

8.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Marble Range and Edge Hills Provincial Parks are administered by BC Parks Cariboo District in Williams Lake. Staff ensure that management responsibilities are carried out in accordance with (a) the *Park Act* and Regulations, (b) the established policies and procedures of the agency, and (c) the direction provided by the approved management plan. These responsibilities extend, but are not limited, to: collecting resource information; managing resources and cultural values; regulating public use and maintaining public safety; maintaining facilities, trails, cabins and other parks infrastructure; managing permits covering all commercial uses within the parks; assessing and monitoring impacts of recreational uses and minimizing their impacts.

This section provides a summary of the main management activities listed throughout this management plan, in two categories:

- priority items to be undertaken in the short term (1-5 years);
- items that will be undertaken over time, but that do not necessarily have a priority in the first 5 years of the plan.

Implementation of actions described in this management plan is dependent upon the availability of BC Parks' financial and staff resources, and will be affected by the management needs of other parks in the Cariboo District and in the rest of the park system. Approval of this plan does not constitute automatic approval of funding for implementation.

8.1 Short Term Priorities

The following short term priorities will be undertaken over the next 1-5 years (1998-2003). Order is not important.

- o Resolve any boundary issues for Marble Range Park stemming from the legal description of the park boundary in relation to the "save and except" lands identified in the CCLUP.
- o Develop an in-park handout for the parks.
- o Develop a road and trail access management plan.
- o Develop a formal viewpoint at Cougar Point.
- o Monitor levels of use of these parks. Collect visitor use statistics to verify visitor management strategies.
- o Issue park use permits for commercial recreation operations and other pre-existing uses, as specified in the CCLUP, by March 31, 1998. Take a conservative approach to offering new commercial opportunities.

- Identify travel corridors and critical habitat requirements for California bighorn sheep and mule deer.
- Develop a long-term management plan for wildlife with BC Environment, particularly for flammulated owl and California bighorn sheep.
- Investigate amalgamating Downing Park with Edge Hills Park.
- Review management plan implementation annually with local residents.
- Coordinate park management activities with the preparation of the sub-regional plan for the surrounding area.
- Review facility development needs.
- Conduct an inventory of cave features, particularly for archaeological values.

8.2 Longer Term Actions

The following actions are important, but do not have a priority in the first 5 years of the plan. These actions will be undertaken as time and resources permit. Order is not important.

- Work with commercial operators to align promotional materials with park vision and communications strategies.
- Conduct an impact assessment of backcountry uses.
- Complete vegetation inventories and prepare a vegetation management plan that includes an overview of the ecological maintenance requirements for the parks and the identification of red and blue listed species.
- Conduct a formal management plan review that includes:
 - public involvement;
 - review of facility development needs and commercial backcountry opportunities;
 - the acquisition of archaeological inventory information;
 review of park completion options.