

Skihist Park Background Information Sheet

Area: 386 hectares

Representation: Under-represented ecosystems (dry forests). It represents north facing slopes along the Thompson River extending from PPxh2, IDFxh1, IDFdk2 and into Essfdc2.

Values: The addition significantly enhanced the natural values of the park, adding a representative example of the north facing slopes of the Thompson River valley, including extensive use by wildlife, such as elk and deer winter range, old growth forest, a regenerating burn, cliffs, talus slopes and deep draws. The area also includes a portion of the historic Cariboo Wagon Road and offers new opportunities for natural and cultural history interpretation, complementing the existing day use and camping opportunities of the park.

Management Intent: Skihist Park was enlarged from its original 33 hectares. An existing management plan is available for the original area, and the new management plan should be consistent with this earlier plan. Emphasis will be placed on maintaining the natural environment in the new area while providing new recreational opportunities, such as trails, for day users and campers. Hunting was considered as a continuing activity.

Land Status: Class A provincial park. Skihist Park is located approximately 8 kilometres east of Lytton on Highway 1, the Trans-Canada Highway.

Concerns: Maintain winter range for elk and deer; protection of cultural artefacts.