



NATURAL RESOURCES

CURRENT TRENDS

Public Land

Large Land Base. A large portion of land within the region is Provincial Public Land. Area I has 496 hectares of public land (28% of the land base).

Variety of Users. Area I has received 2 public land referrals in the past 5 years. A variety of tenures exist for uses such as recreation, utilities, and quarries.

Forestry

Active Logging. Area I has received 5 forest sector referrals in the past 5 years.

Forest Licensees. In Area I include Kalesnikoff Lumber, Interfor and BC Timber Sales.

Watershed Conflicts. Conflicts exist between logging and water users such as in the Glade Creek watersheds. RDCK is currently undergoing a Regional Watershed Governance Initiative to investigate its role in watershed governance with the primary intent to protect watersheds where consumptive water sources are at risk.



Gravel Sources. The predominant known mineral resource within Area I is gravel concentrations. As other areas become depleted of aggregate resources or are lost to development, there may be increasing pressure for access to aggregates in the area.

Active Mining. Active sand and gravel pits are located at Playmore Junction, Shoreacres and Glade – operated by private entities and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Most pits have been operated for some time. No mines referrals were received in Area I in the past 5 years.

CONSIDERATIONS

Natural Resources activities can be an important economic driver, but must be balanced with potential impacts to nearby communities and the environment. RDCK has limited jurisdiction on Crown lands but through partnerships and advocacy can work towards achieving the Natural Resource goals of this plan.

WHAT DOES THE CURRENT OCP SAY?

Forestry Objectives

Private land logging within community watersheds is strongly discouraged. All Crown land logging shall be in strict compliance with the Ministry of Forest's Forest Practices Code. To promote sustainable forestry practices on both crown and private land.

Sand & Gravel Objectives

To identify lands having recoverable deposits of sand and gravel.

To minimize conflicts between sand and gravel processing operations and adjacent land uses.

To consider long term community land use needs before aggregate mining begins in order to facilitate the preparation of reclamation plans

OPPORTUNITIES

- Strong policy within the OCP can provide guidance to Crown land, forestry and mine referrals
- Development Permits Areas to protect the natural environment could protect values from private land logging
- Innovative approaches such as the Regional Watershed Governance Initiative Project

CHALLENGES

- RDCK has limited jurisdiction in Crown land matters and permitting under provincial ministries
- Existing gravel pits and historical crown land uses can continue to have land use impacts

RESOURCES

Regional Watershed Governance Initiative Project

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Forest Stewardship Plans



Stay Involved:

<https://rdck.ca/PkanArea1>