



# Proposed National Park Reserve in the South Okanagan-Similkameen

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## Where are We in the Establishment Process?



**Feasibility Assessment and Public Consultations**  
(2004-2019)



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
(July 2019)



**Tripartite Negotiations**  
(2020-ongoing)



**Establishment Agreement**  
(After negotiations)

*Subject to approval by syilx/Okanagan Nation, Governments of BC and Canada*



**Management Planning & Consultation Process**

*Conducted through cooperative management*

## What's currently happening with the proposed national park reserve?

Parks Canada, the Government of British Columbia and the syilx/Okanagan Nation continue to work together. These parties are identifying key elements of an establishment agreement.

The three parties have now resumed meeting in person for negotiations. This follows delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 wildfires and floods in British Columbia.

The creation of a new national park reserve is a complex process. The parties will take appropriate consideration and time.



Western tiger salamander

### More Information:

- [parkscanada.ca/okanagan](https://parkscanada.ca/okanagan)
- [letstalksouthokanagansimilkameen.ca/Okanagan](https://letstalksouthokanagansimilkameen.ca/Okanagan)
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# Species At Risk

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As negotiations continue, Parks Canada is collecting scientific information on the proposed national park reserve area. This includes information about species at risk (SAR).

Lewis's woodpecker



### Current Estimates of SAR Within the Working Boundary\*

92

Provincially-listed SAR

and

37

Federally-listed SAR

Plus

17

Ecological communities at risk

### Future Considerations

- The true number of SAR within the working boundary is likely higher than current estimates suggest, as many areas have never been surveyed.
- This area contains many species which are not yet listed or not currently at risk. These include species with ecological, cultural, and/or economic value.
- *syilx*/Okanagan Traditional Ecological Knowledge about SAR and other species of value is currently a gap in this analysis.

\*Based on data from the BC Conservation Data Centre and BC Wildlife Species Inventory, and critical habitat of federal SAR. A number of species are listed both federally and provincially

### Elevation & Climate Change

The proposed national park reserve area contains large areas of mid-elevation habitat. These areas are often less affected by development than low elevation areas, such as valley bottoms. These areas contain more intact habitat for SAR.

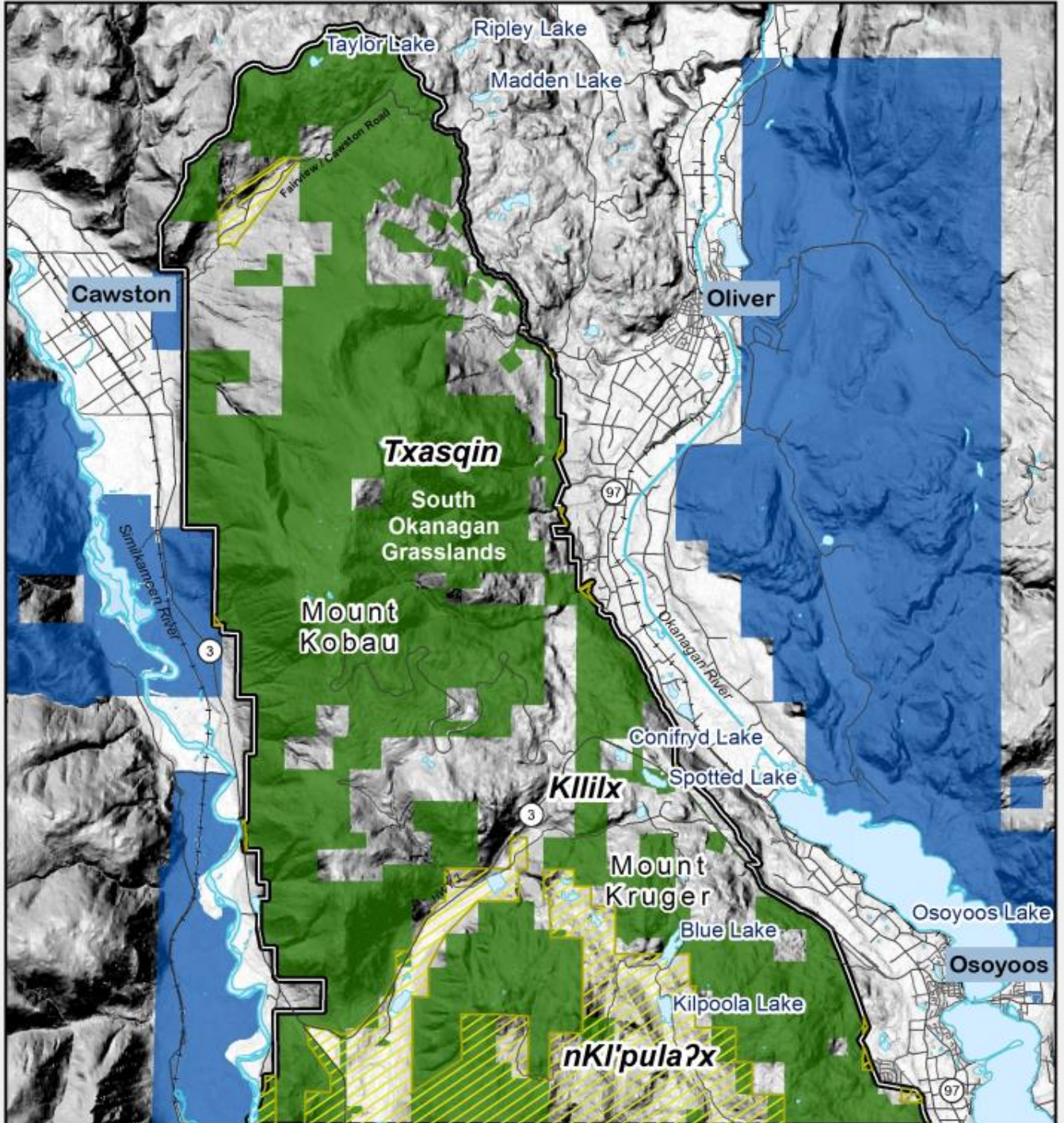
As the climate changes, mid-elevation areas will become even more important. Species tend to respond to warming temperatures by moving upslope to potentially cooler temperatures at higher elevations.





# Proposed National Park Reserve Working Boundary (unchanged since 2019 public consultations)

- Working Boundary
- Agriculture Land Reserve / Boundary intersection
- Indian Reserve
- Crown Land within Working Boundary



Privately owned lands will remain under the title of the private owner(s), and would only be considered for future inclusion on a willing-seller willing-buyer basis. No lands will be expropriated as part of a national park reserve establishment.