

Action # 4 - Propose Designation for the BBC - Knowledge Background

Species & Habitats:

- Data Input:
 - Wetland Bioblitz(es)
 - SWAMP (various last 2018)
 - Trail EIA (2018)
 - Western Toads - Summit Lake draft management plans (2018)
- Major wildlife food web - macro and micro levels
- Rich wetlands & hydrology
- 1,500 species & 55 SAR to date and counting
- SAR/SEI Mapping (2019 - 2022)
- Wetland Restorations - continued site monitoring

Wildlife Connectivity:

- Continuous range movement
- Existing protected areas & conservation lands
- Recognized as a climate refugia

Action # 4 - Bonanza Biodiversity Corridor (BBC)

Conservation Actions since 2017:

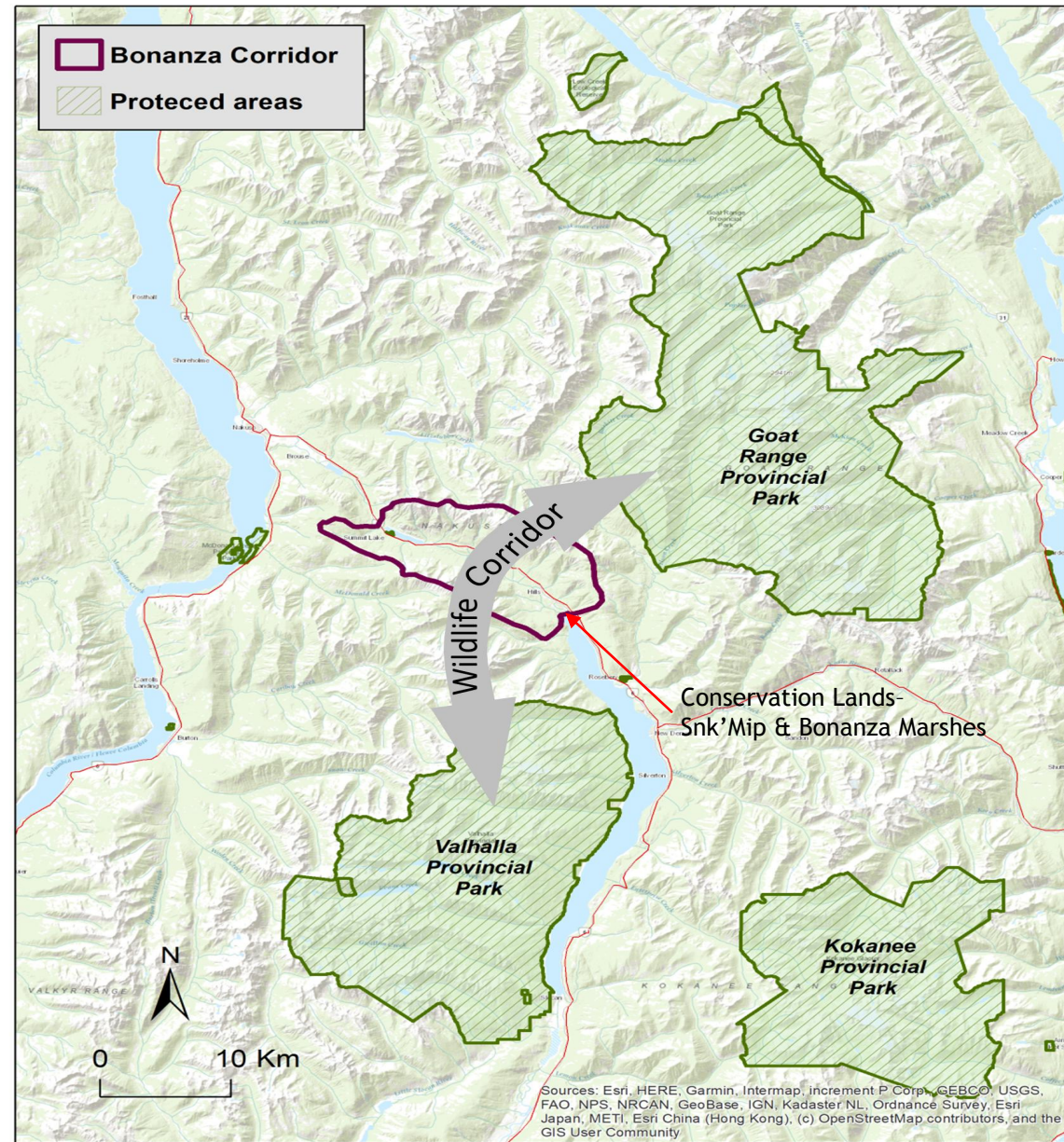
- Snk'Mip (Valhalla Foundation for Ecology)
- Bonanza Marsh (NCC)
- Valley bottom Rail Trail designated non-motorized

Conservancy Options Reviewed:

- Multiple WHA's
- Wildlife Management Area
- IPCA - ONA 2018

Evolving Strategic / Regulatory Landscape

- Indigenous-led strategic leadership
- Environmental & Regulatory Reforms
- Provincial and Federal Initiatives and legislative changes



Action # 4 - Propose Designation for the BBC - Status of Current Action

- ▶ 2023 BBC Conservation Plan specifically includes:
 - Conservancy Lands*: Continue championing for BBC conservation by building on existing mosaic of conservation lands and protected areas.
- ▶ Actions ‘In-Progress’:
 - ▶ Summit Lake / WT - Initiate discussion with Parks for expanding Provincial park boundaries
 - ▶ Seeking to designate the BBC under s. 17 of the Land Act - ‘Conditional withdrawal from Disposition of Crown Land’
 - ▶ Submitted EOI to support *Access Regulation Change* to manage motorized access by linking existing protected areas for wildlife
 - ▶ Continued identification of private lands for conservation