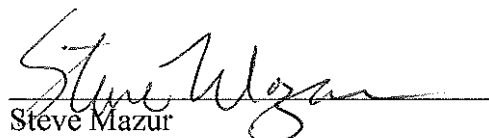


# COTTONWOOD RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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## **COTTONWOOD RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

### **Primary Role**

The original role of Cottonwood River Provincial Park was to provide riverside recreational access, as well as day use and overnight camping opportunities for local residents. The area was flooded in the early 1990's and all facilities were removed and the site decommissioned.

<b>Known Management Issues</b>	<b>Response</b>
Campground was closed in the 1990's following a catastrophic flood, the destruction of the facilities and significant vandalism. Local Metis Association is interested in acquiring the property to operate a campground.	The park was one of 46 parks identified in the Service Withdrawal initiative announced in 2002. Recommend that BC Parks initiate negotiations with the Metis Association respecting transferring the park to their administration and management.

### **Zoning**

The entire park (66 ha) is zoned Intensive Recreation.

## CONSERVATION

### Representation

- ecosection  Minimal contribution to the extremely poorly represented Quesnel Lowland Ecosection (0.75%) Cottonwood River is 1 of 7 small parks contributing to the representation of this ecosection. Of these, only Fraser River Park contributes more than 1,000 ha. Nevertheless, Cottonwood River's contribution is negligible (only 1.74% of the overall protected area representation of this ecosection).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant  Minimal contribution to the poorly represented SBSdw1 variant (1.29%). Cottonwood River is 1 of only 6 parks contributing to the representation of this variant but its contribution is minimal (only 1.37% of the overall protected areas system representation of this variant). Schoolhouse Lake Park is the major contributor (89.12%).

### Special Feature

### Rare/Endangered Values

### Scientific/Research Opportunities

## RECREATION

### Representation:

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor  Formerly served as a Highway #1 roadside rest stop for camping, picnicking and cultural interpretation. All facilities have been decommissioned so the park no longer contributes to this goal.
- local recreation  All facilities have been decommissioned so the park no longer contributes to this goal, although some gold panning still occurs within the park.

### Special Opportunities

### Education/Interpretation Opportunities

## CULTURAL HERITAGE

### Representation

### Special Feature

None known

**OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- Other Designations**
- Relationship to Other PAs**
- Co-operative Management Arrangements**
- Partnerships**
- Vulnerability**  Low.
- Relationship to Other Strategies**

**Area:** 66 ha

**Date of Establishment:** March 16, 1956