

SUMMARY

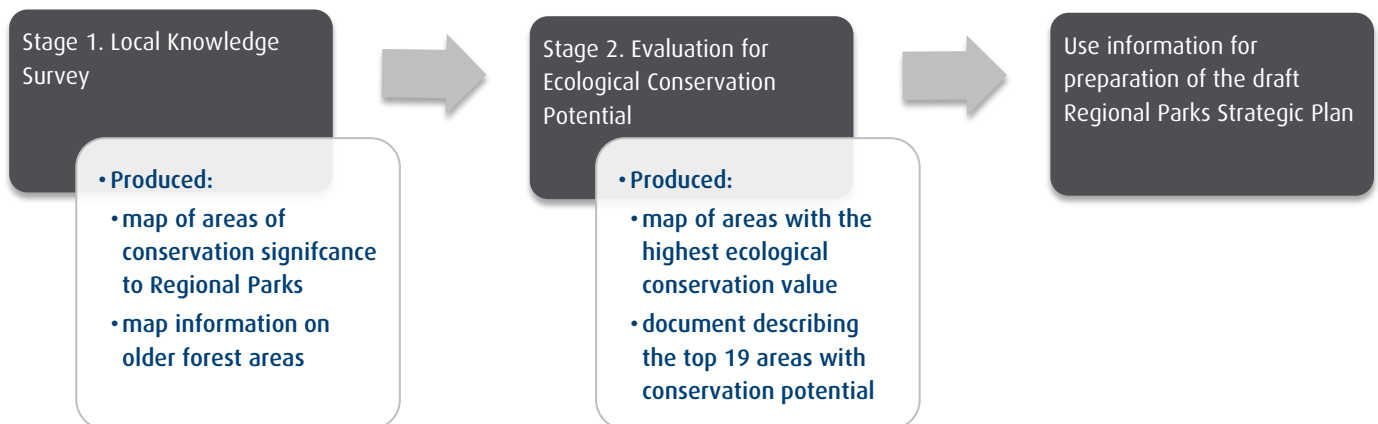
STUDY TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONSERVATION INTEREST TO REGIONAL PARKS WEST OF SOOKE RIVER

In 2010 Regional Parks undertook a study of the land west of Sooke River to identify areas of conservation interest to Regional Parks. The need for the study was identified in the 2000 CRD Parks Master Plan and this information is required for preparing the 2011-2020 Regional Parks Strategic Plan.

The study was completed in two stages (Figure 1). The first stage was a survey of existing and local knowledge. This included the collection of all existing ecological mapping information available for the area from private and public sector sources and interviews with 39 individuals from the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, and local, provincial, and federal government staff. A list of areas of conservation interest was produced from this survey.

The second stage of the project evaluated each of the areas of interest that were identified in Stage 1.

Figure 1 – Project stages and products.



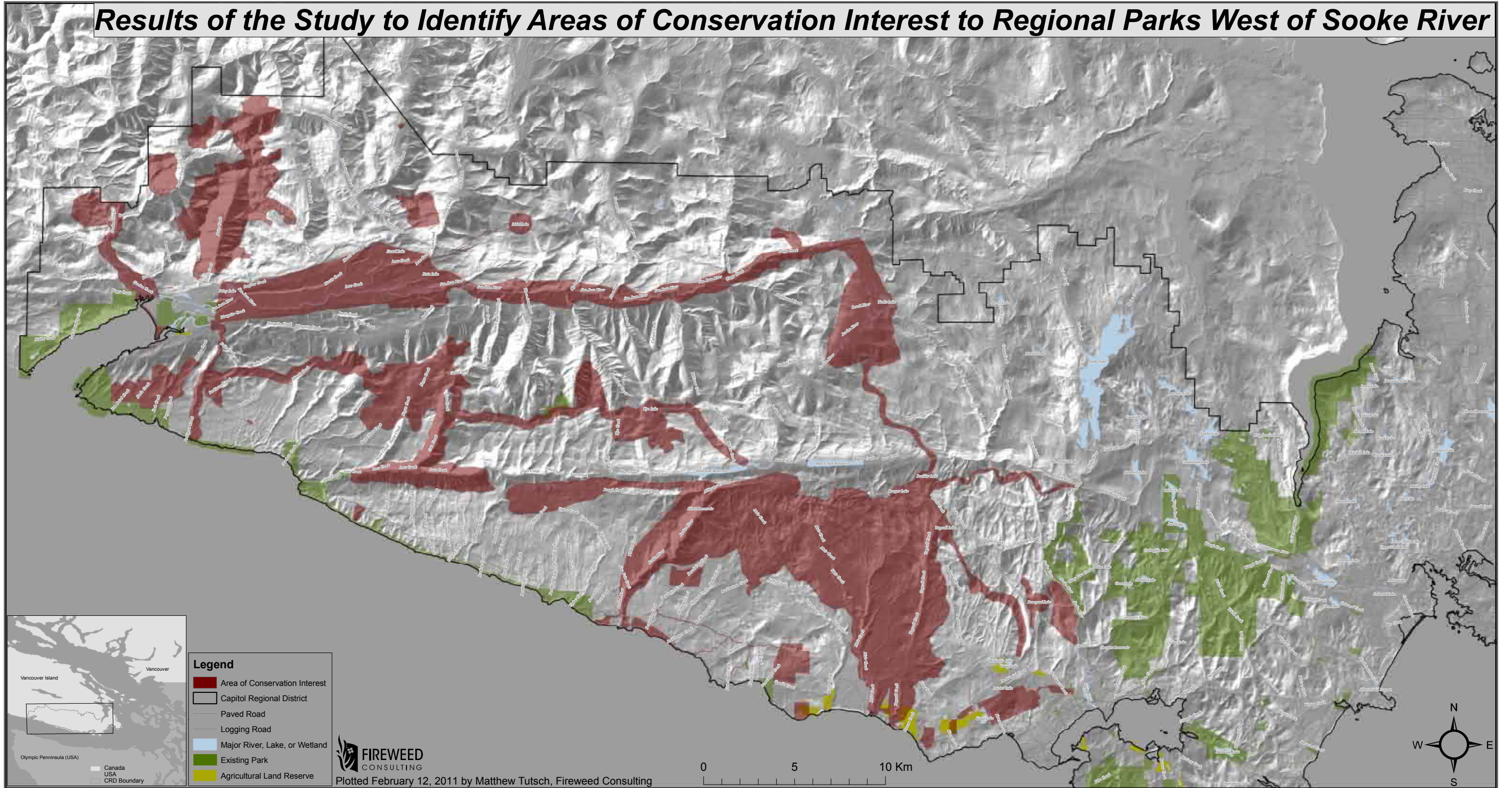
RESULTS

The results of the study present a high level overview of the areas west of Sooke River that are of conservation interest to Regional Parks. This information is only meant to identify areas of interest and does not indicate that these areas are being considered as a future regional park. The following is a list in rank order of the top areas of conservation interest to Regional Parks west of the Sooke River:

1. Fairy Creek Watershed Area
2. Noyse Lakes Area
3. Wye Creek Area
4. Kludahk Trail
5. Gain Creek Watershed
6. Harris Creek Area
7. Blackeney Creek Area
8. Jordan Ridge Area
9. Mosquito Creek Headwater Area
10. Braden Creek Headwaters Area
11. Muir Creek Watershed
12. San Juan River Valley
13. Red Creek Fir Area
14. Soule Creek Area
15. Loss Creek Area
16. China Beach Area
17. Gordon River Valley
18. Broom Hill
19. West Bank of the Sooke River

These areas are shown on the attached map.

Results of the Study to Identify Areas of Conservation Interest to Regional Parks West of Sooke River



- Legend**
- Area of Conservation Interest
 - Capitol Regional District
 - Paved Road
 - Logging Road
 - Major River, Lake, or Wetland
 - Existing Park
 - Agricultural Land Reserve

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