

## Figure 42

### **8.7 Recreation Access Indicator 6. Areas Designated as per a Recreational Access Management Plan**

8.7.1 Measure: progress towards designation of important recreational areas for motorized or non-motorized use.

#### 8.7.2 Background:

The Bulkley LRMP directed the completion of a strategic Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) to manage recreational access while minimizing recreation-related disturbance to other resource values (e.g. wildlife). This process was also intended to resolve conflicts between off-road vehicle users and back-country skiers by designating certain areas for motorized or non-motorized use.

#### 8.7.3 Results and Discussion:

The Bulkley RAMP process was convened in 1996 to designate controversial recreational areas for motorized or non-motorized recreational use. Consensus agreement resulted in designations for most areas (Figure 43). However, several areas were unresolved, or were scheduled to be resolved through a future process (i.e. through Landscape Unit Plans – LUP's). Their status is discussed in Table 19.

Table 19 – Status of RAMP “Unresolved (UR)” and “Future Process (FP)” Areas

Season	Category	Area	Current Status
Summer	FP	Upper Nilkitkwa (Sicintine Range, North and South Bait Range, Kotsine Mtn)	Remains undesignated. However, now in an SMZ1 where industrial timber extraction is not permitted. Wilderness recreation opportunities will be maintained.
		Driftwood-Reiseter Extension	Now in Babine Mountains Park. Subject to Park Master Plan.
		Serb Creek (Caribou Mountain)	Remains undesignated. However, contained in a SMZ2. LUP directs “Restrict non-industrial motorized access using access control points” and “maintain current access to Caribou Mountain (across Copper River to Serb Creek)”. So, de facto summer/winter motorized but restricted access.
		Scallion Creek	Remains undesignated. An access control point was established (at Telkwa River rather than below Scallion Creek) to restrict motorized traffic in the Mooseskin Johnny corridor. Telkwa Caribou Herd Recovery Plan (1997) endorses a voluntary winter/summer non-motorized designation in this area.
		Howson Creek Road	LRMP zoned this area SMZ1. Telkwa Caribou Herd Recovery Plan (1997) endorses a voluntary winter/summer non-motorized designation. Still not formally designated.
		Mooseskin Johnny Lake Trail	LRMP designated this area SM2 to protect caribou habitat and maintain the existing commercial backcountry tourism operation. Access control point established at Telkwa River. Still not formally designated.
		Hankin Plateau and Hunter’s Basin	Telkwa Caribou Herd Recovery Plan has a voluntary summer/winter no access designation. Revised July 2000 to non-motorized between July 15-Sept 15; no access outside those dates. The LRMP zoned this area SMZ1. Still not formally designated.

Winter	UR	Seaton/Blunt Basins	LRMP directs ‘prepare a plan to address existing and potential activities among recreational users’. Still unresolved.
		Harold Price Meadows	Designation resolved through Jan 1, 1999 Harold Price Recreation Area Winter Management Strategy. <b>Meadow Creek Access</b> – undesignated. <b>Mead Creek Access</b> – non-motorized <b>Blunt Access</b> – motorized <b>The Cabin and Lower Meadows</b> – non-motorized.
		Hudson Bay Mountain Prairie/Crater Lake, The Peak	Oct. 6, 1998 letter to MOF from Nine Mile Snowmobile Club agrees to winter non-motorized designation. Area has signs indicating winter and summer non-motorized designation. No change as yet to RAMP, but considered resolved. Not part of Ski Smithers Controlled Recreation Area Agreement.
Winter	FP	Upper Nilkitkwa River (Sicintine Range, Bait Range North, Kotsine Mountain)	See Summer info.
		Call Lake	Now a Provincial Park. Subject to Park Management Plan
		Serb Creek (Caribou Mountain)	See Summer info
		Scallon Creek	See Summer info
		Starr Creek	Telkwa Caribou Herd Recovery Plan has a voluntary winter/summer non-motorized designation. Still not formally designated.
		Hunter’s Basin and Hankin Plateau	See Summer info
		Driftwood-Reiseter Extension	See Summer info

8.7.4 Data source:

Bulkley Recreational Access Management Plan (July 25, 1997). Ministry of Forests.

Draft Bulkley TSA Strategic Recreation Study (October 2000). Hillcrest Recreation Consulting Inc.

Harold Price Recreation Area Winter Management Strategy (January 1, 1999)

Figure 43

# Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) Motorized Roads/Trails and Areas

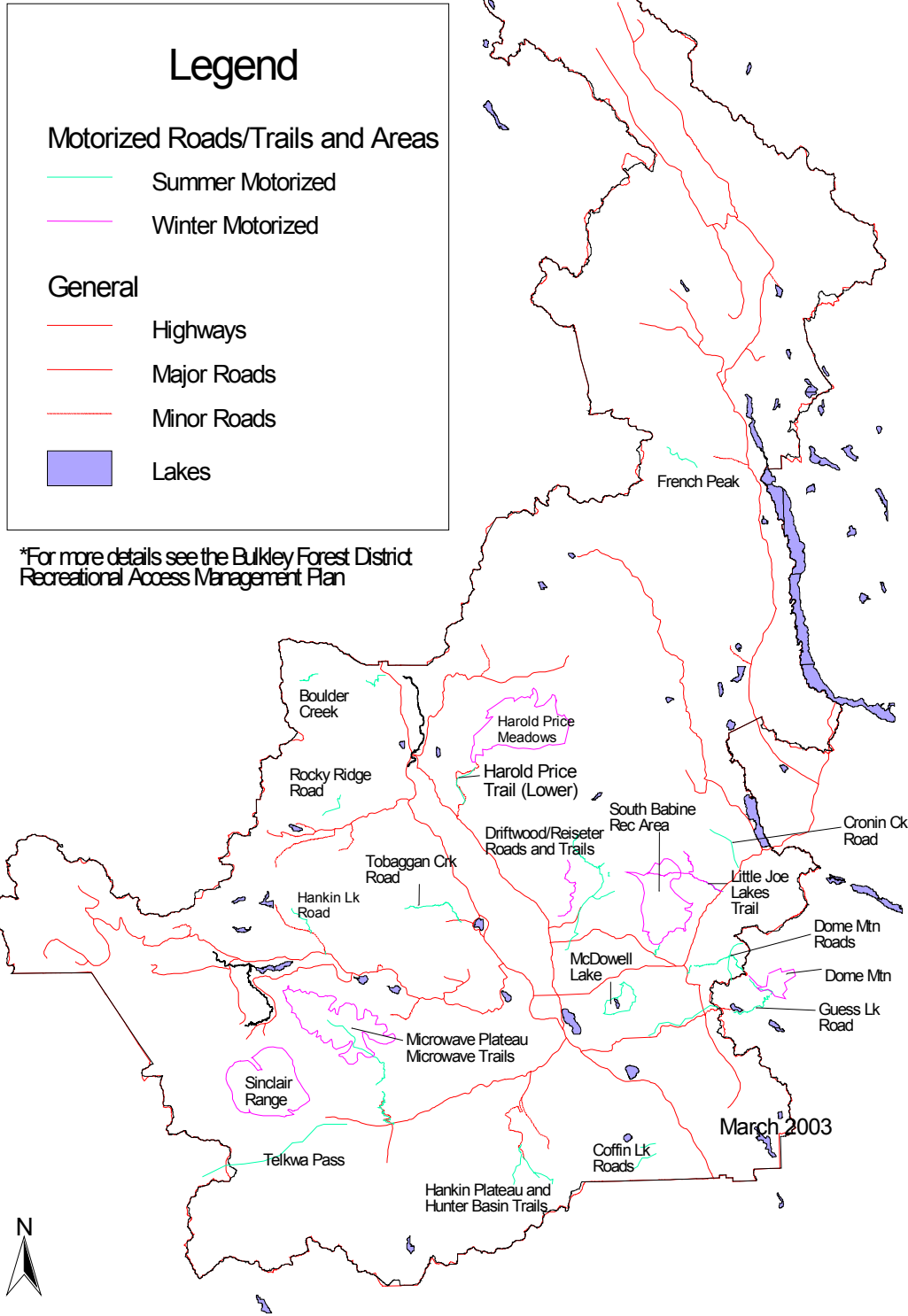


Figure 44

# Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) Non-Motorized Roads/Trails and Areas

**Legend**

Non-Motorized Roads/Trails and Areas

- Summer Non-Motorized
- Winter Non-Motorized
- Summer and Winter Non-Motorized

General

- Highways
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Lakes

\*For more details see the Bulkley Forest District Recreational Access Management Plan

