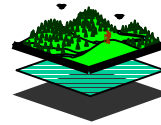
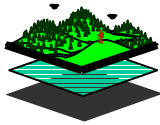


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SUMMARY OF THE DESIGNATION PROCESS FOR GOAL 1 PROTECTED AREAS RECOMMENDED THROUGH THE OKANAGAN-SHUSWAP LRMP

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Fact Sheet #3 summarizes the designation process for Goal 1 protected areas that were recommended through the OSLRMP process. The major steps in the designation process are summarized below.

1. Protected area legal mapping began in the summer of 2000 based on the Goal 1 draft digital maps supplied by the Process Support Team (through the Penticton Forest District).
2. Government announced the approval of the LRMP on January 18, 2001.
3. The majority of the land and resource use status checking for the Goal 1 areas was completed in February 2001.
4. With the need to have a comprehensive legislative package by mid-February, it was not possible to designate the Okanagan-Shuswap protected areas through inclusion in the *British Columbia Protected Areas Amendment Act, 2001*. As a result, all of the areas were designated by Order in Council (OIC).
5. With OIC designation, **Section 30 of the Park Act cannot be applied**. Section 30 allows the Minister to issue park use permits for existing uses in good standing such as grazing, communication sites, water licenses, etc. in new park, **BUT** this provision can only be applied to parks established by legislation and placed in Schedule D of the *Park Act* or the *British Columbia Protected Areas Act*.



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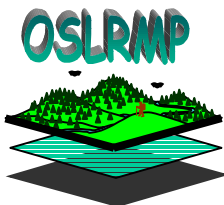
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6. With OIC designation, rather than legislative designation, it was necessary to use the *Environment and Land Use Act* (ELU Act) so that existing uses could be authorized by the issuance of a park use permit and thus allowed to continue. If a park use permit cannot be issued the use is effectively cancelled.
7. Therefore, when establishing the areas under OIC the ELU Act was used to designate all but two (Upper Seymour River and Cinnemousun Narrows Provincial Park Addition) of the Goal 1 sites since they contained existing uses which required the issuance of a park use permit. Since neither the Upper Seymour River nor the Cinnemousun Narrows Provincial Park Addition contained uses requiring the issuance of a park use permit, they were designated by OIC under the *Park Act*.

On a related note, legal mapping and status checking is continuing for the Goal 2 sites. This work will be completed by late June and the sites made ready for OIC designation.

For further information on the Protected Area Designation Process, John Meeson at BC Parks - Summerland can be contacted at (250) 494-6522 or by email at John.Meeson@gems9.gov.bc.ca

For further information on the LRMP Management Direction, see the LRMP document and maps on the LRMP Website: <http://www.lrmp.gov.bc.ca/okanagan/>



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