

Proposed All-Season Resort Area Near Grande Cache

What You Need to Know

What is an All-Season Resort Area?

- An All-Season Resort Area (ASR Area) is a designation on public land that allows potential tourism and recreation proposals to be considered in the future.
- An ASR Area is not a development approval and it is not a resort project. Designation simply identifies an area that may be suitable for future tourism and recreation opportunities and allows proposals to be evaluated through a formal process.

What is an all-season resort?

- An all-season resort is a place that offers tourism and recreation opportunities throughout the year.
- All-season resorts can take many different forms depending on the location, landscape, community priorities and visitor interests.
- Examples may include:
 - hiking, biking and trail networks
 - guided outdoor experiences
 - lodges, cabins, camping and glamping opportunities
 - cultural and Indigenous tourism experiences
 - adventure tourism activities
 - winter recreation opportunities
 - visitor services and amenities
- The type and scale of development would depend on the area and would only be considered through future planning, environmental review, consultation and public engagement processes.

What decision is being considered in the Grande Cache area?

- The Government of Alberta is seeking feedback on whether an area near Grande Cache should be designated as an All-Season Resort Area.
- No specific resort project is being proposed or approved through this engagement.
- Feedback received during this engagement will help inform the government's evaluation of the area and any future decisions regarding potential designation.

Has a decision already been made?

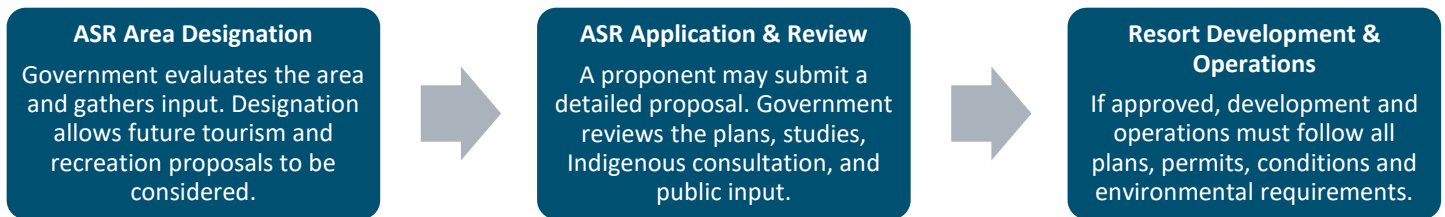
- No. The Government of Alberta is gathering information and feedback to help evaluate whether the area may be suitable for designation as an All-Season Resort Area. No resort project is currently being approved through this engagement.

What would designation mean?

- If an area is designated:
 - public land would remain as public land.
 - no development would automatically be approved.
 - future tourism or recreation proposals could be submitted for consideration.
 - additional environmental review, Indigenous consultation, public engagement and regulatory approvals would still be required before any development could proceed.
- Existing public land uses would generally continue unless changes were approved through a future application process.
- The All-season Resorts Regulator can accept an application under the *All-season Resorts Act* and Regulations and has the authority to make decisions under the *Public Lands Act*, *Water Act*, and *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

What happens after designation?

If government decides to designate an All-Season Resort Area, there are still several steps before any tourism or recreation development could occur.



Can I still use public land if it is designated as an All-Season Resort Area?

- Yes. Designation does not close public land or approve development. People can continue to use public land in accordance with existing laws and regulations.
- We want to hear how people currently use and value the area, including recreation, tourism, cultural, and traditional uses. This information can help inform the evaluation of the area and any future resort proposals that may be considered.

How are environmental considerations addressed?

- During the designation stage, government gathers input from the public, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders, and other government departments to better understand environmental values, sensitive areas, existing land uses, opportunities, and constraints within the area. This information helps inform the assessment of whether an area is suitable for designation.
- If environmental concerns, sensitivities, or other constraints are identified during the assessment, they are carried forward and must be addressed as part of any future resort application.
- Any future resort application must also meet Alberta's environmental requirements and may require studies related to wildlife, habitat, water resources, and other environmental considerations. Environmental reviews are completed before any development can be approved and involve input from technical experts across government.

Have your say

- Your input will help inform the evaluation of the area and future decisions regarding potential designation. We want to understand how people use and value the area today so that important opportunities, concerns, and constraints can be considered as part of the evaluation process.
- We are interested in hearing about:
 - how people currently use and value the area
 - recreation and tourism opportunities
 - environmental considerations and sensitive areas
 - community priorities and concerns
 - potential opportunities and constraints

Learn more:

Visit the [All-Season Resorts website](#) for information about the All-Season Resorts Program, the designation process, and current engagement opportunities

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