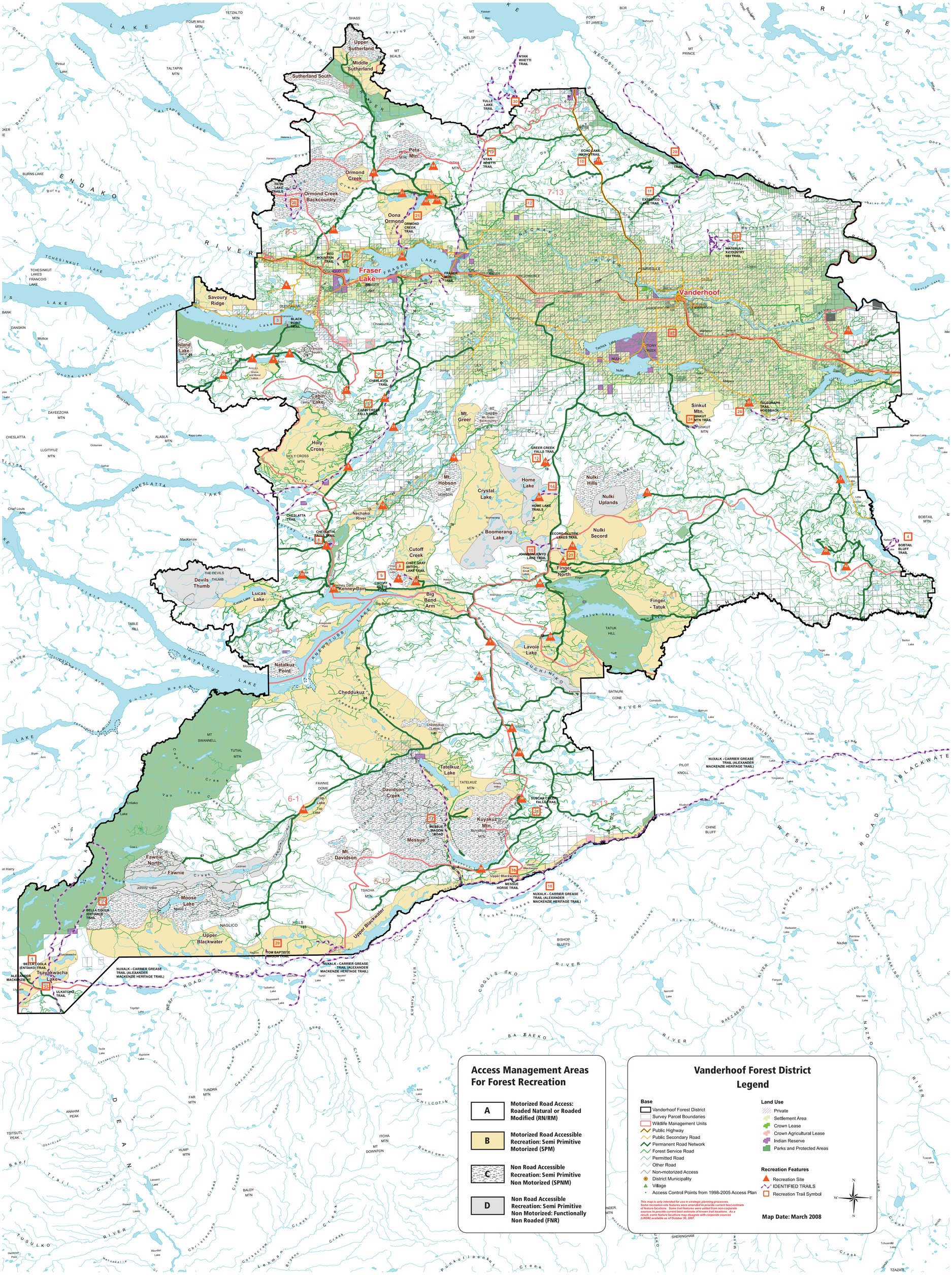
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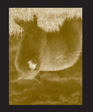

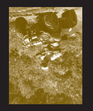

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For Your Information

This brochure includes a map and information identifying areas best suited for a variety of forest recreation activities and experiences, including:

- **Trails and hiking**
- **Recreation sites and camping**
- **High-quality back country wilderness for solitude and closeness to nature**
- **Most popular areas for ATV and 4x4 adventures**
- **Parks and protected areas**

Please help keep this Plan alive by following the recreational patterns of use provided and abiding by all signs and/or closures. With your cooperation, the values within the Vanderhoof LRMP will be respected and the Vanderhoof Forest District will be maintained as a desirable destination for all recreational users and investors.

Please note, this updated Access Management Plan is only providing information and opportunities relating to spring, summer and fall recreational activities from the period of April to November. It does not include planning for winter season recreational use and destinations.

Contact us:

Your feedback and comments are important to the implementation monitoring of the Access Management Plan. Please visit the Vanderhoof LRMP website and click on the feedback link. http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/lup/lrmp/northern/vanderhf/index.html

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More About The Vanderhoof Access Management Plan

The Vanderhoof LRMP

The Vanderhoof Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) was developed by members of the public and stakeholders within the Vanderhoof area communities. They were able to negotiate a common agreement on how best to manage the valuable resources on crown land. The Vanderhoof LRMP provides strategic land use guidance for the management of several values on the 1.3 million hectares of crown land within the Vanderhoof Forest District. The LRMP is driven by the conviction that stewardship of natural resources can be improved through integrated resource management that considers all values. Specific resource values identified and managed under this plan include: biodiversity, fish and wildlife, water quality, parks, recreation, tourism, access management, timber harvesting, mining, and agriculture.

To ensure the continued relevancy of the "social voice" and that the interests from communities in the plan area are upheld, the values in the Vanderhoof LRMP most at risk from the mountain pine beetle epidemic and associated management were assessed and updated.

What is Access Management Planning?

Access management planning is a coordinated effort to reduce the impacts of road development on other values such as recreation, wildlife, fisheries and the environment. It is a tool to engage the public and stakeholders in a process on how best to manage the roads after they are built.

The Vanderhoof LRMP provides explicit guidance and expectations around how best to manage access. As such, the Vanderhoof Forest District has been implementing an operational Access Management Plan, with active access control points in various locations through out the district since 1998.

Why is updating the Vanderhoof Access Management Plan so important?

With a change in forest management legislation and an increase in road development to support accelerated salvage operations resulting from the mountain pine beetle epidemic, portions of the existing access plan became redundant and ineffective. The plan needed to be updated so the strategic guidance reflects the existing recreational access pressures and use.

Rainbow over Francois Lake - Photo credit: Jenny Hague

How was this update to the access management plan done?

The 2008 Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation is the result of collaborative effort that involved stakeholder groups, organized clubs or associations, the general public and government agencies including: the Integrated Land Management Bureau, Ministry of Forests and Range, and Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts. The iterative process was transparent and inclusive to ensure that the diverse cross-section of interests, values and opinions within the Vanderhoof plan area were represented and engaged. Input and information was gathered and received from a variety of sources at a variety of events over a three year period.

Additional information regarding the process can be found on the Vanderhoof LRMP Website:
http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/lup/lrmp/northern/vanderhf/index.html

Goal of the plan

The 2007-2012 Vanderhoof Access Management Plan for Forest Recreation is aimed at updating what is currently in place to offer quality forest recreation activities for a variety of uses within the Vanderhoof District. This plan is providing options for how one wants to recreate so that the overall enjoyment of the activity can be heighten. This updated plan is a balance of providing equal opportunities to access crown land while ensuring operational certainty for resource development.

The foundation of the plan is:

- To identify a range of recreation opportunities and experiences that provide certainty for specific recreational uses (motorized and non-motorized).
- Reduce conflict between forest recreationists who like to use motorized means (ATV's, 4x4) of accessing crown land and those who prefer to use their feet, horses or bicycles.
- Identification of a permanent road network that is recommended to be maintained over time to ensure on-going access to these recreation areas.
- Guidance for the management of current and future road densities to maintain the current state of recreational experience

Important Principles of the Plan:

- Areas on the landbase with access management guidance are not protected from forest development. All resource tenure operations, including forest harvesting, oil and gas, mining, trapping and grazing will continue to occur.
- The plan is not promoting or providing areas of exclusive use for commercial recreation purposes. All guide outfitters and commercial lodge operations must conduct their business in compliance with the plan.
- The updated plan is in place for a period of 5 years and will replace what is currently being implemented for access management on the landbase.
- First Nations can continue to engage in traditional activities within the plan area.

Implementation of the updated Access Management Plan

This updated plan is providing policy information on the management of the recreational opportunities and experience on the landscape. It is not a regulation plan and instead will rely on voluntary compliance, community good-will, education and extension and professional reliance from industry. Thus, successful implementation of the plan will be a collective effort dependant on everyone including government agencies, industry, commercial recreation, the community and general public. No one party has the sole responsibility for implementation.

As this is a living plan that will be monitored and updated accordingly over time, it is important to ensure that the plan offers the freedom and flexibility to exercise continual improvement, professional judgement and adaptation to any operational issue or concern that is encountered over time.

More about the Vanderhoof Forest District

Close to one million hectares of public forest land makes up the Vanderhoof Forest District that encompasses the farms and ranches around Vanderhoof in the Nechako River Valley, north to historic Fort. St. James and southwards across the rugged Fawnie Range to Tweedsmuir Provincial Park and the Blackwater River. The population of 10,000 is centered on the Nechako Plateau and incorporates the surrounding rural communities of Fort Fraser and Fraser Lake.

Key industries in the Vanderhoof Forest District include forestry, ranching, mining and commercial recreation and tourism. Highway 16 and Highway 27 are the main travel corridors, with the Kenney Dam Road and Kluskus, Bobtail and Holy Cross Forest Service Roads providing all weather public access to the vast southern portion of the district.

Larger lakes such as Stuart, Fraser, Nulki, Tachick, Francois, Tatuk and the Nechako Reservoir, plus countless smaller lakes nestled in the rolling spruce and pine dominated hills of the Nechako Plateau, provide outstanding fishing, hunting and recreation opportunities. The landscape surrounding Vanderhoof is rich in cultural heritage history. The Stellako, Nechako, Stuart and Blackwater Rivers provide excellent whitewater opportunities for river kayakers or gentle float trips for canoeing adventures.

Whether your interests lie in exploring an area such as the Cheslatta Falls or Kenney Dam, enjoying the amenities of a nearby resort or driving or hiking to a rustic campsite on a secluded lake, the district's network of forest roads and trails will provide you with access to an outstanding spectrum of recreational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized activities.

Forest Recreation Opportunities and Experiences provided in the Vanderhoof Access Management Plan

Access Management Designation

Non Road Accessible Recreation: Semi Primitive Non Motorized Functionally Non roaded (FNR)

These areas are primarily un roaded, difficult to access and identified for backcountry recreational opportunities and experiences. With very little evidence of other recreational users, there is very high opportunity to experience solitude, closeness to nature, be challenged and self reliant in the backcountry wilderness. Traditional access is only gained through air, water, rail, horse, or hiking. The important attributes of this recreation experience include inaccessibility, isolation from visual and auditory impacts from road related use and high quality environmental settings.

These areas are identified for a low impact recreational experience (i.e. hiking), with no 2WD, 4x4, or ATV/ORV use for recreational purposes from April 1st to November 30th. The overall access management goal in these areas is to ensure that future road development is temporary in nature and inactive or inaccessible during this identified timeframe.

Boomerang Lake

This area provides numerous hiking trails to high quality angling lakes within reasonable driving distance from the communities. The LRMP emphasis is to manage for the recreation fisheries and wildlife values. This area's existing recreation use patterns are suitable for a continued low intensity, backcountry wilderness recreation.

Devil's Thumb

Devil's Lake is a self-contained wild stock fishery, with important and recognized grizzly habitat in the tributaries of Lucas Lake. This area has limited to no access and offers high opportunity to experience remote backcountry wilderness. The variety of forest values found in this area provides excellent opportunities for high quality angling, hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing.

Euchiniko

Euchiniko Sidehills are a 14 km stretch of unique park like, steep, south facing grassy slopes. The area offers rich and diverse wildlife habitat with important archaeological and cultural heritage values (catalogued village sites, historic battle sites, obsidian sources). The LRMP recommends that this area be officially designated as a "sensitive site". Current recreation patterns are horseback touring, hiking, wildlife viewing and hunting. This areas value and existing recreation use patterns promotes continued non motorized, low intensity recreation to reduce the amount of human disturbance on the wildlife and sensitive ecosystem.

Fawnie

This area is to be managed to protect the ecological integrity of the naturally occurring "Forest Ecosystem Networks" or corridors, with a focus on grizzly bear and caribou habitat. The LRMP emphasizes the management of wildlife populations (grizzly bear, caribou and moose habitat) and need to maintain backcountry and wilderness recreation opportunities. Access management techniques should be utilized to control mechanized access to prevent displacement of caribou from their critical habitat. This areas value as an intact and unroaded ecosystem, combined with the existing recreation use patterns, is complimentary to the continued management for non motorized, low intensity recreational use to reduce the amount of human disturbance on the wildlife and sensitive ecosystem.

Grizzly Valley

This unique ecosystem in the district is consistent with its name, as it is a key area for grizzly bear and grizzly bear habitat. Wildlife viewing, hiking and horseback riding through the grassland complexes are popular activities. The access management for recreation goal is to manage the impact of human disturbance on the ecosystems flora and fauna.

Home Lake

There is a well established, multi-use recreation trail that accesses a rustic cabin on a high quality angling lake. This area also supports numerous hiking trails to various other high quality angling lakes within reasonable driving distance from the communities. The LRMP emphasis is to manage for the recreation fisheries and wildlife values. This area's other forest values and its existing recreation use patterns are suitable for a continued low intensity recreation area. The traditional means of accessing Home Lake is maintained.

Nulki Uplands

This area is to be managed with an emphasis on maintaining the integrity of the high elevation wetlands by protecting the grasslands from degradation due to intensive recreational activities. This unique area of open grassy meadows and bogs, with long fingers of sedge meadows meandering between glacial till eskers provides many unique opportunities for day hiking, photography, picnicking and wildlife viewing. This areas environmental value and existing recreation use patterns supports the continued management for non motorized, low intensity recreation use in order to reduce the impact of human disturbance on wildlife and the sensitive ecosystem.

Access Management Designation

Non Road Accessible Recreation: Semi Primitive Non Motorized (SPNM)

These recreation areas provide for a more remote wilderness experience in a high quality, natural environment setting for low impact recreational users. High level of opportunity exists to experience solitude and closeness to nature in a challenging and self reliant way. There is currently very limited opportunity for interaction with other groups that would most likely be in small party sizes.

Many of these areas have been effectively and successfully managed for non motorized recreation over the last 10 years. There is to be no 2WD, 4x4, or ATV/ORV use for recreation purposed from April 1st to November 30th. The overall access management goal for these areas is to ensure that future road development consider the impact to the recreational experience and settings provided through the management of road density.

Cabin Lake

This area is known for its high quality rainbow trout fishery that provides excellent angling opportunities that is close to local communities. Other recreational activities in the area include wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, archaeological and cultural appreciation.

Chedakuz Lakes

This area supports a high quality, wild stock rainbow trout fishery. Other recreational uses in the area include angling, camping, and photography.

Chief Gray Lake

A "hike-in" only lake, this area is very popular with the local communities for a high quality fishing experience in a wilderness setting. This area has had a non motorized recreation use pattern is in existence for many years.

Three Small Lakes

This area includes Vivian and Prouts and is a unique combination of lakes, ponds and wetland complexes. Hiking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, angling and hunting are popular activities.

Top Lake

This area offers motorized access to the lake with an established recreation site for angling, swimming, camping and wildlife viewing.

Upper Blackwater

This area is a Special Management Zone in the LRMP with emphasis on planning that recognizes the opportunities provided by the diverse vegetation and wildlife. The Blackwater River offers world class trout fishing and is popular with white water kayakers and canoeists. The unique Douglas Fir forest supports a bunch grass ecosystem that provides amazing opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing and hunting, . The Nuxalk Carrier Grease Trail (Alexander Mackenzie Heritage Trail) is a unique feature within this area, but is not managed under this access management plan. This area is highly used by large groups of 4x4 and ATV clubs on a regular basis. Due to the unique experiences of remoteness offered in this area, it is important that future road development retains the primitive state of motorized access to ensure a high quality motorized recreational experience.

Safety Tips and Information:

- Drive with extreme caution at all times as most roads are heavily used by industrial traffic.
- Give logging trucks and industrial traffic the right-of-way by moving to the nearest turn-out or to the side of the road.
- Keep all fires small and in designated areas.
- Park well off the travelled portion of the road if you must stop along the way.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Travel only the roads that your vehicle is equipped to handle
- Obey all signs, area closures and campfire bans.
- Please act responsibly to reduce your impact on the environment and others.
- Become informed and aware.
- When using Forest Recreation Sites and Trails, please practice forest etiquette and respect.
- Be careful not to damage the vegetation. Avoid running over trees and sensitive areas like wetland, grasslands and bogs.
- Respect wildlife as this is their home too.
- Obtain permission to travel across private land.
- Vandalism costs all of us money. Please help control vandalism by reporting violators and violations.

Recreation Activity Symbols Legend

BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
BOATING
CABIN
CAMPING (Tents Only)
CAMPING (Tents & Rec Vehicles)
CANOEING
CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
FISHING
HIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
ICE-FISHING
MOUNTAIN BIKING
NATURE STUDY
PICNICKING
SHELTER
SNOWMOBILING
SWIMMING
TOILET
TRAIL BIKE & ATV RIDING (Motorized)
VIEWING

Non Road Accessible Recreation: Semi Primitive Non Motorized (SPNM) cont…

Davidson Creek

This area is very popular with local horseback riding clubs and non motorized hunting. Alternate opportunities to access historic and culturally significant trails including the Messue Wagon Road, Messue Horse Trail/ Kluskus Bypass are provided. Other recreational activities supported in this area include hiking, camping, interpretive cultural heritage experiences, horseback outfitting tours and eco tourism. The LRMP guidance for this area is to integrate the management of wildlife, recreational and First Nation interest and values through appropriate access management.

Fawnie North

A unique recreational opportunity for exceptional wilderness and back country experience is provided, as this area is adjacent to the Entiako Park and offers access to alpine flora and fauna. The goal from the LRMP is to manage the impacts from recreational use on the caribou herd and grizzly bear found in and around this area, by limiting access opportunities to important grizzly habitat and early winter caribou habitat.

Francois South

Adjacent to Francois South Provincial Park, this area offers several recreational opportunities for sightseeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, hunting and photography in a locally unique environmental setting of a dry and open forest.

Island Lake

A high quality "hike in" angling lake that is within reasonable driving distance from the local communities. Other recreational uses include hiking, camping, and swimming opportunities. The LRMP recommendation for non motorized recreation use is maintained.

Kuyakuz Mtn

The LRMP has identified this area for integrated management of wildlife (grizzly bear), recreational intensity and First Nation cultural heritage values. The area is suitable for various recreation activities including, hiking, wildlife viewing, horseback riding and photography. The Ministry of Forests and Range maintains a fire lookout in the area.

Messue

Area's predominant recreation uses are for ecotourism, wildlife viewing, hiking, camping, cultural heritage experiences, guided horseback outfitting tours and public hunting using horses. Alternate opportunities to access historic and culturally significant trails including the Messue Wagon Road, Messue Horse Trail/ Kluskus Bypass are provided. Area is rich in cultural heritage features and interpretive opportunity. LRMP guidance is to integrate the management of wildlife, recreational and First Nation interest values through appropriate access management.

Moose Lake

This area contains some the highest elevation forests in the Vanderhoof Forest District and offers high quality fisheries lakes in a wilderness setting that can be accessed through backcountry recreation means. The surrounding lakes in the area are required to be managed for sustainable fisheries populations. Management of impacts from recreational use to the caribou herd and grizzly bear found in and around this area, by limiting access to vulnerable habitat, is important. The adjacency to Entiako Provincial Park, offers a unique recreational opportunity for exceptional wilderness and backcountry experiences.

Mt Davidson

This area integrates the management of wildlife, recreational and First Nation interest values through appropriate access management. The opportunity to drive to higher elevation destination for hiking and non-motorized adventures in a sub-alpine environment is offered.

Mt Greer Backcountry

As one of the higher mountains in the area, this area is used by recreationists seeking adventure in a moderate backcountry surrounding for day hiking, picnicking, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. This is a "park and walk" opportunity that is accessible by road and within reasonable driving distance from the surrounding communities.

Mt Hobson

This area provides the same opportunities as Mt. Greer and has traditionally been used by recreationists seeking the opportunity for day hiking, picnicking, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. Accessible by road and with reasonable driving distance from surrounding communities.

Natalkuz Point

This area offers the certainty of a wilderness setting and opportunity for non motorized recreationalists to access the shoreline of Knewstubb Lake through backcountry methods (i.e hiking). Other activities in and around the lake include camping, boating, wildlife viewing, picnicking, photography, hiking. This area is currently unroaded.

Nulki Hills

Currently, this area is unroaded and surrounds the unique Nulki Uplands Ecosystem. Area is used for day hiking, photography, picnicking and wildlife viewing. The LRMP's goal is to manage the integrity and environmental value of the high elevation wetlands by limiting motorized access into the grasslands.

Ormond Ck Backcountry

This area is currently un roaded and used extensively for horseback riding and hiking adventures. Other recreational opportunities offered include angling, photography, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, and photography.

Peta Mtn

This area is currently unroaded and is another popular spot for horseback riding and hiking. Other recreational opportunities supported in the area include angling, photography, sightseeing and wildlife viewing.

Sutherland South

Currently inaccessible by road and adjacent to Sutherland Provincial Park, this area offers a variety of wilderness and back country recreation opportunities in diverse ecosystems of varied topography. Recreation activities include hiking, horseback riding, eco tourism and wildlife viewing.

Upper Sutherland

This area has a LRMP Special Management Zone emphasis for wildlife, fisheries and scenic values. Access Management goals are to minimise the intensity of the existing recreational use of hunting, angling and ecotourism on the fish and wildlife values in the area.

Access Management Designation

Motorized Road Accessible: Semi-primitive motorized recreation (SPM)

Areas provided in this recreation setting are for motorized use and will have apparent evidence of this type of activity. Many of these areas have well established access to several hiking trails and maintained camping sites. Recreation activities are year round and typically more family oriented. While there is high to moderate opportunity to experience periods of solitude and closeness to nature, there could be moderate interactions with other people, in a range of party sizes.

The continued access management goal for these areas is to maintain the existing recreation opportunities and setting provided by ensuring there is enough "nature" to meet the desired recreational experience through the management of current and future road density.

Ormond Lake Trail
Photo credit: Jenny Hague

Anzus Lake

An appealing lake to many recreational enthusiasts that provides camping, picnicking, swimming and angling opportunities that is close to the local communities. This area is popular with ATV users (large and small groups) for camping and day trips into the surrounding area.

Big Bend Arm

This area offers access to shoreline recreational opportunities in a lakeshore setting on the largest lake/reservoir in the district. Knewstubb Lake provides key lakeshore recreation in a natural setting within a reasonable driving distance of communities. Activities in and around the lake include camping, boating, wildlife viewing, picnicking, photography, hiking.

Borel Lake

This is another popular area with ATV recreationalists that offers camping, motorized day trips, picnicking, swimming and angling opportunities close to the local communities.

Chedakuz

This area supports high ecological biodiversity with significant wildlife habitat (travel corridors) for moose and grizzly bears. There is a probability of having blue listed bird species in addition to the red-listed plant communities in the steep south facing slopes of Tatelkuz Lake and around Chedakuz Creek. Access is to be managed to reduce the impacts of increased road density on wildlife habitat while supporting low intensity motorized use. The area offers a unique opportunity to experience wilderness conditions by means of motorized uses.

Crystal Lake

This area offers opportunity to access (via motorized means) numerous trails and high quality angling lakes within reasonable driving distance from the communities. The LRMP guidance emphasizes the management for the recreation fisheries and wildlife values. The existing ATV traffic accessing the southern shore of Home Lake is maintained, as it is a popular day trip and camping spot for this user group..

Cutoff Creek

This area provides a diversity of interesting lakes, ponds, and wetland complexes that is used for hiking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, angling and hunting.

Finger North

This area has well established campsites and trails to enhance the experience for the motorized recreational users. This area is popular for day trips, hiking, picnicking, wildlife viewing, angling and hunting .

Hobson Lake

Traditionally used by all types of motorized recreationalists, this area offers high quality angling lake, swimming, camping and picnicking that is within reasonable driving distance from the communities.

Holy Cross

The high wildlife values in combination with the quality angling opportunities in the area provides ample opportunities for wildlife viewing, hiking, camping and , archaeological/cultural appreciation. Some local horseback touring occurs in the area and Bentzi-Targe Lakes area offers rock climbing opportunities.

Kenney Dam

This area offers access to lakefront and shoreline recreational settings on the largest lake/reservoir in the district. Knewstubb Lake provides key lakeshore recreation in a natural setting within a reasonable driving distance from communities. Activities in and around the lake include camping, boating, wildlife viewing, picnicking, photography, hiking.

Knewstubb Point

Much the same as Kenney Dam, this area also provides access to lakefront and shoreline recreational settings on the largest lake/reservoir in the district. Knewstubb Lake is a key recreational resource within the Vanderhoof Forest District. Activities in and around the lake include camping, boating, wildlife viewing, picnicking, photography and hiking.

Lavoie Lake

The existing road network provides "easy" access for family orientated recreational, camping, swimming, angling and ATV activities. ATV supported hunting is prohibited by the Ministry of Environment in the southern half of MU 5-13 during the fall.

Lucas Lake

The limited number of roads leading to this high value fishery lake with unique geology, provides an opportunity to experience pristine wilderness conditions for 4x4 and ATV recreationalists.

Middle Sutherland

This area is a Special Management Zone in the LRMP with management emphasis on wildlife, fisheries and recreational scenic values. The goal is to manage access to minimize the human impacts on fish and wildlife, while ensuring that the existing motorized recreational activities of hunting, angling, hiking and eco tourism is maintained. This area offers a unique back country experience for motorized recreation user groups.

Mt Greer

As one of the higher mountains in the area, this area is used for day hiking, picnicking, photography, sightseeing and wildlife watching.

Nechako River

This area provides access to the Nechako River to experience a variety of water-based opportunities including angling, wildlife viewing of the local flock of Trumpeter Swans, canoeing, river rafting on grade 1-2+ rapids, float trips, jet boating, cultural appreciation and archaeological sites.

Nulki – Secord Lake

This area supports high quality angling lakes within reasonable driving distance from the local communities. The area is extensively used by ATV's to access Duten and Gluten Lakes.

Oona-Ormond

This area has recognized archaeological, historic and cultural heritage values and recreational access is to be managed to minimize impact to these values.

This area is a unique ecosystem with forested hillsides rising steeply from the lakeshores. Rock cliffs flank the range of hills on the west side of Ormond Oona Lake. Rock outcrops and groves of aspen and birch are frequently found on the steep terrain around both lakes and support excellent ungulate habitat. There are impressive stands of Douglas fir above the Ormond Creek hiking trail on the west side of the lake. Two smaller pond sized lakes are within hiking distance while Echo Lake has a road accessed Forest Recreation Site and supports a healthy population of trout. A First Nations trail runs along the north side of Echo to Ormond.

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The Forest Recreation Sites and boat launches on Ormond and Oona Lake are popular with local recreationists as these deep lakes support trout, char and whitefish. Two small trails or water accessed campsites at the south end of the lake are well situated for overnight hikers. The Ormond Oona provides opportunities for canoeing, horseback riding, cross country skiing, cultural heritage interpretation, wildlife and scenery viewing, photography, snowmobiling, hunting, dog sledding and a potential for rock climbing.

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Savoury Ridge

This area has a very unique ecosystem of Aspen stands intermixed with Douglas Fir and Lodgepole pine forest that supports critical winter range habitat for mule deer. The LRMP guidance is to minimize recreation access to the critical wildlife habitat areas for grizzly bear and ungulates on Savoury Ridge. This area is extensively used by ATV recreationalists for hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing.

Tatelkuz Lake

This area is popular with recreationalists would want to engage in motorized "touring" to experience wildlife viewing, landscape appreciation and historic interpretation. Other recreation activities in this area include hiking, photography, angling and hunting.

Kluskus Lake - Photo credit: Britt Yorston

Recreational Sites in the Vanderhoof Forest District

34 Peterson's Beach
25 unit site in open pine in a sheltered bay on the north side of Fraser Lake. Sandy beach and cement pad boat launch.

14 Etcho Lake
One vehicle unit on a small secluded lake. Rough, narrow access road.

32 Ormond Lake
A 12 unit site with a cement pad boat launch in a beautiful setting with high hills surrounding the lake.

31 Oona Lake
A 5 unit site. There is a gravel boat launch in a small cove west of the main site. Beautiful scenery.

41 Peta Lake
A 4 unit site on a small lake; narrow, winding access, good canoeing.

40 Top Lake
A single unit picnic site on a small lake that marks the divide between the Skeena and Fraser River drainages.

37 Stern Lake
One vehicle unit, user maintained access, slippery when wet.

30 Meuoon Lake
A single unit site at the side of the Holly-Cross Binta Forest Road.

1 Anzus Lake
A small, semi-open site on the north side of the lake adjacent to the Holy-Cross Binta Forest Road.

42 Ormond Lake South

6 Borel Lake
A small, open site located on the short waterway between Anzus and Borel Lakes.

21 Hallett Lake
An 8 unit site in open lodgepole pine on a scenic 7km long lake. Cartop boat launch. Note: No trailer boat launching at this site.

7 Cheslatta River Falls
An 8 unit site located 1.5km upstream from Cheslatta Falls. Hiking trail to falls. Caution sudden drop-off to fast moving waters.

12 Cutoff Creek
A 5 unit site on a treed flat overlooking the Nechako River. Good pull-out spot for canoe day trips from below Cheslatta Falls.

18 Greer Creek
A 4 unit site in lodgepole pine on Nechako River just downstream from the mouth of Greer Creek.

46 Fish Lake South
A 4 unit site on a small lake 3km from Kenney Dam.

25 Knewstubb Lake
An 8 unit site overlooking the Knewstubb Lake portion of the Nechako Reservoir. Located just east of Kenney Dam it is an ideal base for day trips in the area.

43 Brewster Lake
A single unit site on a quiet forest lake. A narrow access road.

2 Bentzi Lake

9 Chutanli Lake
Its Carrier name means "where the trout swim under the spruce trees." A 12 unit site and old prospectors cabin on an ancient campsite used by Kluskus aboriginal people.

38 Suscha Lake
Its Carrier name means "and big black bears too." A 5 unit site on an open pine point on a beautiful small lake. Also a boat access camping/ picnic site on point north of recreation site.

26 Kuyakuz Lake
A 7 unit site in spruce trees on a 9km long lake. Its Carrier name means "fish come her often."

40 Top Lake South
A 2 unit site on a small roadside lake where the Kluskus-Ootsa Forest Road goes through a low pass in the Fawnie Range. Watch for logging traffic when pulling out.

3 Big Bend Meadows

15 Frank Lake
A 4 unit site on small 2km lake in the Nulki Hills.

20 Grizzly Lake
A popular 2km long fishing lake. Cartop boat launching; 6 units.

17 Graveyard Lake
A 4 unit site overlooking Graveyard (Eulatazella) Lake. Gravel boat launch.

23 Hogsback Lake
A small lake 23km from Vanderhoof on good roads, offers excellent camping for small groups. This pretty lake with its Douglas-fir trees and small island was a favourite camping spot for Carrier people and is a protected archaeological site. 10 vehicle units. Suitable for swimming and picnics. Telegraph Trail trailhead.

10 Cobb Lake
A small site on a 4 km long lake. Access from Finmoore Road.

13 Fish Lake North
A 3 unit site on a small lake. Cartop boat launch.

44 Angly Lake
A small, narrow lake in the hills above Ormond Lake. One vehicle unit.

24 Home Lake
An a-frame cabin on the west end of Home Lake at the end of the Home Lake Trail. Available for use by hikers and skiers – please sign in at trailhead.

39 Tanli Lake
This silviculture camp on a small 1km long lake is available for public use when not required by reforestation crews.

27 Laurie Lake
An open, roomy 2 unit site on a 2km long lake high in the hills.

5 Burner Bay
A pretty roadside campsite on an old sawmill site overlooking Borel Lake.

35 Rum Cache (Cicuta) Lake
This scenic lake with its high rock bluffs is popular with fly fishers. Six units, cartop boat launch. Please observe posted special angling restrictions.

45 Arthur Lake
A single unit site on a small lake.

8 Chief Gray (Bitch Lakes)

22 Hobson Lake
A narrow, winding road leads to this lake named after cowboy author Rich Hobson. Suitable for small cartop or canoe only. No trailer boat launching. Please observe posted special angling restrictions.

6 Casey Lake
A project of Fraser Lake Elementary/Secondary School. Students studied and stocked the lake which is used on an ongoing basis for environmental research.

Recreation Trails in the Vanderhoof Forest District

12 Fraser Mountain Trail
A 4km hike from the bottom of the old ski hill on Highway 16 across from Beaumont Provincial Park. Splendid views from the southwest flank of the mountain enroute to the fire lookout.

10 Echo Lake Trail
A short 12 minute walk to a picnic site on the south shore of this small lake stocked with Eastern Brook Trout.

21 Ormond Creek Trail
Excellent for and afternoon hike to Ormond Creek Canyon or overnight the full 13km to Ormond Lake. WARNING: Steep drop-offs in canyon area – stay to marked trail. Children and pets must be restrained. Trailhead and map opposite Peterson's Beach Recreation Site. First kilometer of trail winds through 300 year old Douglas-firs and provides nice views of lake.

14 Home Lake Trail
Trailhead at 42.5km of the Kluskus Forest Road. Good day hike or overnight at Home Lake Cabin (cabin register at trailhead). Side trail to Little Home Lake. Approximate one way distance is 6km.

32 Waterlilly Lake X-Country Ski Trails
Good access to road off Sturgeon Point Road to parking area at trailhead. 30km of trails groomed by Nechako Valley Sporting Assn. Detailed map available at B.C. Forest Service Office. Also good for hiking or horseback riding.

3 Black Point Hiking Trail
A pleasant 1/2 hour walk along a forest trail and sandy beach to rocky Black Point. Picnic tables and fire pit.

6 Cheslatta Falls Hiking Trail
Trailhead at Cheslatta River Recreation Site. A spectacular hike along forested ridges overlooking the Cheslatta River. WARNING: steep drop-offs to turbulent river, stay to marked trail. Not suitable for children and pets. Slippery footing at falls. Approximate one way distance is 1.2km.

18 Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail
(Alexander Mackenzie Route)
The ancient trade trail of the Carrier people followed by Alexander Mackenzie in 1793 when he became the first man to cross Canada from sea to sea. The excellent trail guidebook "In the steps of Alexander Mackenzie" is a must for hikers or horseback riders planning a trip along any portion of this 350km heritage trail. Detailed access information available at Vanderhoof District Office.

17 Messue Wagon Trail
A portion of the Kluskus native wagon road from the Grease Trail to Tatelkuz Lake to the north. From junction at "Blue Road" it is open to foot, horse or snowmobile traffic only. Provides access to Messue Horse Trail of Grease Trail via Messue Ford. Distance from "Blue Road" to Grease trail is 4.5km.

16 Messue Horse Trail
This Kluskus native trail follows the shore of Upper Euchiniko Lake or "Klookaneewa" as the natives call it. Beautiful views of open sidehills and rock bluffs. Joints the Grease Trail at Sandyman Crossing. Approximate distance from trailhead at west end of Euchiniko Lake is 15km. Good camping along lake.

25 Suscha Creek Falls Trail
A 10 minute walk from Suscha Creek on the "Blue Road" to a pretty waterfall and rock basin.

23 Gluten Lake Trail
A hiking trail to Zippermouth (Secord) and Gluten and Duten Lakes. A nice day trip or overnight fishing trip. Approximate one way distance to Secord 2km, to Gluten 6km.

4 Bobtail Bluff Hiking Trail
Starts near Bobtail Lake Recreation Site; 2.3km (one way) of steep hiking trail. 420m rise in elevation. View of Bobtail Lake.

15 Johnson Lake/Jenyo Lake Trail
A hiking trail to a rustic campsite on Johnson Lake (approx one way distance 4.5km) with a side trail to small Jenyo Lake (its Carrier name means "bullmoose".) All terrain vehicle prohibited.

20 Omineca Trail
The ancient Carrier trail route from Noonla to Stuart River and Lake that was the main pack trail to the Omineca Gold Fields in the 1870's. Length: 15km from trailhead on Striegler Pit Road to old ferry crossing on Stuart River. Side trails to McLeod Meadow and Wonder and Expected Lakes.

28 Telegraph Trail
The 1865 Collins Overlander Telegraph Line that was to link Europe with North America via the Bering Strait. In 1902 it became the Yukon Telegraph and the main pioneer route into the Nechako Valley. Length: 10km from trailhead at Hogsback Lake to Blackwater Road.

13 Greer Creek Falls Trail
Trailhead at 37.5km on the Kluskus Forest Road. A pleasant afternoon hike to a pretty 7m waterfall between lichen-covered rock walls. Approximate one way distance 1.7km. WARNING: steep drop-offs in falls area. Supervise children.

5 Cabin Creek Falls Trail
Trailhead at 131km on the Holy Cross Forest Road. A short 5km hike along Cabin Creek to a scenic waterfall. WARNING: steep drop-offs to rushing creek. Children must be supervised.

9 Cutoff Butte Trail
A steep 1.3km hike with spectacular views from this ancient volcanic landmark.

River Recreation

The following sections of river are suitable for canoeing, rafting and kayaking at suitable water levels. The following information is intended only as a general guide and river recreationists must familiarize themselves with their proposed route in advance, as conditions can change over short periods of time. Sources of detailed information are given below.

Each section has been graded from 1 (easy) to 4 (very difficult) using the International white water scale as guide.

Nechako River

Cheslatta Falls to Cutoff Creek: Grades 1-2, Cutoff Creek to Fort Fraser (Larson's Canyon) Grades 1-2+, Ft. Fraser to Engen (Crowe Canyon, Braeside Canyon) Grades 1-2+, Engen Road or new Highway 27 bridge to Vanderhoof Grade 1 (some shallow sections), Vanderhoof to Finmoore (Hulatt Rapids) Grades 1-2+, Finmoore to Prince George (Isle Pierre Rapids, Whitemud Rapids) Grades 1-2+.

Stuart River

Fort St. James to Sturgeon Point Road (Stuart River Canyon 3km downstream from Fort St. James is Grade 1-2) river from there to Sturgeon Pt. Rd. is flat water (Grade1), Sturgeon Point Road to Nechako River confluence (Chin Lac Rapids) Grades 1-2.

Blackwater River

A difficult whitewater trip for experienced wilderness paddlers. Many portages, rapids, ledges, and three major waterfalls. A world class semi-wilderness canoeing experience on a beautiful small river interspersed with three major lakes (Tsacha, Euchiniko Lakes and Kluskoil Lake). Alexander Mackenzie Heritage Trail follows much of the river corridor. Grades 1-3.

Sinkut River

Only runnable first three weeks of May. An afternoon paddle from bridge at east-end of Sinkut Lake to Highway 16. Log jam must be portaged. Must take out at Highway 16