

# Initial Report on Recreational Areas

1. NAME WILLIAMSON LAKE (Local or suggested.)  
 2. LOCATION: Forest District Nelson Vicinity Williamson Lake  
 Land District S.D.Y.D. Map Ref. 8(D-4) R32 E/SE

3. FOR VICTORIA HQ. USE		(b) DIVISIONAL No.
(a) REFERENCE MATERIAL	(c) RESERVE	<b>P 325 K</b>
Files <u>0223957</u>	Remarks	
Remarks		
Maps	Proposed	Map
Plans	Temporary	O.c.
Div. plan	(d) STATUS	
Aerial photographs <u>EC 1508: 57-59</u>	Land	
	Timber	
	Water	
Additional references	Mineral	
	(e) AREA	
	Suitable for development	
	Buffer zone	
	Total	<b>104 Acres</b>

4. PROPOSED BOUNDARIES (From existing legal surveys, or by metes and bounds with tie to corner posts or landmarks.)

5. DESCRIPTION TERRAIN - predominantly a gradual North slope.  
 (Topography, ground cover, forest cover, soil, type of shore-line, aspect, etc.)  
FOREST COVER - consists of scattered Larch, Fir and Spruce, with  
Aspen and Birch predominating.  
SHORE LINE - the Lake shore is easily approached from any portion  
of the upland. The shore area is gravelly and gradual.

6. RECREATIONAL VALUES (Refers to recreational attractions and possible recreational pursuits, such as scenic, photogenic, historical, camping, picnicking, ski-ing, hiking, fishing, swimming, etc.)  
Fly fishing is the major recreational interest on this Lake.

7. PRESENT AND/OR POTENTIAL USE It is presently used by a few fishermen from the  
 (Refers to duration of use and type of user, such as day, week-end, or holiday use, by sportsmen, family groups, highway travellers, etc. Is main use by locals or outsiders? Estimate number of users.)  
Greenwood area. The fly fishing here is said to be excellent.

8. WATER-SUPPLY Williamson Lake. (Source, year-round or seasonal, potability.)

9. ACCESS Forest Service Trail.  
(Type and condition of access, mileages, considerations in improving or providing access.)

10. OUTSIDE INFLUENCES Normal outside influences are known.  
(Other resources, or uses, such as tourist camps, farms, summer homes, etc.,  
P. Horovatin, cabin owner, and V. Carey have  
campsites on the West end of this Lake.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS  
(As to fuel, fly conditions, climate, swimming hazards. Comment on development problems.)  
The fly conditions are fairly good, fuel is plentiful,  
the site has good possibilities for camping.  
Mr. Bill Hemper, Parks Branch, has been consulted on  
this area.

12. MAP

(Please submit map of area stating scale and source.)

13. RESERVE PROPOSED BY A. Paulsen TITLE Land Inspector  
SOURCE OF DATA Field Examination DATE December 29, 1958  
EXAMINED BY A. Paulsen COMPILED BY A. Paulsen

Land Commissioner,  
PENTICTON, B. C.

Superintendent of Lands.

March 11,

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Please be advised that a map reserve for the use,  
recreation and enjoyment of the public has been noted on our  
maps and records on the area shown outlined in red on the  
enclosed sketch.

C. T. W. HESLOR

Superintendent of Lands.

JJJ:ch

c.c. to Band Inspector, Kelowna, B. C.

Provincial Parks Branch, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.  
File P.325K



Province of  
British Columbia

Ministry of Lands,  
Parks and Housing

Lands and Housing  
Regional Operations Division  
Kootenay Region  
828A Baker Street  
Cranbrook, B.C.  
V1C 1A2  
Telephone: 489-4333  
1-3-1-234

YOUR FILE: 0223957

OUR FILE:

Attn: V.L. Hansen

Map Ref.: 82E/SE

84-10-16

Ministry of Lands, Parks & Housing  
Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division  
#101-1050 West Columbia Street  
Kamloops, B.C.  
V2C 1L4

Attention: Mr. P. Whitfield, Planning Manager


NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF SECTION 12 MAP RESERVE

Re: Reserve Number 59070 covering unsurveyed Crown land, S.D.Y.D. adjacent to Williamson Lake.

WHEREAS: The undersigned has been charged with the administration of Section 12 of the Land Act; and

WHEREAS: The undersigned considers it advisable in the public interest to continue a Map Reserve over the area identified on the attached map; then

THEREFORE: The Crown land area outlined on the attached map is hereby temporarily continued as a Map Reserve on behalf of the Ministry of Lands, Parks & Housing, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division due to its importance for use, recreation and enjoyment of the public purposes, for a period of 5 years, effective October 16, 1984.

  
F.E. Bertoia  
Regional Director,  
Ministry of Lands,  
Parks and Housing  
Kootenay Region

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Date Signed

VLH/FEB/km  
Attachment

cc: Director, Surveys and Land Records Branch

P.S. This reserve had previously been cancelled in error. The reserve has now been reinstated on Ministry records.

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AND DISTRICT KOOTENAY

Region No. i5 Compt. No. 14

base E-7-c

BRITISH



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FOREST SERVICE

EXHIBIT A

Date MAY 14 1973

Atlas Ref. 82 E SE (c-2)

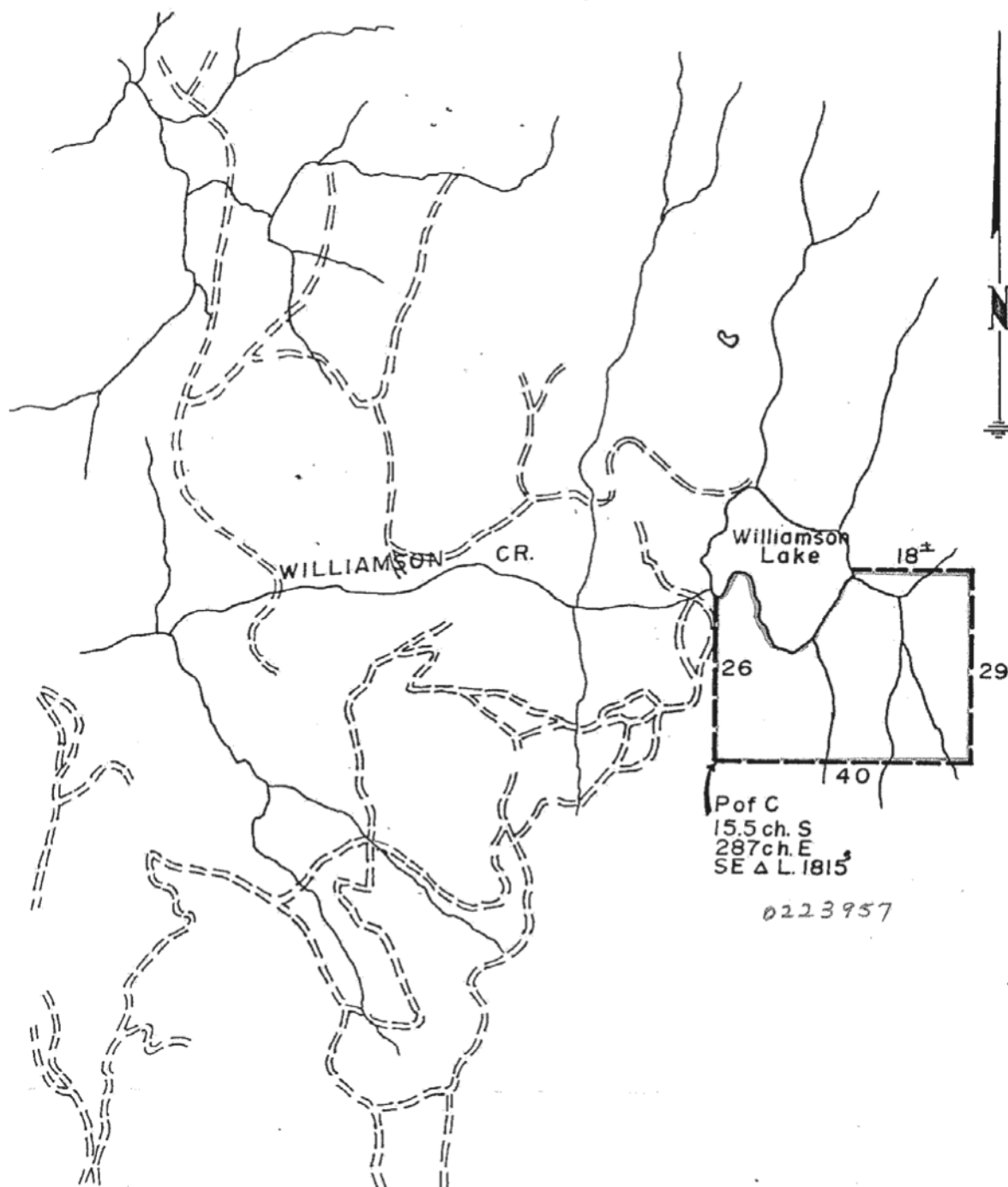
PN 30 WILLIAMSON LAKE

Shown

Acres  $\pm$  KETTLE

R.D. 13

Scale 20 ch. — 1 inch



*Planning I have to agree to this as a Reg. Plan before they count.*

*Don't*

*Land Referral*

APPLICANT NAME Reg. District of Columbia-Shuswap	DISTRICT OFFICE ADDRESS 310 Ward Street Nelson, B. C. V1L 5S4
APP. NO. 81-C5-19	OUR FILE NO. 0334295
REF. MAP NO. 82L/16g	YOUR FILE NO. 3-4-7 1-3-1-234

Parks Branch  
612 Front Street  
Nelson, B. C.  
V1L 4B7

Attention: Mr. M.E. Goddard

You are requested to comment on the following application for potential effect on your agency interests.

Details of the application are provided herein and we would appreciate your response within 30 days to the address below.

RECEIVED

JUN 08 1981

LOCATION OF LAND 4 km. south of Revelstoke	PARKS & OUTDOOR REC. DIV. KOOTENAY REGION	AREA 6.2 ha.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION NW of Legal Subdivision 16 of Section 14, Township 23, Range 2, W6M, K.D.		
PROPOSED USE Regional Park	PURPOSE	TYPE OF TENURE Crown Grant

The following additional information is also available and may be obtained upon request:

Please summarize your comments according to the categories below and substantiate your position whether affirmative or negative in an attachment to the response summary. Please identify a conditional or negative response as either of the three general orders of comment i.e.

1st ORDER COMMENT — based on legislative mandate or official policy of government.

2nd ORDER COMMENT — based on agency interests but unsubstantiated by data.

3rd ORDER COMMENT — based on other factors of a general nature.

Unless you are informed by us to the contrary you may assume that the application has been adjudicated in a manner consistent with your response.

Your comments may be disclosed to the public to justify decisions made.

DISTRICT LAND  
MANAGER

*M. E. Goddard*  
for B. Froebel

SIGNATURE

FOR REGIONAL  
DIRECTOR

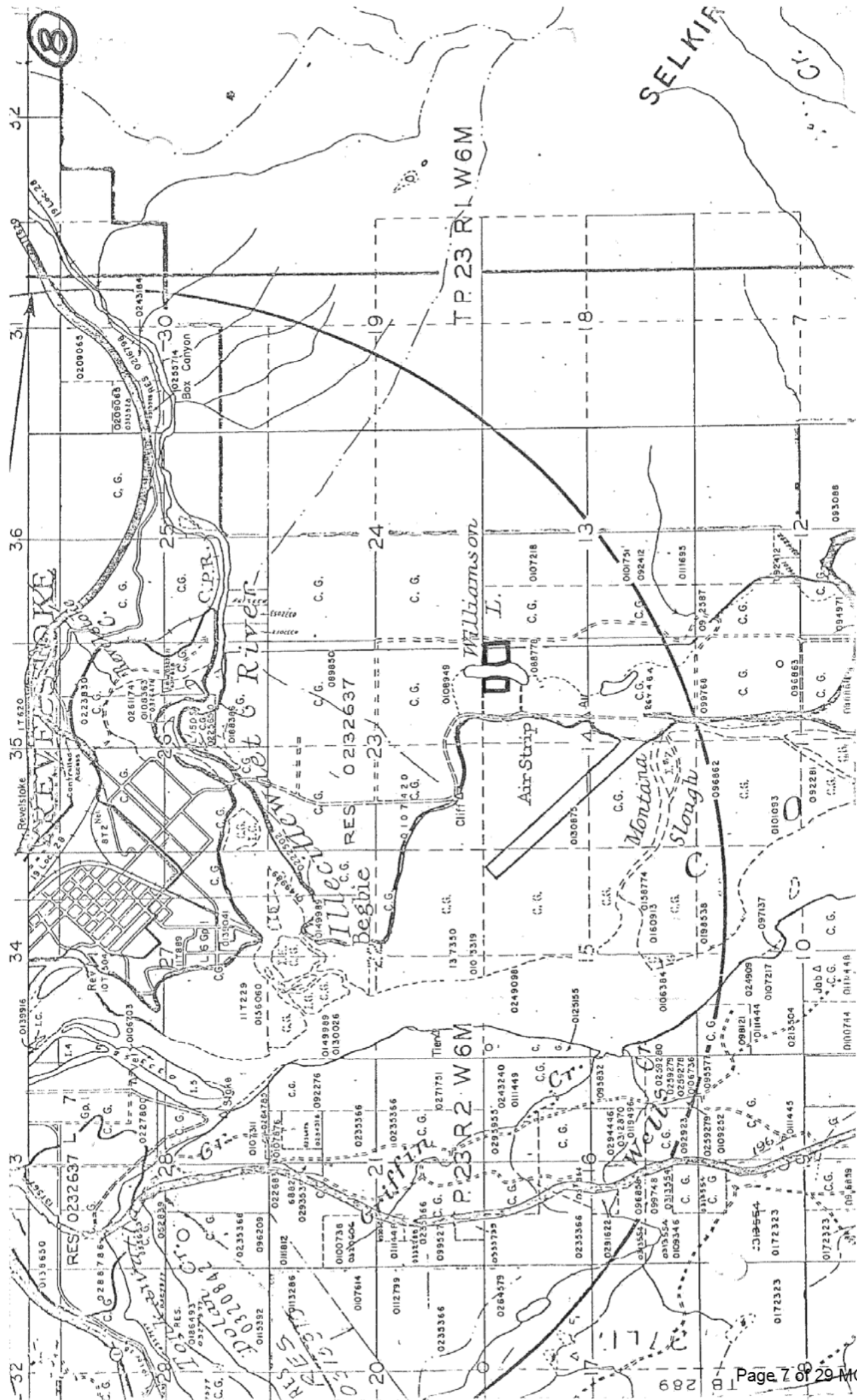
F. Bertola  
NAME

DATE 81-06-04

RETAIN the original of this Referral Request for your file.  
RETURN THE COPY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ADDRESS.

RESPONSE SUMMARY	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL RECOMMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> INTERESTS UNAFFECTED BY PROPOSED USE
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL RECOMMENDED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT (ORDER OF COMMENT)	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL NOT RECOMMENDED DUE TO REASONS OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT (ORDER OF COMMENT)
SIGNED BY <i>M. E. Goddard</i>	TITLE <i>Senior Regional Planner</i>
	FOR <i>M. E. Goddard, Regional Director</i>

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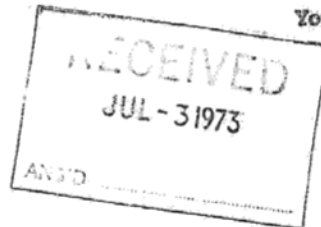






Our Files: 1-3-1-234 1-3-1-66  
1-3-2-99 1-3-1-267  
1-3-2-107 1-3-2-110

Your Files: 0223957 0193597  
0236870 0235107  
0268355 0257469



June 28, 1973  
Victoria, B.C.

Administrative Officer  
Management Division  
B.C. Forest Service  
Victoria, B.C.

Attention: R.D. Miller

Dear Sir:

RE: Forest Service proposal for recreational developments on  
Recreation Reserves.

In reply to your memorandum of June 25, 1973 we concur with your  
proposal to make recreation developments on the following Recreation Reserves:

Williams Lake	1-3-1-234
Suzanne Lake	1-3-2-99
North Star Lake	1-3-2-107
Volcanic Creek	1-3-1-66
Echo Lake	1-3-1-267
Wapiti Lake	1-3-2-110

These developments will facilitate existing public use of these  
reserves and, as noted, will be carried out with minimum site modification.

Yours very truly,

PARKS BRANCH  
R.H. AHRENS, DIRECTOR

G.F. Macnab  
Chief  
Planning Division

Encl.

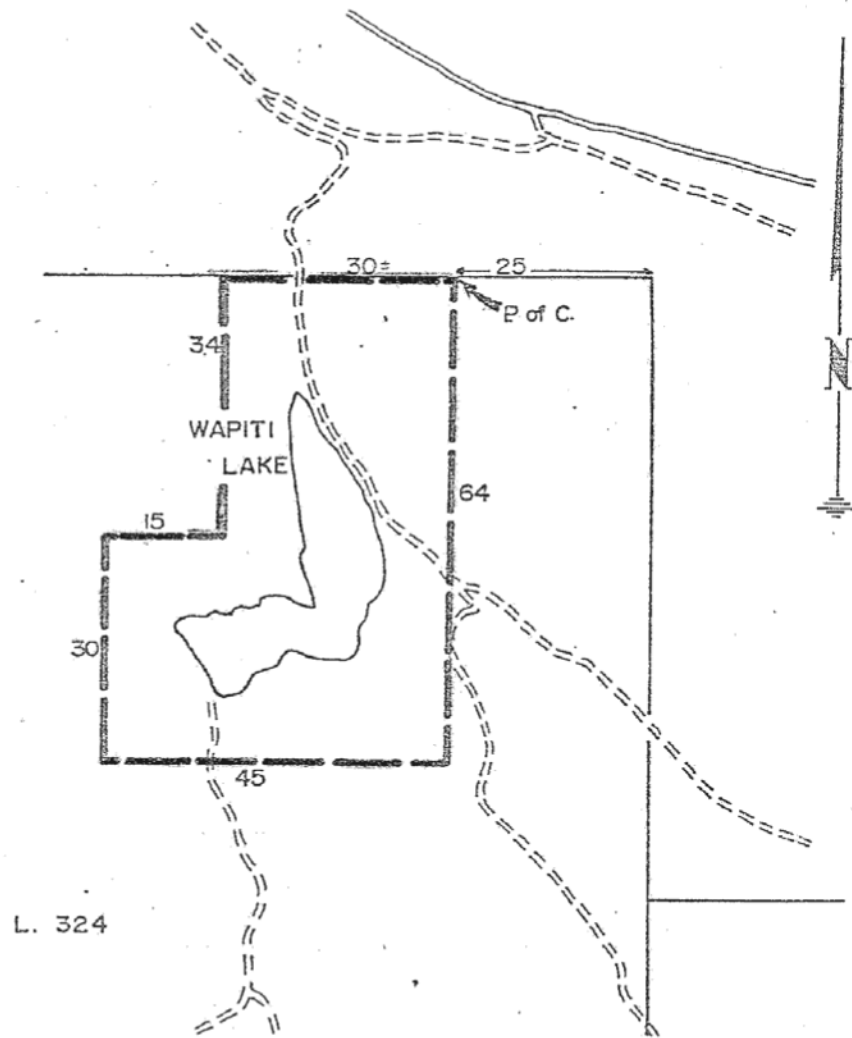
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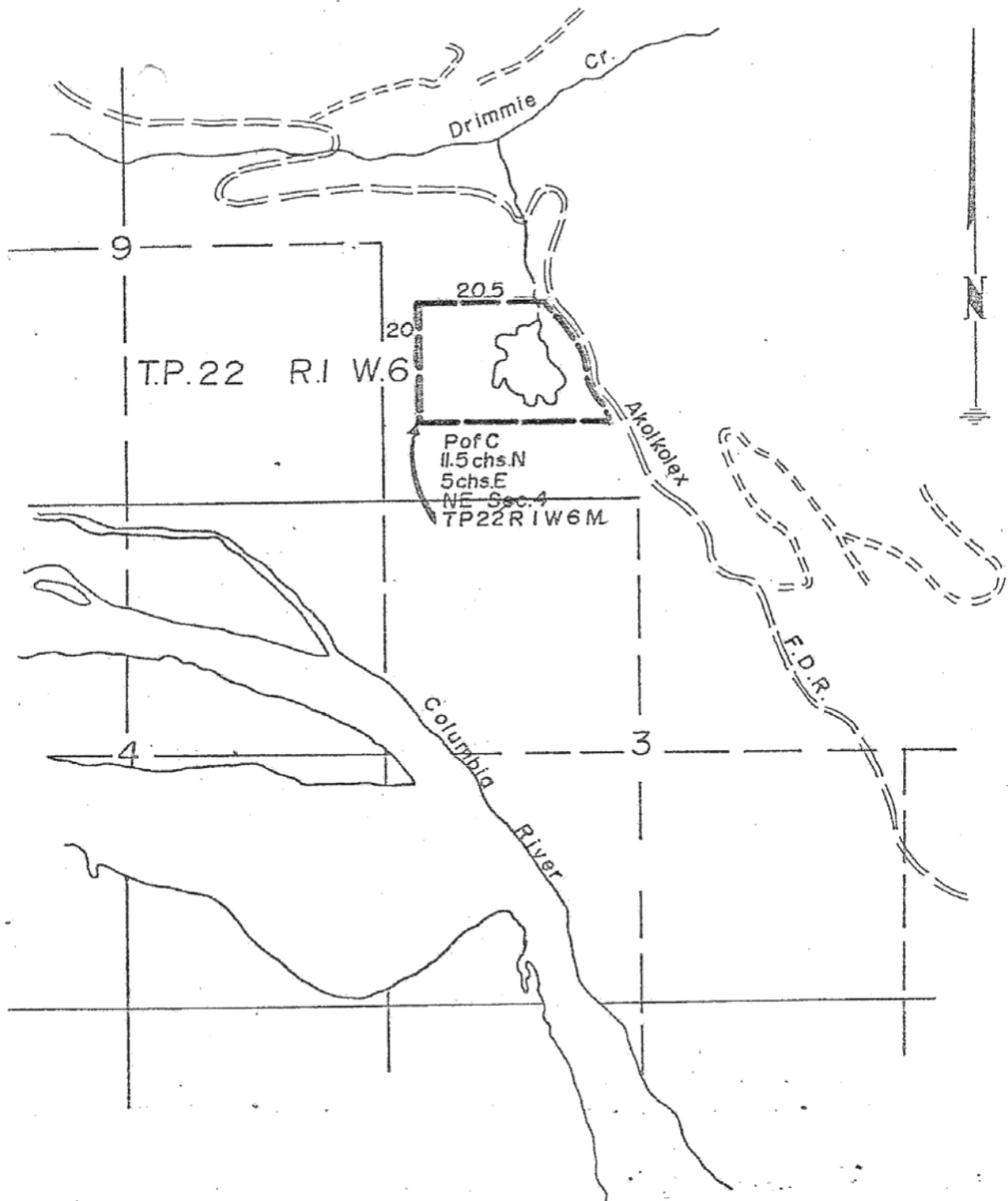
c.c. M.E. Goddard ✓

RPN 97

(WAPITI LAKE)

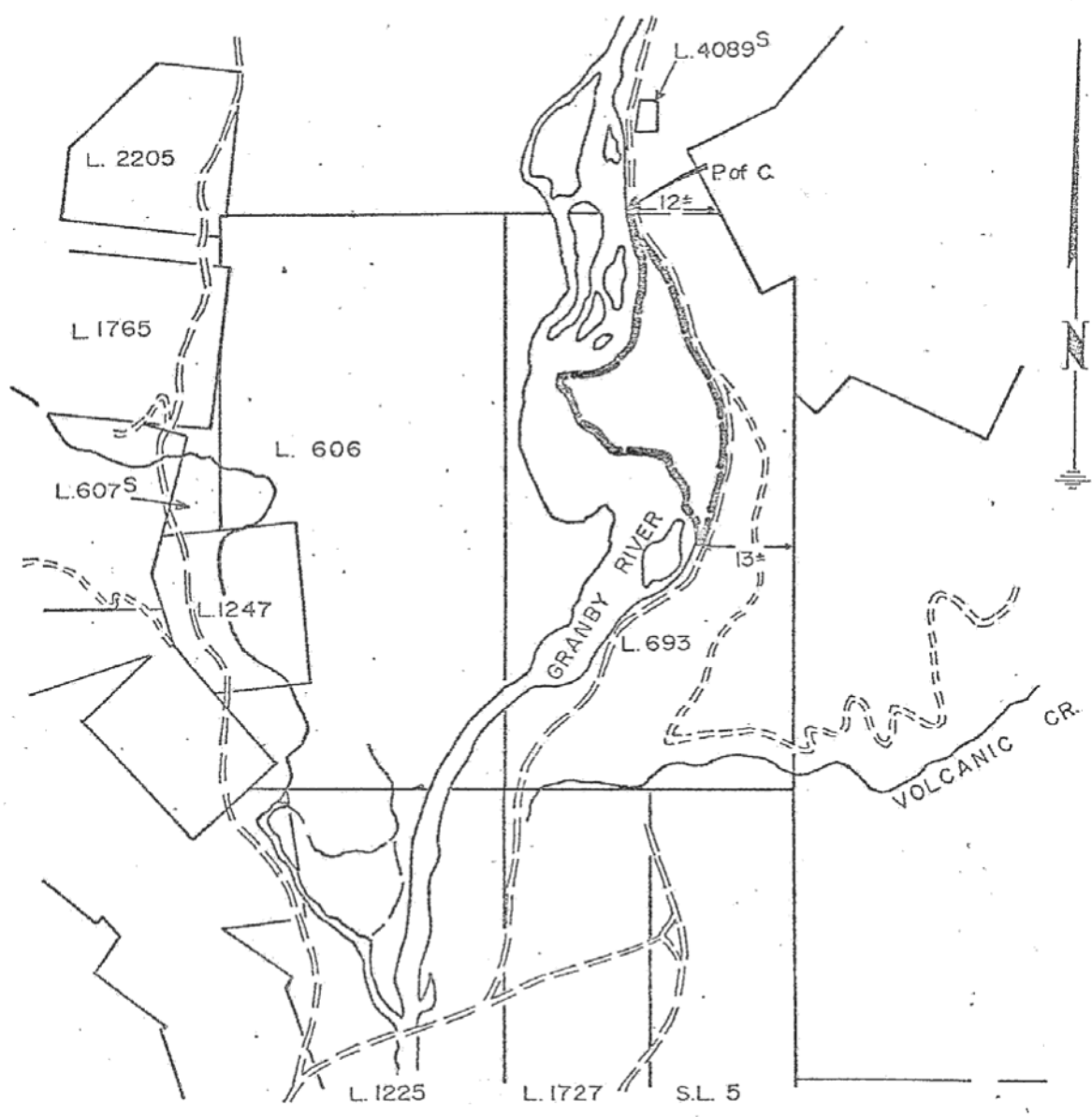
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Compt. No. 4  
E-J-e

RPN 27 VOLCANIC CREEK  
shown Acres± Granby R.D. 12 Scale 20 chs. 1 inch



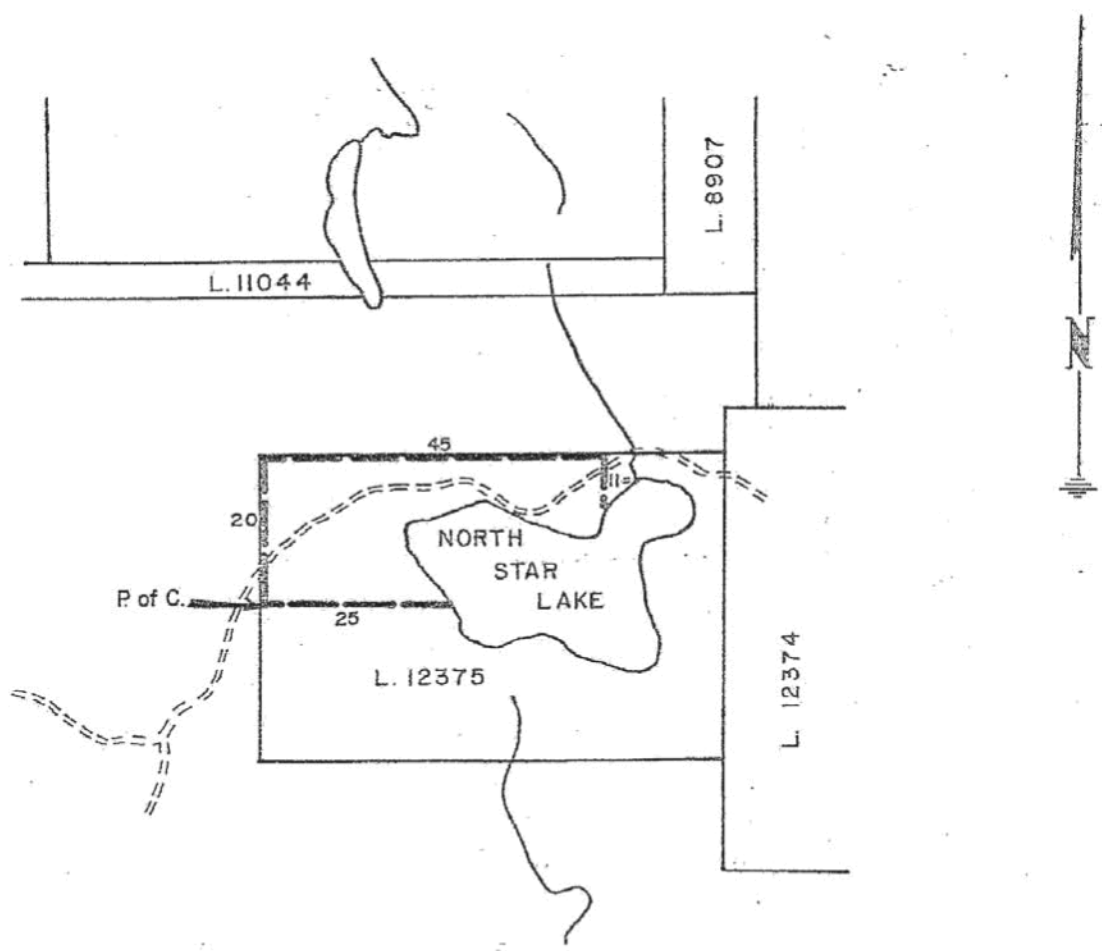
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No. 19 Compt. No. 7  
G-6-c



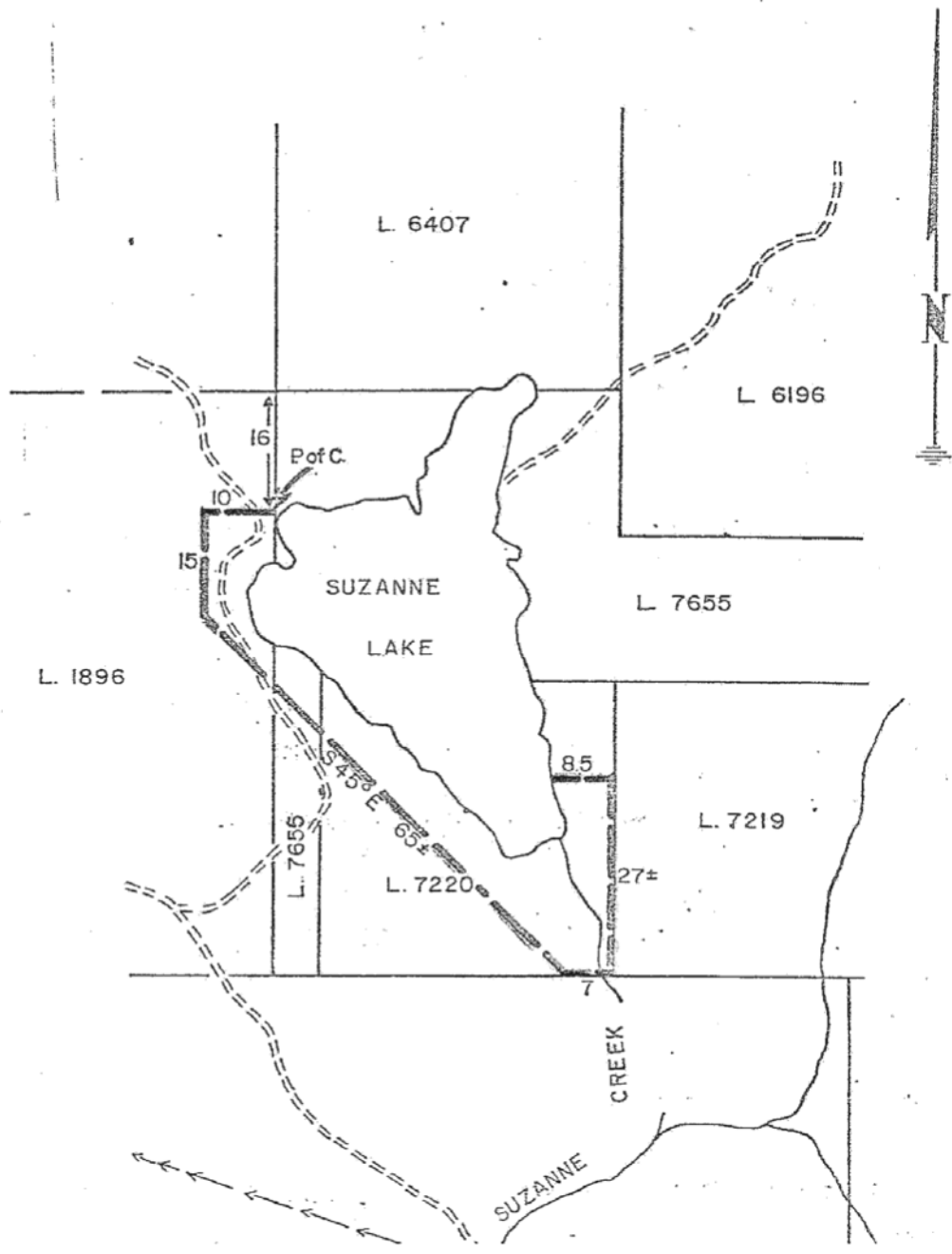
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Date May 4, 1973  
Atlas Ref. R82G/SW (e-5)

RPN 96 (NORTH STAR LAKE)

Shown ~~CRANBROOK~~ Acres ± Cranbrook R.D. 17 Scale 20 chs. — 1 in.



DIST. KOOTENAY No. 19 Compt. No. 7 G-6-b	BRITISH COLUMBIA  FOREST SERVICE	EXHIBIT A Date MAY 7, 1973 Atlas Ref. R82G/SW (d-5)
( RPN 37 (SUZANNE LAKE)		
Shown <small>CHARTERED SURVEY</small>	Acres <u>Cranbrook</u> R.D. <u>17</u>	Scale <u>20 chs</u> — 1 in



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

EXHIBIT A

Date..... MAY 14 1973.....

Atlas Ref. 82.E SE (c-2).

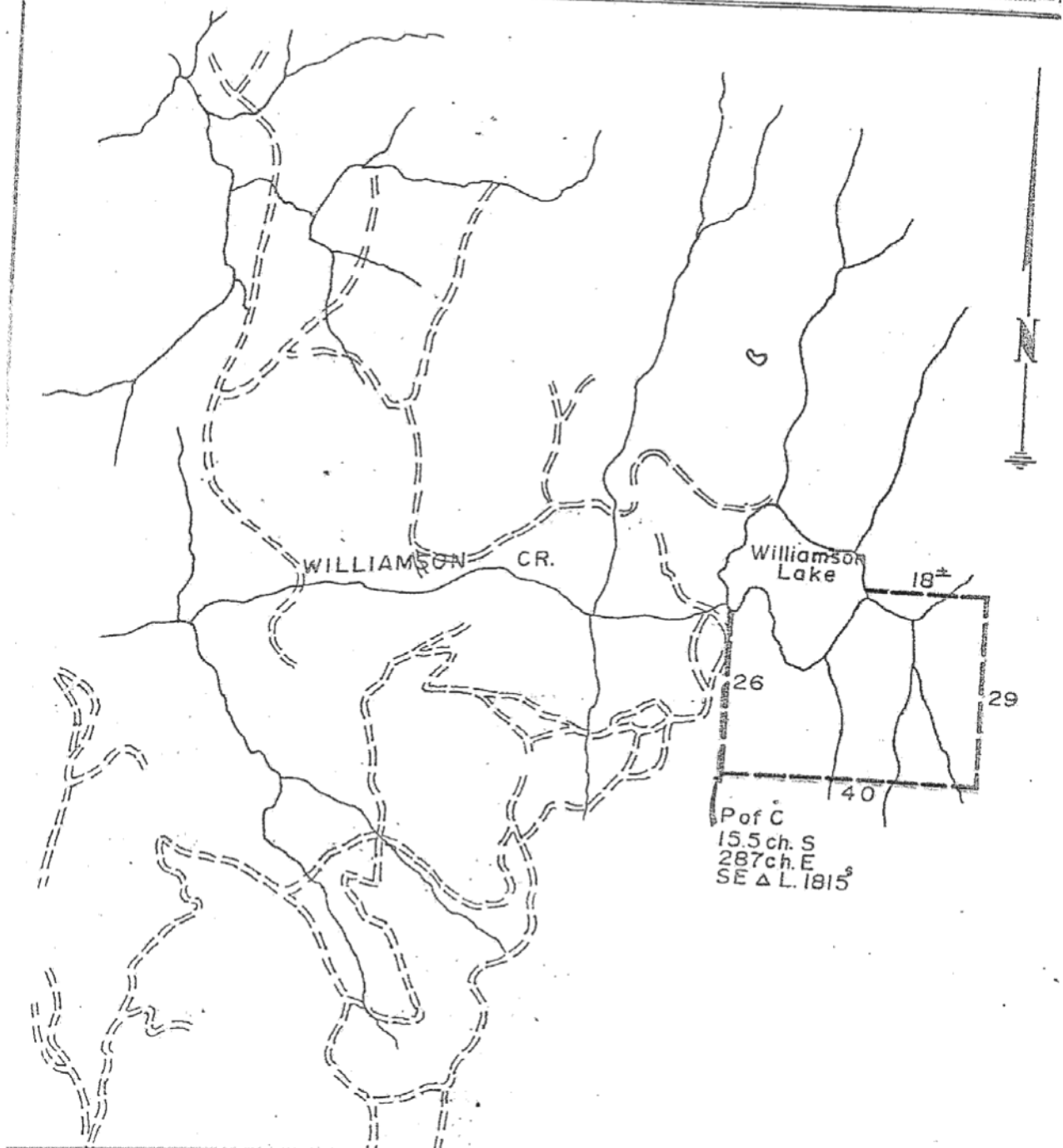
FOREST SERVICE

RPN 30 WILLIAMSON LAKE

Shown.

Acres  $\pm$  KETTLE R.D. 13

Scale 20 ch.





MEMORANDUM

TO ..... PARKS BRANCH .....	FROM .....
..... BUILDINGS .....	..... B.C. FOREST SERVICE, MANAGEMENT DIV. ....
..... VICTORIA, B.C. ....	..... JUNE ..... 25 ..... 1973 .....

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SUBJECT ..... OUR FILE 0223957 .....

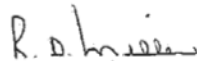
YOUR FILE P325K .....

ATTENTION: MANAGEMENT

The Forest Service proposes to make 1973 recreation development in the area shown on the attached map to deal with existing public use. Development will be carried out with minimum site modification, so that options for future site planning remain open.

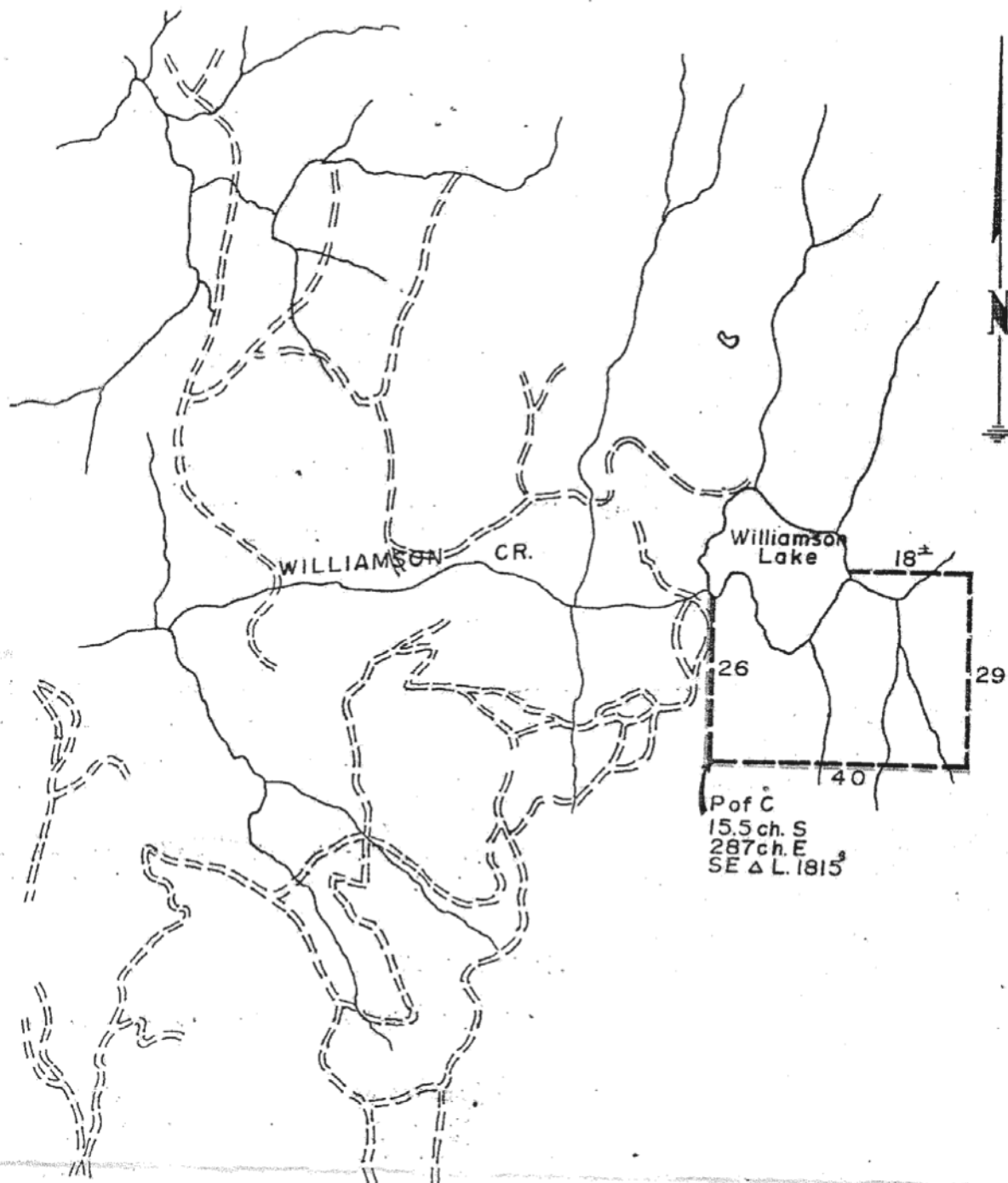
Our records indicate that this area is within Map Reserve for Recreation and Enjoyment of the Public Your File P325K and attached Lands File 0223957.

Your concurrence with the above proposal is requested or, alternatively, if Parks Branch has plans for development which would make Forest Service action unnecessary may we please have your advice as to when your development will take place.

  
R.D. Miller,  
for Administrative Officer,  
Management Division

## CPN 30 WILLIAMSON LAKE

Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Acres ± KETTLE R.D. 13 Scale 20 ch. — 1 in.



Director H. G. McWilliams,  
Parks Branch,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

Parks Branch, Box 620,  
Nelson, B. C.  
Nov. 25th,

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Our File: Williamson Lake.

Your File: 325 K.

Attention Reconnaissance.

On July 14th a reconnaissance trip was made into Williamson Lake. This trip was made because of an impending timber sale to ascertain whether all or part of the remaining unencumbered foreshore should be reserved.

At this time it was concluded that the values of the lake were not sufficient to warrant the taking in of additional lake shore.

DESCRIPTION: General.

Williamson Lake is situated at the headwaters of Williamson Creek about 17 miles by road from Greenwood. It is a small lake of approximately 35 acres. The lake has a pleasant setting in low wooded rolling hills.

ACCESS:

About 13 miles of the road leading to Williamson Lake can be driven by ordinary car. The remaining 4 miles requires a 4 wheel drive vehicle. The last 4 miles were roughed out by F. Horovatin to provide access to his cabin on the lake. 11½ miles of this route is within T.F.L. #8.

OFFSHORE:

The westerly ¼ of the lake has a bottom with a steep gradient. The remainder varies from a 1% to 2% gradient near the most southerly tip to a 4% to 5% gradient along the east and north shore. The bottom is mostly black muck except for a few short shale stretches on the east shore.

SHORELINE AND FRONTAGE:

The shoreline is steep except for a flat beginning 200 feet north of the creek outlet to the creek outlet and from near the most southerly point to about 300 feet west of the inlet creek shown on the enclosed sketch. The depth of the level ground varies from about 400 feet to 150 feet. The ground is soft near the shore particularly near the north edge of the reserve area as spring run-off enters here. Cover is with some spruce, and aspen willow and birch near the shore except the easterly part of the north shore which has aspen and birch cover.

UPLAND:

The upland consists of broken rolling hills of about 30% slope. Its cover is larch and fir 18" to 20" and 130 feet high south of the lake with pine and fir reproduction 40 feet high with scattered veteran larch 30", 150 feet in height over the rest of the area. Shags are also scattered throughout.

DISCUSSION:

This is a small lake with some potential for swimming. Fishing is available to the occasional fisherman but access deters most people. Two people have leases on the lake and one has a cabin. The timber values on the north are so scattered that their removal would make little difference. The present reserve takes in a portion of the stand of mature fir and larch. For a lake of this size and potential the existing reserve is adequate.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Hepper,  
District Parks Officer.

WHH/lmh

District Forester,  
Nelson, B. C.

Provincial Parks Branch, Victoria.

0223957

P 325 E

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Re: Williamson Lake

Please be advised that the area shown in red outline on the attached sketch has been noted on the maps and records of the Department as being reserved by Departmental Map Reserve Est. March 11, 1959 for the use, recreation, and enjoyment of the public.

To complete your file on this area please find the enclosed Initial Report, Legal Description, and sketch which are forwarded in duplicate for your distribution.

*for Joan McElwade*  
Director,  
Provincial Parks Branch.

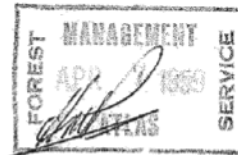
*S.M.*

WILLIAMSON LAKE

The area described below has been reserved  
for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public:

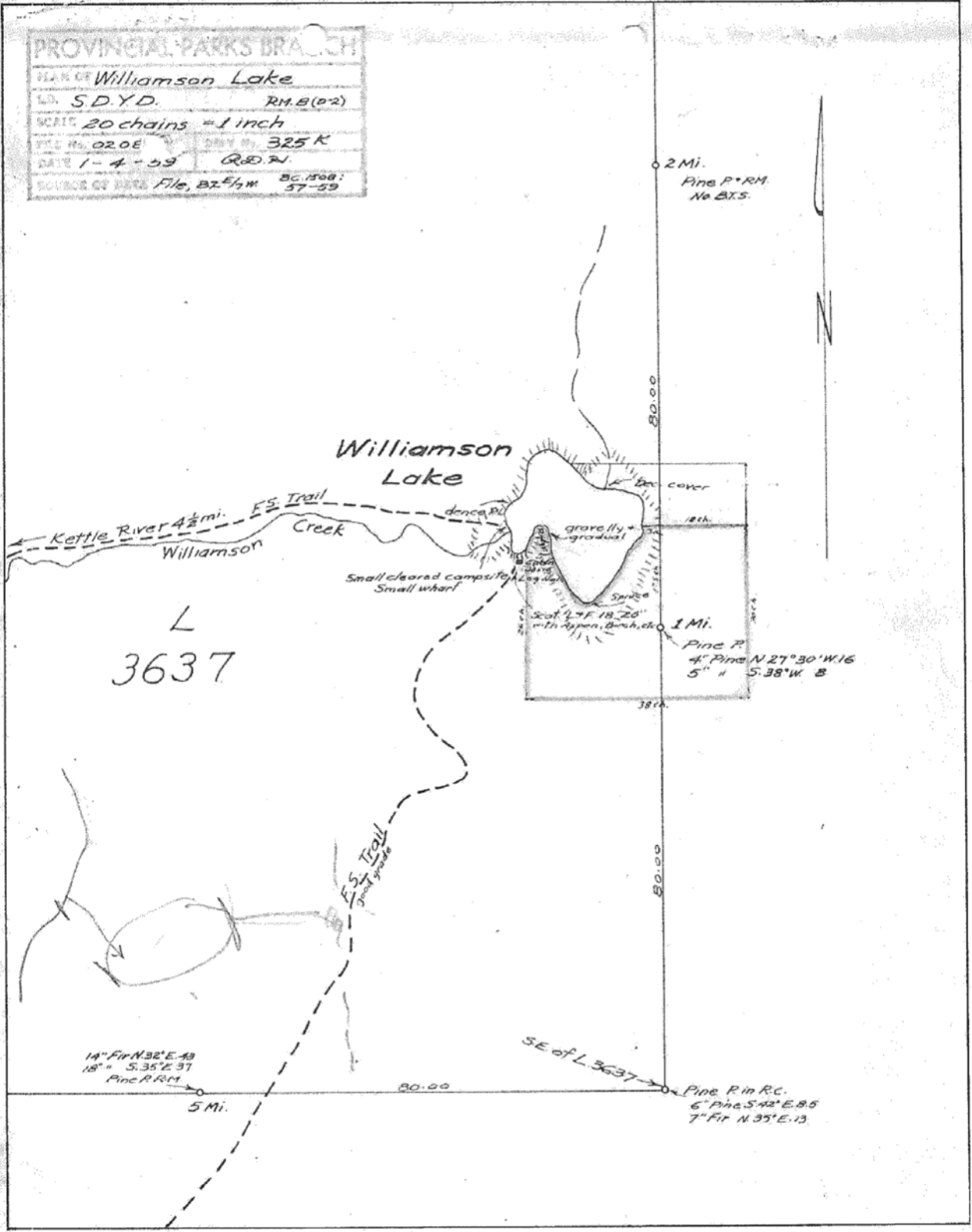
"Commencing at a point on the East shore  
of Williamson Lake, 17.5 chains North and  
3 chains West more or less, of the 1-mile  
Post on the East boundary of Lot 3637,  
S.D.Y.D.; thence East 18 chains; thence  
South 30 chains; thence West 38 chains;  
thence North 26 chains more or less to the  
north-east corner of an application to  
purchase, being a point on the South shore  
of Williamson Lake; thence North and East  
along the said shore to the point of com-  
mencement, and containing approximately  
104 acres."

R82E/SE (D-2)



Map Reserve  
Est. 11.3.59  
0223957  
R.M. 8(D-4) R82 E/SE  
Located: 16 miles NW of Greenwood.  
J.M.  
2.4.59

PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH	
PLAN OF Williamson Lake	
L.D. S.D.Y.D.	R.M.B(0-2)
SCALE 20 chains = 1 inch	
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PROVINCIAL PARKS BR.

Williamson Lake

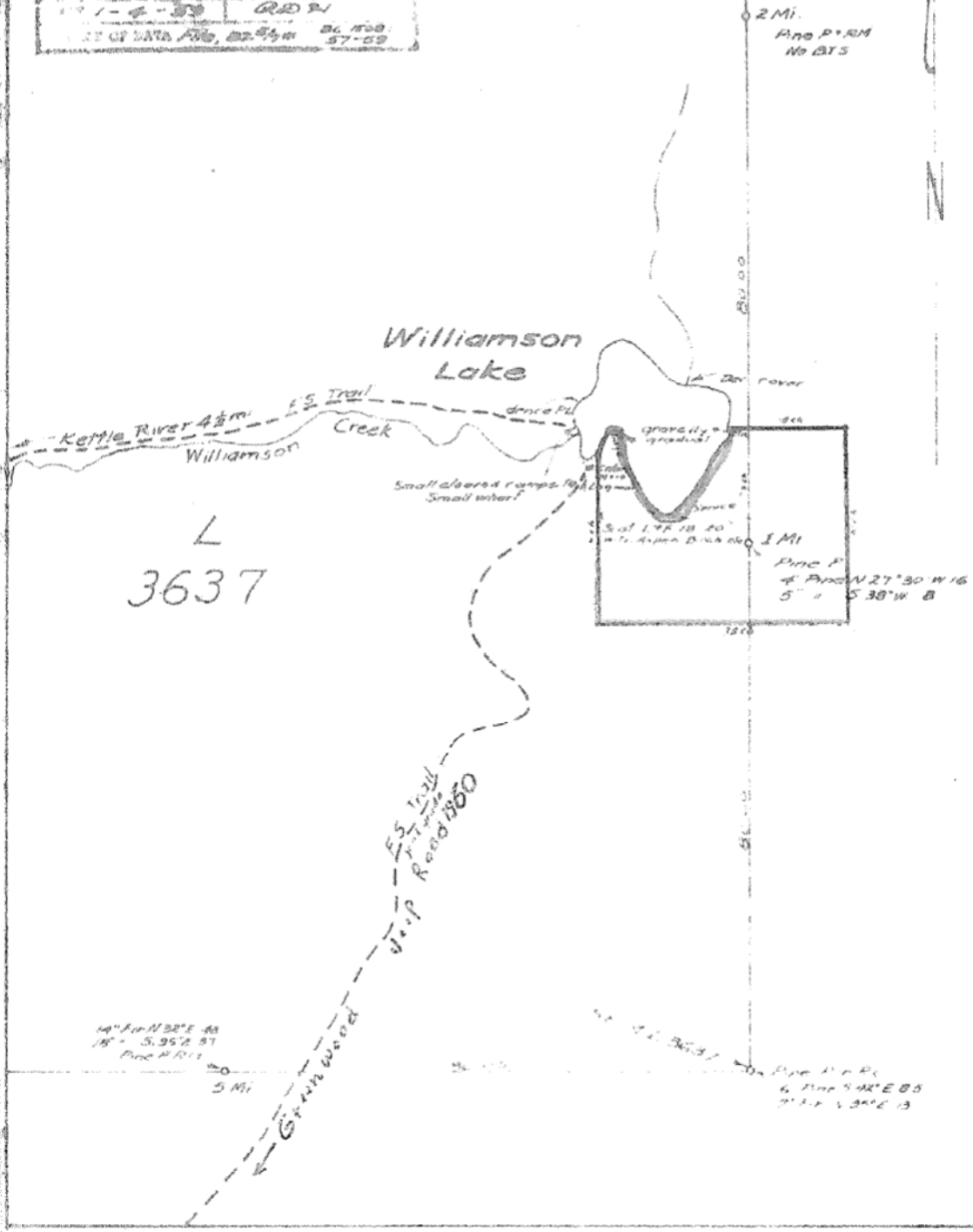
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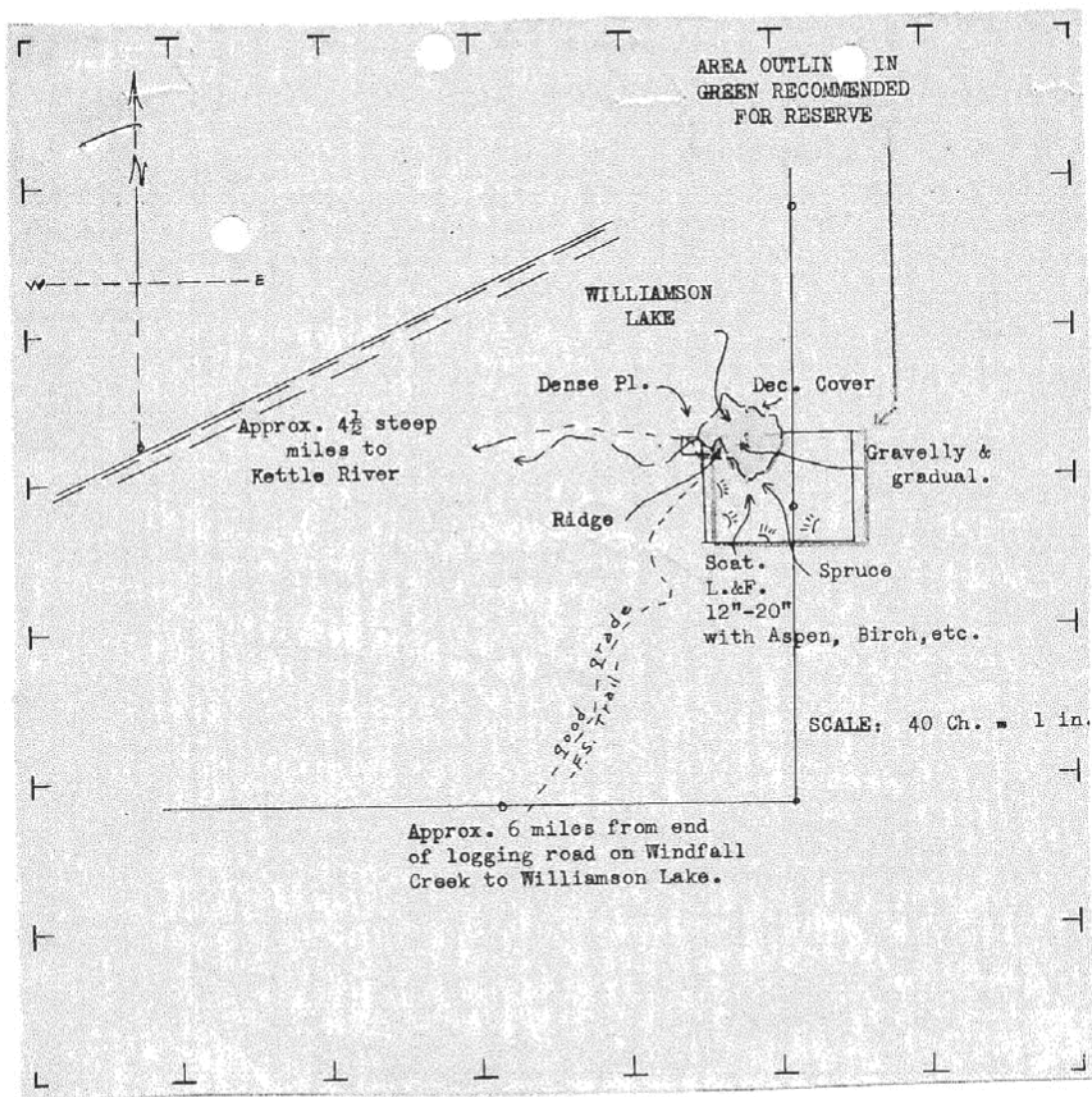
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Superintendent of Lands,  
Lands Branch - Lands Service,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH,  
0223957, P. 325<sup>K</sup>  
10th February

59

Re: Proposed public Reserve  
Williamson Lake. P.325<sup>K</sup>

We concur with Land Inspector Paulsons  
recommendation as outlined and would be pleased if in  
future correspondence you would refer to this area as  
P.325<sup>K</sup>.

Thank you for submitting this proposal  
for our comments.

Director,  
Provincial Parks Branch.

*LSM*  
622/60

Parks Branch,  
Box 30  
Nelson, B. C.

October 15th, 1958.

OUR FILE: Williamson Lake (Proposed)

YOUR FILE: Lot 3637 S.D.Y.D.

Mr. A. Paulsen,  
Land Inspector,  
Court House,  
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7th, 1958 concerning Williamson Lake.

It is believed that the area reserved is quite suitable. The question of course always arises of how far in the future should we try to provide for? This lake is one of the few lakes, as compared with Kamloops area, in the Kettle Valley system and therefore it may be we should be very careful before letting lake shore go on these lakes. Possibly a reserve which is considered adequate now should be placed on the lakes and the 300 foot reserve strip should be rigidly adhered to. This would mean that if a larger development was called for than the present reserve allows, then the area back of the reserve could be picked up for more development and yet provide adequate frontage onto the lake even though it is funnelled through the original reserve. Another thought on these small lakes is that possibly we should consider each as a small wilderness area where if a person is willing to struggle 3 hours on foot (the latest I heard was a 3 wheeled scooter for trails) he is rewarded by a small lake surrounded by virgin forest and the bright sun as his only companion (It probably rained like -) It is wondered if a few of these lakes can be saved this way or if we will be driving up super highways to them all?

It is a thought any way and possibly could be borne in mind when future applications come in.

Thank you for advising me about the proposed reserve on this lake.

Yours truly,

*W. H. Hepper*

W. H. Hepper,  
District Recreational Officer.

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LANDS BRANCH  
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS  
INSPECTION DIVISION

Court House,  
Kelowna, B. C.,  
October 7, 1958.

Our File: Lot 3637, S.D.Y.D.

Mr. Bill Hepper,  
Department of Recreation and Conservation,  
c/o District Forester,  
NELSON, B. C.



Dear Sir:

I have just recently completed an examination of a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  acre application to lease by Bert Carey on the West shore of Williamson Lake. In addition I made a rough survey of other Crown lands fronting on Williamson Lake. The attached sketch shows the area I feel is suitable for public recreational development. The North shore of the Lake is clothed in dense Jack Pine in the West-erly portion and is relatively rocky and clothed in Aspen in the Easterly portion. The area chosen for a public reserve is on a gradual Northerly slope with the Lake bottom sloping gradually out into the water. The Lake bottom is gravelly in nature. The cover on this site consists of Willow, Aspen and scattered large Fir and Larch trees. There are pockets of Spruce at the Northerly and Easterly extremities.

I feel that this Lake deserves credence as a public recreational area. The fly fishing here is claimed to be, at times, exceptionally good.

I realize that you have a large district with many problems. Perhaps, however, you could take time to come forth with some valuable comments in the making of any reserves on Williamson Lake. I doubt very much if you would have time to look into a proposed reserve on Williamson Lake at this late date. The trip I made last week involved a three hour hike from the end of the jeep road. Your comments in any event would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

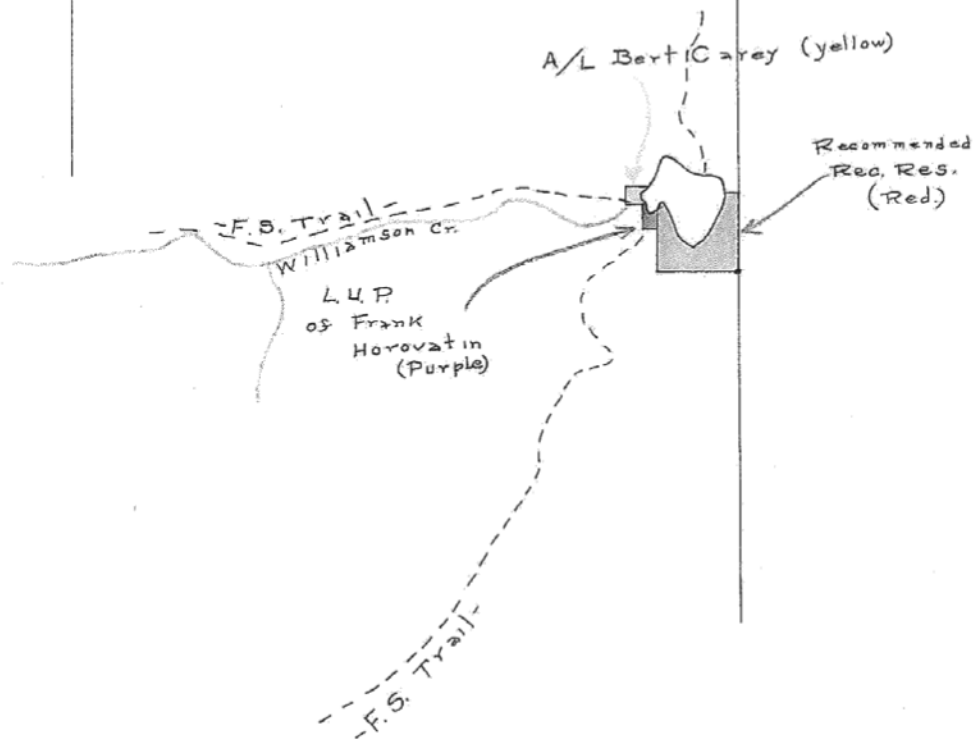
  
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Land Inspector.

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Lot 3637, S.D.Y.D.

Williamson Lake.

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