

Caribou Mountains Sub-regional Plan

Recreation and tourism

The plan supports a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities, including year-round recreation including hunting, fishing, camping, off-highway vehicle use, and nature-based tourism. These activities support local communities, contribute to tourism, and help people connect with the land.

Key components of the plan

Recreation Management Areas

- The plan identifies priority areas where recreation and tourism are a focus and where trail planning and management strategies will be used to improve user experience while protecting sensitive environments.

Hungry Bend Sandhills PLUZ

- The plan protects an area of unique geographical significance from development. Motorized recreation will be limited to designated provincial trails.

Indigenous-led tourism

- The plan supports Indigenous tourism to increase opportunities for Indigenous communities and increase awareness of Indigenous culture and values while maintaining natural landscapes.

Minimize environmental impacts

- The plan manages trail width, access, and location to reduce habitat disturbance with an emphasis on caribou habitat recovery, biodiversity conservation, and managing motorized use.

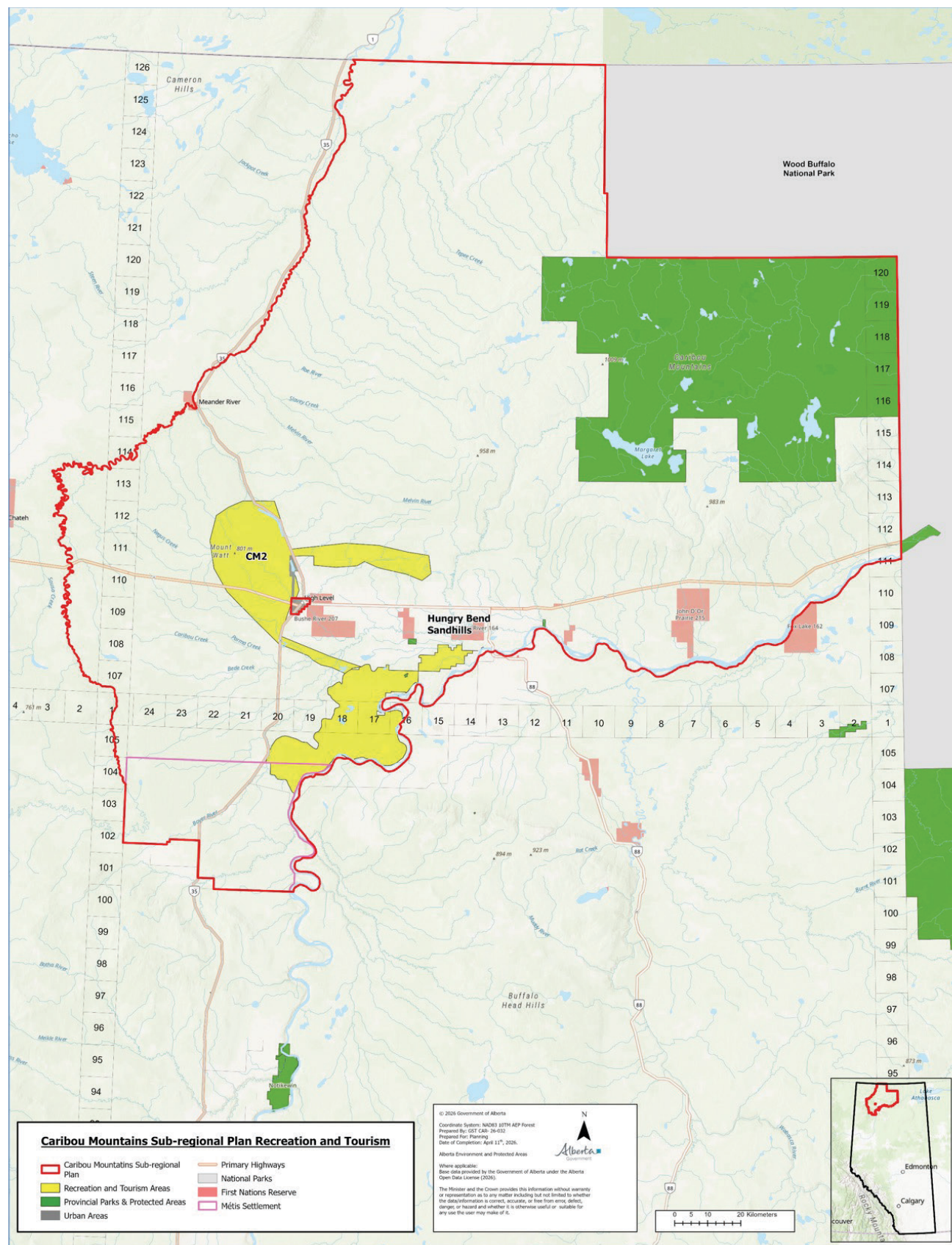
Recreation and tourism facts

- The economic contributions of tourism to the Caribou Mountains Region in 2024 is estimated at approximately \$73 million in GDP and provides approximately 900 jobs.
- Caribou Mountains Wildland Provincial Park, Alberta's second largest and northernmost wildland park, is nestled in the northeast part of the sub-region, covering almost 60,000 hectares.

Did you know...

- The Hungry Bend Sandhills contain rare transverse dunes, found nowhere else in Canada.
- The Hungry Bend Sandhills have been nominated for protection since Alberta's Special Places in 1996.
- In addition to Caribou Mountains Wildland, there are also two existing Provincial Recreation Areas, two Natural Areas, and one Public Land Recreation Area.

Figure 1: Recreation Management Areas, trails, and key recreation landscapes in the Caribou Mountains sub-region.



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