



## DECISION TO APPROVE THE TRAIL PLAN FOR HUBERT LAKE WILDLAND PROVINCIAL PARK

### What We Heard

Focused consultation with targeted stakeholders occurred in 2015-2016 for feedback on motorized trail usage in Hubert Lake Wildland Provincial Park. This valuable feedback has been analyzed and grouped by theme.

Generally, responses were positive and the majority of stakeholders expressed support for the trail plan. Stakeholders are supportive that trails will be designated to allow OHV and snowmobile use without conflicting use and with clear enforcement rules.

Questions and concerns are address in the responses included below.

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1	There are concerns that OHV and snowmobile use is not allowed in the park. In the past, users have been told that they will be fined for motorized trail use in the park.	Motorized trail use in the park has 'officially' not been permitted when the area became a Wildland Provincial Park through the Special Places Program. According to Parks legislation, OHV and snowmobile use is allowed in the Wildland Provincial Park classification, however on designated trails only. With the implementation of this trail plan, there will now be 85 km of designated trails where motorized trail use will be permitted. OHV use outside the designated trails will not be permitted.
2	Who will enforce proper use of trails? Not much presence currently or in the past.	With designated trails, it will be easier for Conservation Officers to enforce proper usage. The trail plan will be an approved guide to reference.
3	Current problems with people leaving behind garbage. With established campsites, who will be responsible for cleaning up?	Campsites will be consistent with other backcountry sites in the Alberta Parks' system. Only a firepit, picnic table, backcountry toilet, and bear hang/locker will be available. Users are to follow the 'Pack it in, Pack it out' concept applied to all backcountry parks.
4	How will the non-designated trails be closed?	Lines not designated will be scheduled to be closed by felling (blocking access), planting, and other land reclamation processes. There will be partnerships with industry for this portion of the

		project.
5	Need for more infrastructure and maintenance in the park.	The trail plan does address infrastructure improvements, including: establishment of a formal staging area, two formal backcountry campsites with picnic table, firepit, backcountry toilet, and bear hang/locker. Random backcountry is still permitted in the park.
6	Lack of signage to identify park boundaries and trails.	As part of the trail plan, additional signage will be put up to indicate park boundaries, as well as map of designated trails, and at junctions and trailheads.