ◆ Except for minor access to facilities.
Mineral Exploration and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Incompatible with management objectives and contrary to Order-In Council.
Timber Extraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Incompatible with management objectives and contrary to Order-In Council.