

Integrated resource plans and the Berland Sub-regional Plan

Integrated resource plans are place-based plans that have guided land and resource management on Crown land for more than 30 years. They are developed to help manage competing land and resource uses in specific areas. These plans contain resource strategies, land-use allocations, compatible and non-compatible uses, and mitigation measures.

Integrated resources plans were developed decades ago and many have not been updated to align with newer legislation, policies, standards and planning tools.

Review of integrated resource plans

- Alberta is reviewing relevant integrated resource plans alongside sub-regional plan development to identify and remove outdated or duplicated direction while retaining provisions that continue to be relevant and reflect current policy.
- Following approval of a sub-regional plan, overlapping integrated resource plans may be rescinded where their direction has been replaced or incorporated into newer planning tools. Important provisions that remain relevant may be incorporated into future amendments to the sub-regional plan or addressed through other policy instruments.
- As a result, Albertans can expect:
 - clearer, more consistent land-use direction
 - less overlap between old and new planning documents
 - continued protection of important land and resource management outcomes
 - a modern, consistent and understandable land-use planning system

Integrated resource plans associated with the Berland sub-region

- Berland has relatively limited overlap with existing integrated resource plans.
- [Smoke and Iosegun Lakes Management Plan](#)
 - The Smoke and Iosegun Lakes Management Plan is more localized, with 40% of the plan area within the Berland Sub-regional Plan.
- [Sturgeon Lake–Puskwaskau East Sub-regional Integrated Resource Plan](#)
 - The Sturgeon Lake–Puskwaskau East Sub-regional Integrated Resource Plan has broader geographic extent, with only 11% of the plan area falling inside the Berland Sub-regional plan.

Figure 1: Map of the Berland sub-region showing overlapping integrated resources plans in the proposed draft plan.

