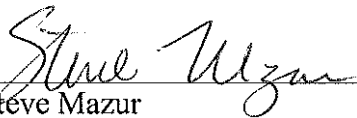


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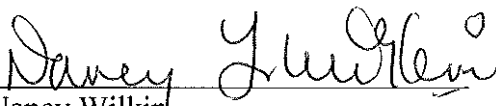
PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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RUTH LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary** role of Ruth Lake Provincial Park is to provide lakeshore access to Ruth Lake and day use recreational opportunities for local residents.

Known Management Issues	Response
Vandalism to park facilities.	Post signs and attempt to get community more involved in the management of the area.
The park was one of 46 parks included in the ministry's Service Withdrawal initiative announced in 2002. The Treaty Negotiation Office (TNO) and Cariboo Tribal Council have been in discussion regarding the use of this area for Treaty purposes.	Recommend "de-parking" the area and allowing TNO to use in negotiations or to allow Land and Water BC Inc. to manage. Currently the Forest Grove Lions Club is operating the site under Park Use Permit at no cost to government. The Lions Club is interested in having the park transferred to them on a permanent basis.

Zoning

The area to the north and west of the road is zoned Intensive Recreation (approximately 8 ha or 27% of the park), while everything to the south and east is zoned Nature Recreation (approximately 22 ha or 73% of the park).

CONSERVATION

Representation

- **ecosection** Contributes minimally to the representation of the very poorly-represented Cariboo Plateau Ecosection (0.68%). Ruth Lake is one of only 5 parks contributing to the representation of this ecosection. Only Schoolhouse Lake contributes more than 200 ha to the representation of the ecosection. Ruth Lake's contribution is only 0.55% of overall protected area system representation of this ecosection.
- **biogeoclimatic subzone/variant** A number of new Goal 2 protected areas are proposed for this ecosection which capture a range of natural features and ecosystems. Contributes minimally to the very poorly represented SBSdw1 variant (1.29%). Ruth Lake's contribution is only 0.48% of the overall protected area representation of this variant. Schoolhouse Lake is the major contributor (89.16%).

Special Feature

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation:

- **backcountry**
- **destination**
- **travel corridor**
- **local recreation** Some use of area for access to lake, swimming and picnicking.

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: 30 ha

Date of Establishment: August 21, 1959