

Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan Engagement

Phase 1

Overview

The Government of Alberta has identified land use planning as a priority, and remains committed to moving forward with sub-regional plans as a key component to manage the province's Crown lands.

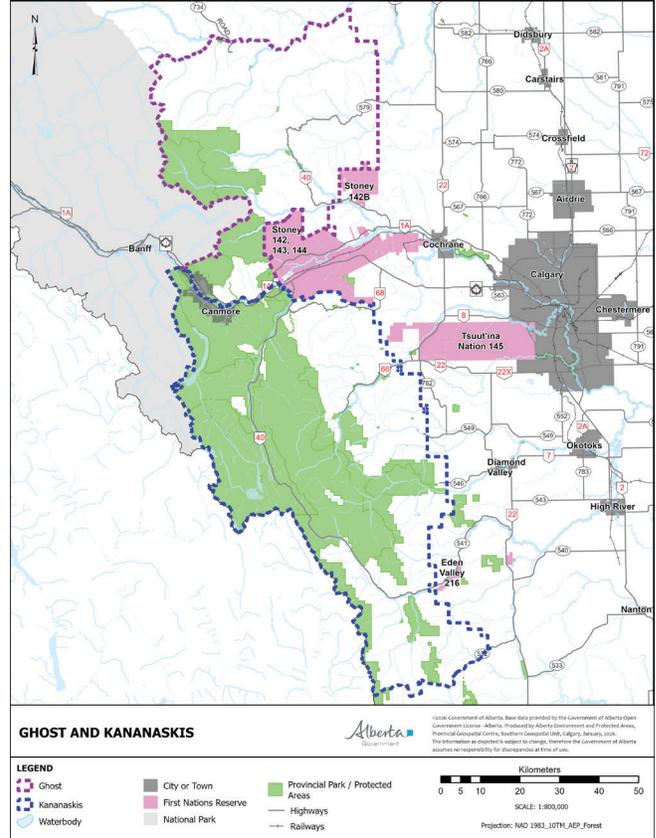
In alignment with applicable legislative and regulatory direction, the Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan (SRP) will establish guidance for environmental management, recreation, industry, and tourism in the area.

Purpose of sub-regional planning

Sub-regional plans provide direction for an area to support regulatory certainty and policy direction. Currently, policy direction for the Ghost-Kananaskis area is provided by the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP), Integrated Resource Plans (IRP), park management plans, Public Land Use Zones, and Kananaskis Recreation Policy. Additional land-use planning initiatives such as the Canmore Area Trails Plan, Tourism Development Zones, All-Season Resorts and Coal Industry Modernization Initiative (CIMI) also contribute to current direction of land management. Sub-regional planning provides an opportunity to streamline, consolidate, or archive outdated policies allowing for modernizing land and resource management.

Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-region

The Ghost and Kananaskis sub-region is located west of Calgary along Alberta's eastern slopes in the South Saskatchewan region. The area is a mix of public lands, provincial parks and protected areas supporting recreation and tourism, protection of headwaters, maintenance of biodiversity and other environmental values while also providing opportunities for forestry, grazing, and other natural resource development. The sub-region is located on Treaty 7 land.



Engagement

Engagement opportunities for this planning process are available in two phases.

Phase 1 (current): Feedback on a draft vision and outcomes, while providing an opportunity to identify areas you visit through an interactive mapping tool. Input gathered will be used to help inform development of a draft SRP for the Ghost-Kananaskis area, providing the framework for how the Ghost and Kananaskis sub-regions will be managed into the future.

Phase 2 (anticipated in fall 2026): Feedback on the specific elements of the draft Ghost-Kananaskis SRP, prior to its finalization.

Draft vision

We'd like to know whether you think the draft vision statement below reflects the vision of Albertans for the Ghost-Kananaskis area.

The Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan envisions a landscape where conservation, cultural, recreational and tourism values coexist in harmony. This plan seeks to protect headwaters, preserve biodiversity, and support responsible land use that reflects the values of all Albertans. Through balanced management of natural resources, recreation, and conservation, the Ghost and Kananaskis regions will remain wild, beautiful and accessible for generations to come.

Draft outcomes

Draft outcomes have been written in preparation for drafting the Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan. We'd like to know whether Albertans are satisfied with the list, or if there is an important consideration we might have missed. The draft outcomes, in no particular order, are:

- Recreation and tourism opportunities are sustainable and sufficient to meet the growing demand.
- Human footprint is effectively managed to conserve biodiversity and water quality.
- Our headwaters are protected.
- Traditional land uses are supported.
- Policy direction for land uses is streamlined.
- The natural resource economy of the area is sustained.
- Wildfire risk is mitigated through preventative actions.

Get involved

Participate in the Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan engagement by completing the public survey at: <https://www.alberta.ca/ghost-kananaskis-sub-regional-plan-survey>.

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If you have questions about the Ghost-Kananaskis Sub-regional Plan engagement or process, please reach out to ghost-kananaskis-srp@gov.ab.ca.