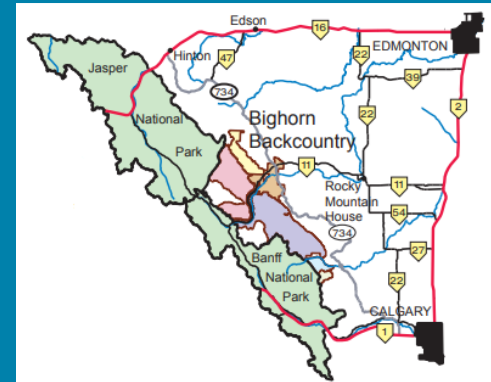


Public Land Use Zones

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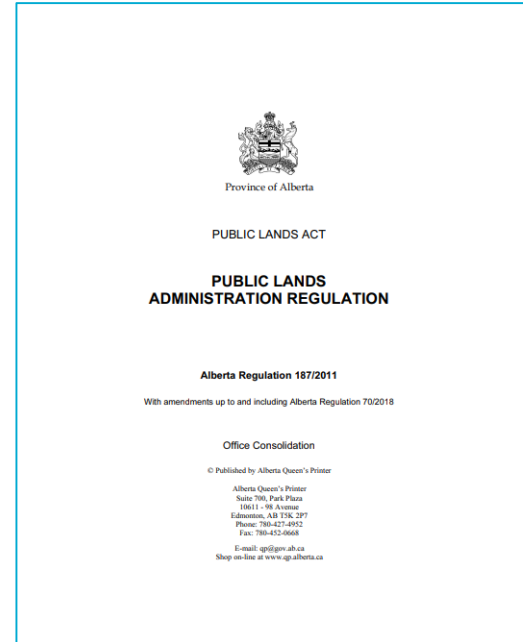
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What is a Public Land Use Zone?

- A designation under the Public Lands Administration Regulation (PLAR) established by Order in Council.
- It restricts the recreational use of motorized vehicles to trails or areas designated for that purpose by signs and notices.



Restrictions that may be applied in a PLUZ

- Timing restrictions, closures, speed limits, etc.
- Setbacks from lakeshores for OHVs, camping, grazing horses, and helicopters
- Restrictions of use of motorized boats
- Setbacks from PLRAs or PRAs for camping or fires

Restrictions that may be applied in a PLUZ

- An officer may order a person to refrain from doing anything dangerous to life or property
- A person vacating a PLUZ shall restore public land used by that person to a clean and tidy condition

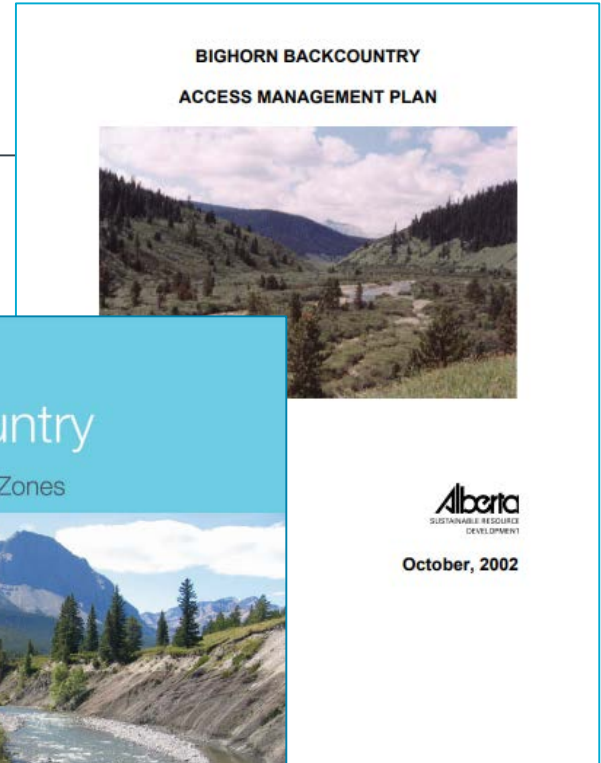
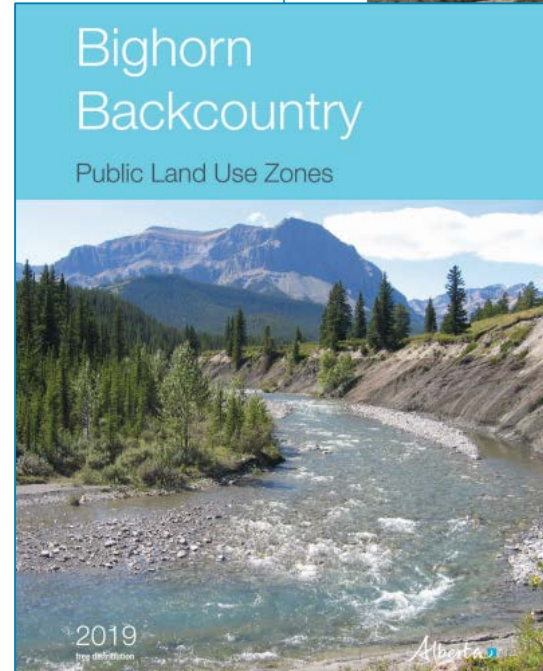
A PLUZ designation does not include restrictions on industrial or commercial access or development.

Why do we use PLUZs?

- PLUZ designation supports enhanced management of recreational use on a multi-use and working landscapes.
- It allows for:
 - Planning and management of recreation activity in an area
 - Designation and regulation of recreational trails
 - Education and enforcement to support responsible recreation

Management Plans

- Management intent within a PLUZ is provided by a management plan and communicated to the public through signs and notices.













Recreation in the Bighorn Backcountry

- Authorities of a PLUZ are applied to support site specific objectives:
 - Use of OHVs and snow machines are restricted to designated trails and areas identified in the PLUZ map
 - Timing restrictions apply to protect against environmental damage. Most OHV trails open July 1.
 - Non-motorized recreation is permitted, however some trails have timing restrictions.
 - Motorized random camping permitted within 75 m of HWY 11 & Forestry Trunk Road



Trail Classification

-  Bighorn Backcountry Public Land Use Zones Boundary
-  Major trails (**only** non-motorized use is permitted, unless otherwise posted). (Major trails in the blowout maps are represented with a white dotted line.)
-  Minor trails and seismic lines (**only** non-motorized use permitted, unless otherwise posted). Trail located estimated.
-  Trails with timing restrictions for off-highway and snow vehicles. Year-round use for all non-motorized users is permitted, unless otherwise posted. **Open for off-highway vehicle use July 1 - February 1. Open for snow vehicle use July 1 - April 30.**
-  Trails with timing restrictions for off-highway and snow vehicles. Year-round use for all non-motorized users is permitted, unless otherwise posted. **Open for off-highway vehicle use December 1 - February 1. Open for snow vehicle use December 1 - April 30.**
-  Trails with timing restrictions for equestrian users. All other non-motorized users permitted year-round, unless otherwise posted. Off-highway and snow vehicles not permitted on these trails.
-  Trails that are open year-round for motorized off-highway vehicles, snow vehicles and non-motorized users, unless otherwise posted.
-  Random sledding area. Areas allowing snow vehicle use anywhere within the designated area during specific time periods. Off-highway vehicles not permitted in these areas except on designated trails. Year-round use for non-motorized users permitted, unless otherwise posted.
-  Trails that have been temporarily closed to motorized usage due to severe erosion or washout. These will remain closed until maintenance can be performed or new routes approved/created.
-  Trails with timing restrictions for off-highway and snow vehicles. Year-round use for all non-motorized users is permitted, unless otherwise posted. **Open for off-highway vehicle and snow vehicle use July 1 - April 30.**

On-highway vehicle access is permitted on existing clearings/trails up to 75 metres (246 feet) beyond Highway 11 and Highway 734 (Forestry Trunk Road) Right-of-Way unless otherwise posted.

Industry in the Bighorn Backcountry

- Industrial and commercial activity is managed through:
 - Legislation including Public Lands Act and the Forests Act
 - Higher level planning including the Eastern Slopes Policy
 - Standards and conditions applied to surface activities
- In the Bighorn Backcountry there are no forestry commitments and very limited subsurface energy commitments allocated.

Questions?

