

# Kiska-Willson

## Public Land Use Zone

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To conserve the landscape and better manage social and economic activity in Bighorn Country, the government is proposing new, expanded or amended parks, recreation areas and public land use zones.

The current Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone primarily overlaps the General Recreation and Multiple Use zonation from the Eastern Slopes Policy with management guidance through the Bighorn Access Management Plan. Current management is for a wide range of activities, including off-highway vehicle and snowmobile use on designated trails, lodging, canoeing, kayaking and jet boating on the North Saskatchewan and Red Deer rivers, equestrian trail riding, hiking, mountain biking, dog sledding, trapping and hunting, ice climbing, fishing, and extensive camping, all integrated with industrial operations.

Management of the recreation trail network within the Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone has been gradual, adaptive, and supported by stakeholder engagement and leadership. Sustainable trail locations, densities, activity types and timing restrictions have been established to balance competing demands and considerations.

The current management approach for this public land use zone would continue with some small boundary adjustments in relation to the new parks and protected areas. This public land use zone would continue to support a primary management intent of sustainable outdoor recreation and tourism experiences that support long-term environmental



protection. This includes access to backcountry recreation activities and nature-based tourism experiences. Management of proposed amendments to the Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone would be reviewed and updated as needed.

The northern portion of the public land use zone would continue to allow appropriate commercial recreation activities and nature-based tourism opportunities. This may include development of trails, staging areas, campgrounds, fixed roof accommodation and other private sector led tourism-based activities, services and infrastructure.

The management intent of the southeastern part of the public land use zone is to encourage access to low-impact backcountry outdoor recreation activities and nature-based tourism experiences while supporting conservation of biodiversity, now and for generations to come.

## Proposed Management Direction

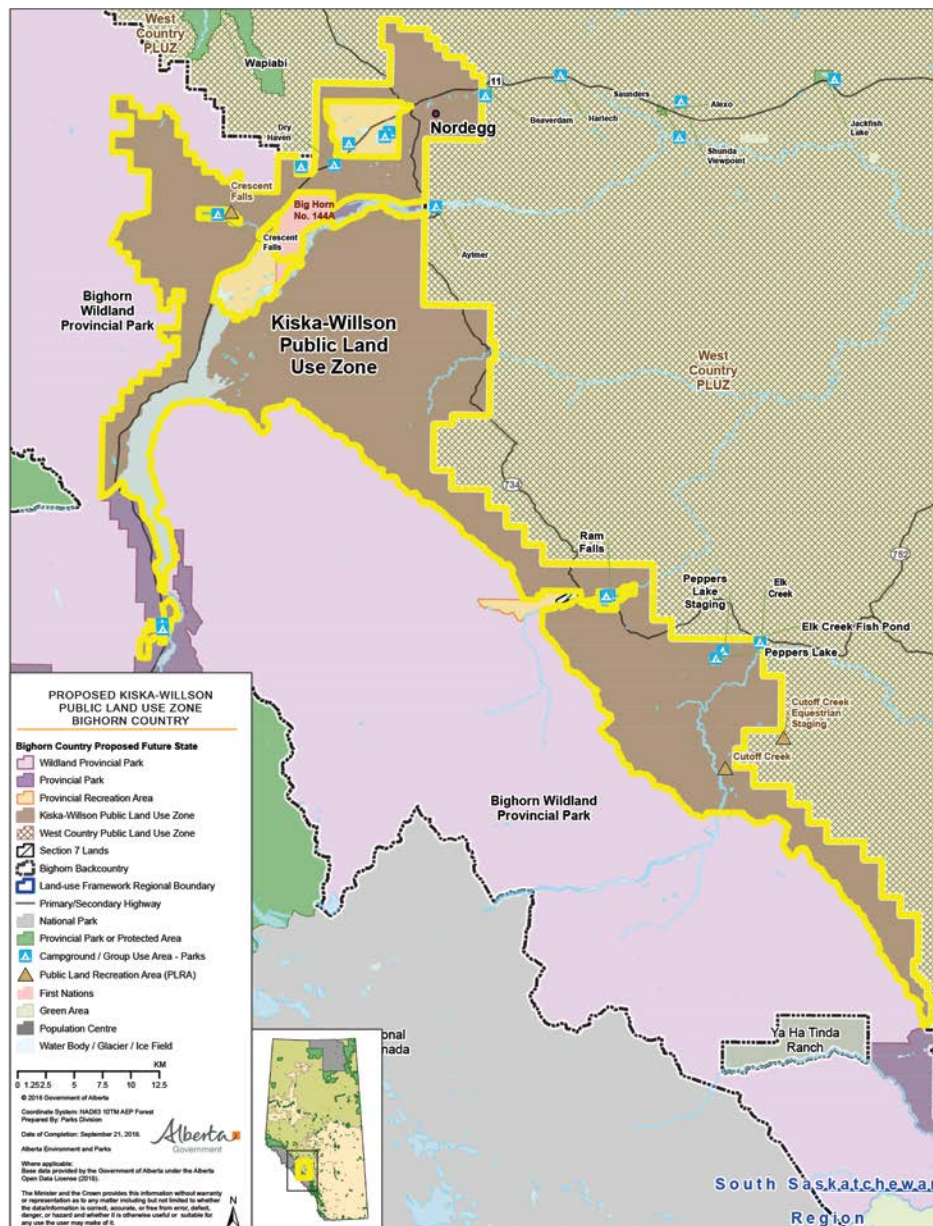
### Resource Management

Type of Use	Current State	Proposed Management Direction
Petroleum and Natural Gas	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li></ul>		
Metallic and Industrial Minerals (MIM) and Coal	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li></ul>		
Freehold Minerals	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li></ul>		
Surface Materials (Sand and Gravel)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li></ul>		
Commercial Forestry	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are no existing commercial forestry tenure in this public land use zone.</li></ul>		
Livestock Grazing	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li><li>• <del>Recreation Access Legislation</del></li></ul>		
Registered Trapping	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provincial regulations apply.</li><li>• <a href="#">Alberta Regulations</a></li></ul>		

## Nature-Based Recreation & Tourism Development

Type of Use	Current State	Proposed Management Direction
Motorized Recreation (OHV)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHV use would be permitted on designated trails and in designated areas.</li> <li>Timing restrictions may be applied consistent with current practice to manage environment impacts (e.g. wet trail conditions).</li> </ul>		
Undesignated Backcountry Camping	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undesignated backcountry camping would be permitted throughout the public land use zone, except within one kilometre of designated public land recreation areas and provincial recreation areas.</li> <li>Restrictions may be applied consistent with current practice to manage environmental impacts, public safety and existing dispositions.</li> </ul>		
Auto Access Camping (front country, vehicle accessible)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing auto access to undesignated camping would be permitted on existing clearings/trails up to 75 metres beyond Highway 11 and 734 (Forestry Trunk Road).</li> <li>Restrictions may be applied consistent with current practice to manage environmental impacts, public safety and existing dispositions.</li> <li>Existing auto access rustic camping in designated locations would continue.</li> </ul>		
Equestrian Use	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing trail designations and timing restrictions would continue to apply.</li> <li>Public trails would continue to be used by equestrian commercial operators, subject to provincial regulations.</li> <li>Grazing or tethering must be at least 100 metres away from lakeshores, except where permitted by a sign or notice.</li> </ul>		
Cycling / Mountain Biking	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mountain biking would be permitted on all trails unless otherwise indicated by sign, notice or advisory.</li> </ul>		
Foot Access	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foot access would be permitted throughout and on all trails.</li> </ul>		
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles / Drones	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal regulations apply.</li> <li><a href="#">Government of Canada – Flying Your Drone Safely and Legally</a></li> </ul>		
Hunting	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial regulations apply.</li> <li><a href="#">Hunting in Alberta</a></li> </ul>		
Fishing	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial regulations apply.</li> <li><a href="#">Alberta Regulations</a></li> </ul>		
Guiding, Outfitting (non-Hunting) and Instructing	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would be supported through the existing permitting process.</li> </ul>		

Helicopter Tours	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal regulations apply.</li> <li>Helicopters are not permitted to land within 200 metres of a lakeshore without an access permit.</li> <li><a href="#">Canadian Aviation Regulations (SOR/96-433)</a></li> </ul>		
Tourism Facilities and Visitor Attractions	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would be supported through the existing approval process for public land</li> <li>Detailed planning would occur, together with municipalities and the tourism industry, to proactively identify opportunities that are aligned with the management intent and values of the public land use zone, and aligned with the region's broad recreation and tourism goals and offerings. This includes the opportunities identified in the three existing tourism development nodes.</li> </ul>		



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