

APPENDIX D

Summary Of Park Activities

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The following table provides a summary of commitments made through land use processes with regard to acceptable uses, activities and facilities in the protected area.

Activity/Use/Facility	Acceptable Uses
Hunting	Y
Fishing	Y
Trapping	Y
Grazing (domestic livestock)	Y
Recreational Gold Panning/Rock Hounding	N
Utility corridors	N
Communication Sites	N2
Horse Use/ Pack Animals	Y
Guide Outfitting (hunting)	Y
Guide Outfitting (fishing)	Y
Guide Outfitting (nature tours)	Y
Guide Outfitting (river rafting)	N
Cat-Assisted Skiing	N
Ski Hills	N
Commercial Recreation (facility-based)	N
Backcountry Huts	N
Water Control Structures	N2
Fish Stocking and Enhancement	Y
Road Access	Y
Off-road Access (snowmobiling)	N(trapline only)
Off-road Access (motorized)	N(tenured only)
Off-road Access (mechanical activities)	M
Motorized Water Access	N
Aircraft Access	N1
Fire Management (suppression)	Y
Fire Management (prescribed fire management)	M
Fire Management (prevention)	M
Forest Insect/Disease Control	M
Noxious Weed Control	N1
Exotic Insect/Disease Control	M
Scientific Research (specimen collection)	M
Scientific Research (manipulative activities)	M

Y= allowed subject to conditions identified in the management direction statement or management plan
M= may be permitted if compatible with protected area objectives
N= not allowed
N1= allowed for expressed management purposes only
N2= present and allowed to continue but not normally allowed

APPENDIX E

Public Recommendations for Adjacent Lands

PUBLIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJACENT LANDS

One of the functions of a park management plan is to make recommendations for future land acquisition that reflect the relative importance of specific lands considered for addition to a park; that is, considering whether one property is more important than another. Plans should also include a description of the values that the property would add to the park, if acquired. Examples would be conservation of water quality, critical wildlife habitat or a special feature; or on the recreation side, management of values such as access, visual quality or exceptional camping areas.

Land acquisition is always a long-term park management objective, subject to:

- o land acquisition directives and policy, such as found in the CCLUP and Protected Areas Strategy;
- o availability of the property and the willingness of the vendor to sell to government;
- o availability of BC Parks financial resources to pay market value;
- o contributions that the property addition would make to the prime purpose of a park;
- o relative value of the property compared with that of other properties on the provincial property acquisition list.

Interest in adjacent lands for possible future park additions has been expressed by local residents for the following areas, ranked by relative priority of park values:

- Mt. Bowman area
- Clinton Creek watershed
- Jesmond Lookout
- 57 and 59 Creeks area

These adjacent areas have historically been of interest to local people for conservation and recreation values which are considered to be consistent with the values protected within the parks. The Clinton and District CORE Group presented these areas as part of their Marble Range and Edge Hills protected area proposals. These areas of public interest extend beyond the “save and except” mineral claim areas described in the CCLUP.

The following description of the attributes of each of these areas has been provided by Clinton and area residents. The areas of interest are shown on Map 8.

Mt. Bowman

Mt. Bowman, including the area of 11 Mile Creek, is the area of greatest interest to many local people and has been the area of greatest controversy during previous land use planning processes. It was excluded from Marble Range Park at the time the CCLUP was adopted because of a stated need to honor the existing mineral claims and mining development potential of the area. It is an area of interest important for Continental Lime's future operations.

Public submissions to the CCLUP that supported a protected area for the Marble Range identified Mt. Bowman as a central feature because of high scenic values, naturalness and significant wildlife habitat, including a movement corridor for migrating California bighorn sheep and mule deer.

Clinton Creek Watershed Area

The Clinton creek watershed drains the south end of the Marble Range on the east side. Known locally as "the big swamp", the property contains areas where the peat layer is perhaps as thick as 20 feet. In the generally dry and rocky Marble Range, this large wetland is a distinctive feature. When viewed from the Ministry of Forests's Lime Lookout, the Clinton Creek watershed forms a lush, spectacular panorama along the southern edge of Marble Range Park. Inclusion in the park would add a valuable ecosystem.

Water is one of this area's main values for local residents. The Village of Clinton obtains its water supply from this source. The combination of limestone and swamp provide large quantities of pure, high quality water. For this reason, the residents have always been sensitive to human activities occurring in the watershed. A number of years ago, when plans were presented to log in the area, residents formed a watershed committee and, through discussion and compromise, developed a watershed logging and management plan acceptable to all parties. Logging in the watershed has been very restricted and vehicular access has been strictly controlled through gated and locked access.

As a result of its wetland character, restricted access for hunters and contiguous vegetation cover, the area is prime moose habitat. While clearcuts and second growth can provide good feed, moose suffer from heat stress and require locations that are dark and cool. The Clinton Creek watershed meets these requirements for moose. Important calving grounds and mineral licks used by moose are reported within the area.

Jesmond Lookout Area

Traveling the roads around the parks and to Jesmond and Limestone Lookouts will be the main way that most people see these parks. The spectacular panorama from the Jesmond Lookout allows the less adventurous public to see Mt. Bowman, Mt. Kerr and the rocky tops and timbered slopes of the north half of the Marble Range. While already an attraction, the road and lookout would allow people with disabilities, the elderly and others to have access to park values. Inclusion of the Jesmond Lookout area would protect the visual features of the north end of the Marble Range as seen from the lookout, the main roads and adjacent guest ranch.

The area is important for mule deer. The west slope, with its large Interior Douglas-fir, is an important mule deer winter range. The east slope includes part of the mule deer migration route between Big Bar Mountain and the Bonaparte River.

Near the lookout is “the Bowl”. This deep, grassy, inverted cone is a feature that has long attracted the public. The Bowl is a limestone sink, formed by the collapse of an underground cavern when water eroded away the cavern’s roof. While trees do not grow in the Bowl, the area above is surrounded with wind-shaped whitebark pines.

Fifty-Seven and Fifty-Nine Mile Creeks

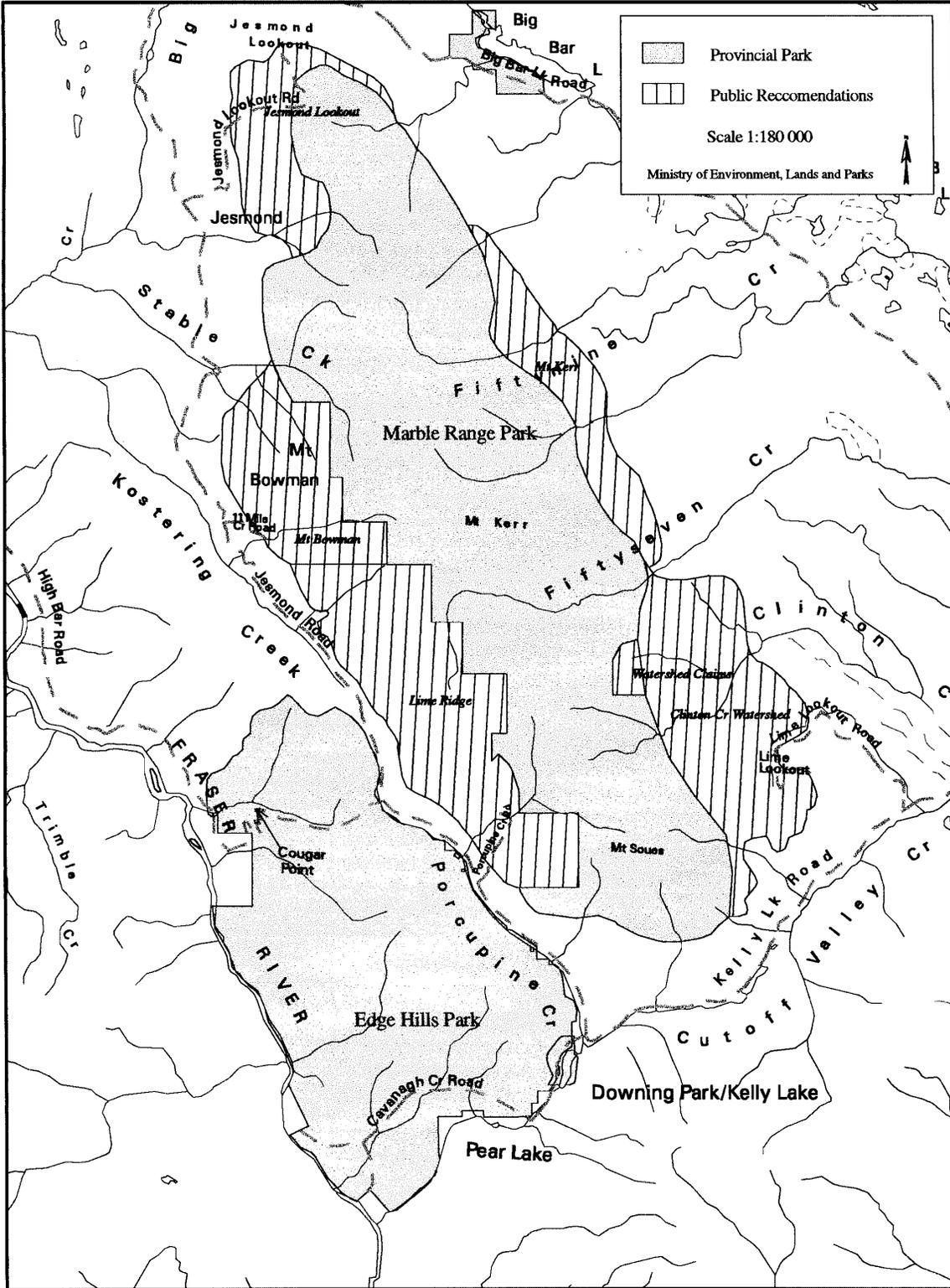
Important moose habitat exists along the wetlands of these two Creeks and in Mann Creek on the east side of the Marble Range. The portions that have been logged within this area (and within the present boundaries of Marble Range Park) will form better habitat for moose and bear if they are allowed to regenerate naturally, without silvicultural activities. A portion of the mule deer migration route between Big Bar Mountain and the Bonaparte River is through this area.

Another value of this area for park land is the ability to protect the integrity of the viewscape. By including this area in park, the views of the Marble Range from the Big Bar road and Highway 97 will be of the mountain range in its natural state.

Lime Ridge Area

The attributes of the Lime Ridge area, as described in section 6.1, are also of significant importance to local residents. Public recommendations for protection in this area extend beyond the “save and except” mineral claim areas, to include the lower slopes of Lime Ridge to the valley bottom.

Map 8. Public Recommendations for Adjacent Lands



APPENDIX F

Letters of Support from Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Resource Board and Cariboo Inter-Agency Management Committee (IAMC)

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March 23, 1999

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Dear Mr. Mazur:

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Resource Board reviewed the Marble Range/Edge Hills Park Master Plan September 15, 1998 and found it to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,



Wade Fisher,
Chair



File: 204-20/IAMC/Corr.

April 27, 1999

Steve Mazur
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Dear Steve:

RE: Marble Range/Edge Hills Park Master Plan

The Cariboo Mid-Coast Inter-Agency Management Committee have reviewed the above noted plan and, at our April 9, 1999 meeting, endorsed the plan as being consistent with the Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan objectives, targets and strategies.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Langin".

Herb Langin
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