

ALBERTA FORESTRY AND PARKS

Public Lands Act
RSA 2000, c P-40

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

WHEREAS, the lands described in this Notice are administered under the *Public Lands Act* (the “Act”);

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the officer issuing this Notice, timber harvest operations taking place at Black Mountain, Alberta, from February 22, 2026 to March 22, 2026 have the potential to create a public safety risk;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to close vacant public land to prevent specific harm, injury or damage from occurring to any person, resource or thing during the timber harvest operations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 45(1) of the *Public Lands Administration Regulation* (Alberta Regulation 187/2011) (the “Regulation”), no person shall, without lawful authority, enter on or occupy an area of vacant public land in respect of which that person has had notice not to trespass;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 174 of the Regulation and section 56 of the Act, a contravention of section 45(1) of the Regulation is an offence under the Act;

THEREFORE, I, Trevor Poth, being an officer appointed under section 5 of the Act, hereby provide notice pursuant to sections 45 and 48 of the Regulation that:

1. The vacant public land located within the Closure Area is closed to public access.
2. Unless permitted under section 3 of this Notice, no person shall enter on or occupy vacant public land within the Closure Area.
3. The following persons may enter on or occupy vacant public land within the Closure Area:
 - a. Individuals engaged in timber harvest operations authorized under the *Forests Act* (RSA 2000, c F-22) in or adjacent to the Closure Area; and
 - b. Any other persons who have been granted specific authorization by the Department of Forestry and Parks on or after the date of this Notice to enter on or occupy vacant public land within the Closure Area.
4. In this Notice of Closure, “Closure Area” means all areas of vacant public land described and identified in the Appendix to this Notice of Closure.
5. For clarity, this closure includes all trails, improvements and other resources of the Crown located within the Closure Area.

THIS Notice of Closure comes into effect at 00:01 a.m. on the 23 day of February, 2025 and is in effect until 11:59 p.m. on the 22nd day of March, 2026.

DATED at the City of Red Deer in the Province of Alberta, this 20 day of February, 2026,

Trevor Poth

Trevor Poth
Recreation, Education and Partnerships
Manager, Alberta Forestry and Parks

An officer appointed under section 5 of the
Public Lands Act

TAKE NOTICE that failure to comply with this Closure may, without further notice, result in enforcement action under the *Public Lands Act*.

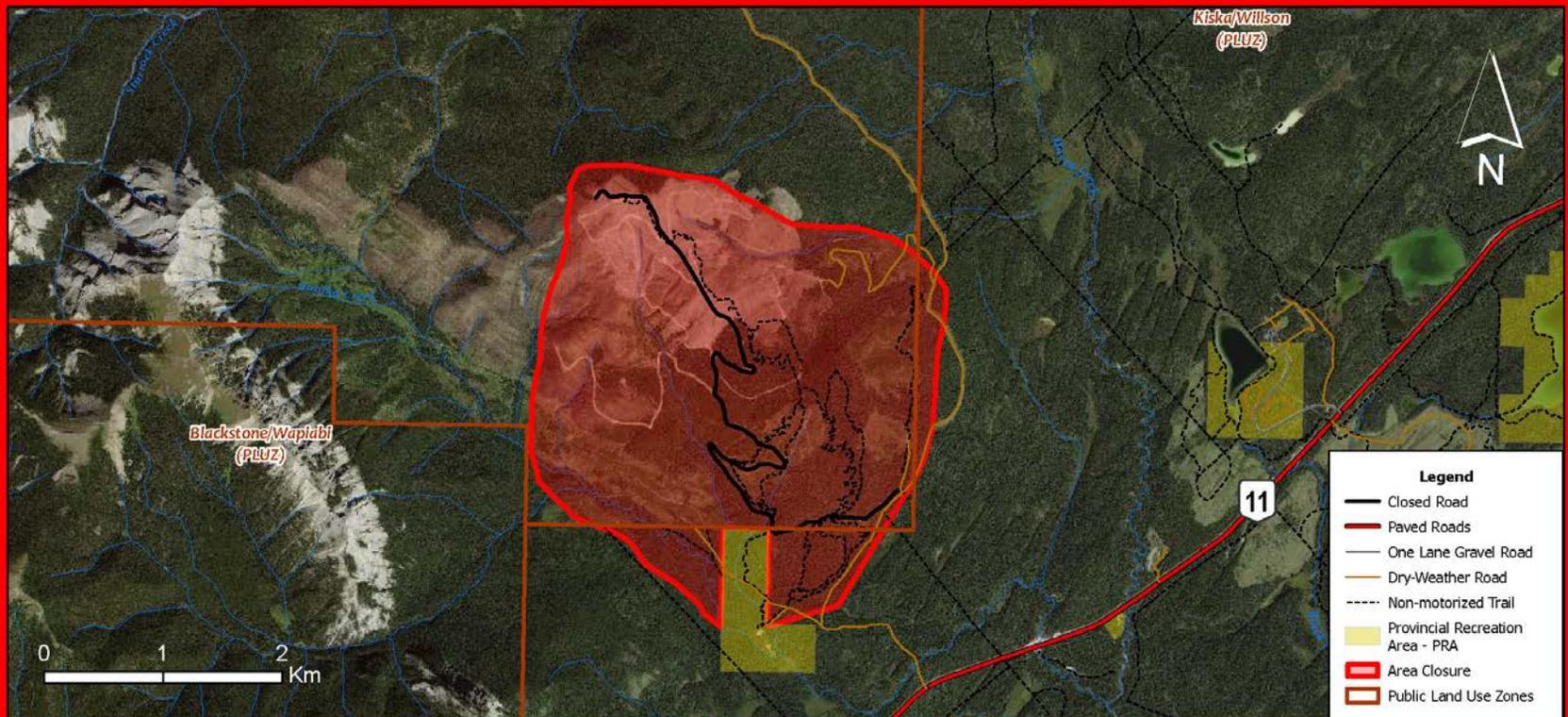
Should you require any further information concerning this Notice

PLEASE CONTACT: Rocky Mountain House provincial government office during regular business hours at (403) 845-8250 or 310-LAND (5263).

APPENDIX
Closure Area

BLACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL NETWORK CLOSURE

Closed during timber harvest operations



Alberta
Closure of Area
Section 48(1) Public
Lands Administration
Regulation AR187/2011

Closure Dates: February 23, 2026 - March 22, 2026
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