Decision to Restore Three Sisters Campground to Pre-flood Condition in
Bow Valley Provincial Park

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What was initially proposed?

In 2013, heavy rains in southern Alberta caused flooding along the Bow River that resulted in damage to facilities in the Kananaskis Region, including the Three Sisters campground. As a result of flood damage, Alberta Parks proposed to remove Three Sisters campground infrastructure and establish a day use facility.

2. Did Alberta Parks conduct consultation on the Proposal to redevelop the campground?

Alberta Parks conducted public consultation on the Proposal from November 14, 2016 to February 13, 2017. As part of consultation, Alberta Parks hosted a public information session on February 1, 2017 in Canmore.

3. Why isn’t Alberta Parks proceeding with the Proposal to redevelop the campground?

Based on further assessment during the consultation process, Alberta Parks is not proceeding with the Proposal due to feedback received on campground capacity; social impact; economic impact; flood hazard; and wildlife data. Instead, Alberta Parks will restore flood affected sites at the Three Sisters Campground. Check out the What We Heard document for information on the public feedback.

4. What is Alberta Parks now planning for the Three Sisters campground?

The Project to restore the Three Sisters campground to pre-flood condition includes:

- Restoring flood affected campsites or relocate a few highly damaged campsites to other areas of the campground (location and final capacity to be determined).
- Implementing mitigation measures to reduce human/wildlife conflict at this site.
- Monitoring for hazard trees and removing if necessary.

Based on results from the monitoring, Alberta Parks may assess the future operation of the campground.

5. Who can I contact for further information on this Proposal?

If you would like further information on the decision to restore Three Sisters Campground to pre-flood condition, please call Thea Mitchell, Flood Recovery Planner for Alberta Parks at 403-679-8416.