

**BIGHORN BACKCOUNTRY  
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**



**JUNE 3, 2021**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Online Meeting**

## MEETING SUMMARY

Don Livingston	Brad Jones	Barry Wesley	Curtis Nichol
Wayne Crocker	Chiara Feder	Dominik Kmet	John Tchir
Eric Brownrigg	Jim Duncan	Ernst Bergmann	Jamie Bruha
Laura Raivio	Lisa Schrader	Ian Stuart	Kris Heemeryck
Hal Jeske	Alan Ernst	Marla Zapach	Logan VanImmschoot
Lorne Hindbo	Kevin Gagne	Michael Doyle	Rita Stagman
Suzanne Comfort	Paul Radchenko	Loyal Ma	Michelle Swanson
Adam Bentley	Adena Earl	Simon Dyer	Doug King
Dale Marshall	Grant Santo	Ben Curry	

Item #	TOPIC
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ian Stuart with the Alberta Fish &amp; Game Association stepping in as representative for Hunting and Fishing.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><u>Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May Long went well. First time since 2004 not a lot of garbage left behind.</li> </ul> <p><u>Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lots of users, overall fairly good compliance. Issues with people not following high water mark rule.</li> </ul> <p><u>Signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bighorn Dam OHV in camping area signage and 30+ signs at bed and shore.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><u>Bighorn Dam Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proceeding with project as laid out in the access management plan presented to TransAlta.</li> <li>- Seeing good results with OHV restriction at the Bighorn Dam. Compliance exceeding expectations.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><u>FOESA Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eagle PLRA and staging expanded, new highlines. Clean ups performed and planned for PLRAs and campgrounds. Camp hosts in place/starting soon.</li> <li>- Potential for funding to look at possibility for potential wagon trail from Ya Ha Tinda to 40 Mile. Will assess.</li> <li>- Plans for Hummingbird.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><u>Nordegg BearSmart</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human/bear conflicts going up last number of years. Public education and working with Clearwater County and Nordegg Community Association on initiatives.</li> <li>- Link to sighting reports and education is on 2021 Bighorn Backcountry brochure.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with Bighorn First Nations for education</li> <li>- Looking for opportunities or ideas for garbage management along the Hwy 11 corridor.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>Bighorn Bikepacking Project Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently identifying suitable trails in the Bighorn Backcountry. Updates given on those completed and maintenance needs.</li> <li>- Looking for identification of areas significant to First Nations on maps.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><u>Crown Land Capital Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hwy 11 Corridor – Constructions of toilets, expansion of parking lots at multiple sites. Separate projects and assessments at Bighorn Dam and Crescent Falls. Plans to increase formalized sites for camping.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><u>AEP Reorg Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will be looking at land uses on a landscape level instead of a separation between Parks and public lands.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><u>Prescribed Fire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chungo Gap was assessed and at the stage for a prescribed fire. Work on capping units.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><u>Round Table</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Camping pass, need a WIN card. Effects all public lands as indicated on the map that are not under disposition. <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/public-lands-camping-pass.aspx">https://www.alberta.ca/public-lands-camping-pass.aspx</a></li> <li>- Pass rules apply to PLRAs.</li> <li>- Taunton trestle planned to be complete this year</li> <li>- Cutoff west PLRA upgrades receiving mixed feedback.</li> <li>- OHV pilot project for trail connectivity access to parts of the Forestry Trunk Road had been signed off and is showing on the 2021 Bighorn Backcountry brochure.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><u>Next meeting – Thursday, October 7, 2021</u></p>

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assigned To:</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1.	Share recent Stenhouse Grizzly Bear report with committee	Laura Raivio	Completed
2.	Trapper contact information to Ma/Mountain Biking	Lisa Schrader	June 11
3.	Transportation of bridge 2x4s and brushing (fire crew) on Glacier Trail	Don Livingston	Summer
4.	Field day encompassing indigenous cultural awareness	Don Livingston/Barry Wesley	August
5.	Discussion of plans for Crescent Falls which effect projects	Grant Santo/Don Livingston	Summer
6.	Sundance information to Santo/Parks and Crocker/AEP	Barry Wesley	June 11