

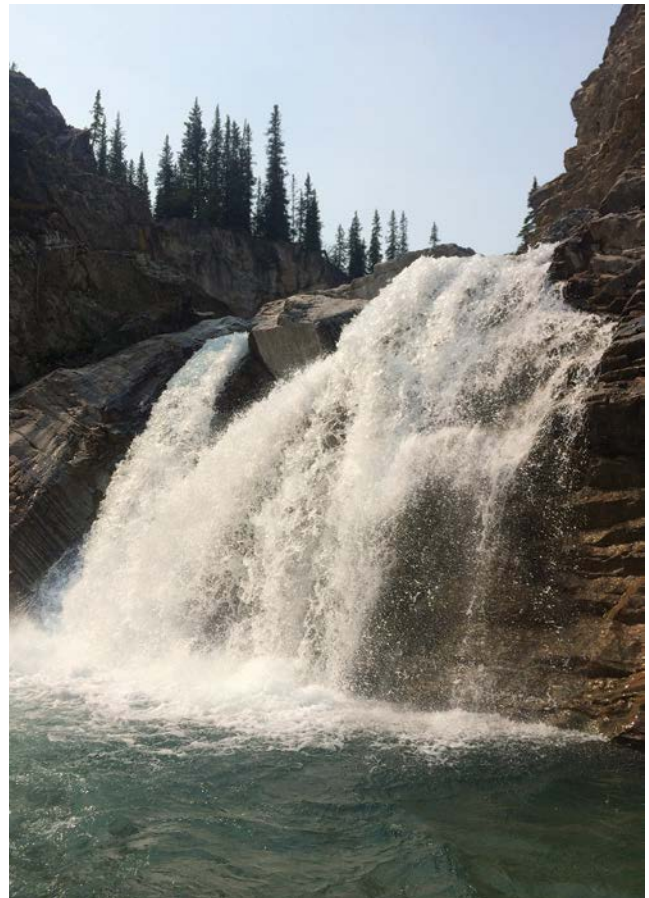
Hummingbird Provincial Recreation Area

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 proposed Hummingbird Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) would include all lands previously included in the Hummingbird Public Land Recreation Area. These lands are currently managed within the Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone and the Eastern Slopes Policy.

The area would continue to be an important campground and staging area for a variety of users, providing access to the proposed Bighorn Wildland Provincial Park and the proposed Kiska-Willson Public Land Use Zone. It would also provide a critical access point to the backcountry experiences of the adjacent Bighorn Wildland Provincial Park as part of a comprehensive approach to management of this area.

The proposed management intent for Hummingbird PRA would focus on maintaining and enhancing the existing landscape, facilities and infrastructure to support compatible recreation uses. This designation would help strengthen and provide a consistent approach to stewardship of existing natural values in the area in perpetuity. Planning would be undertaken to identify opportunities for smaller scale tourism facility development that would support enhanced experiences for existing activities.



Proposed Management Direction

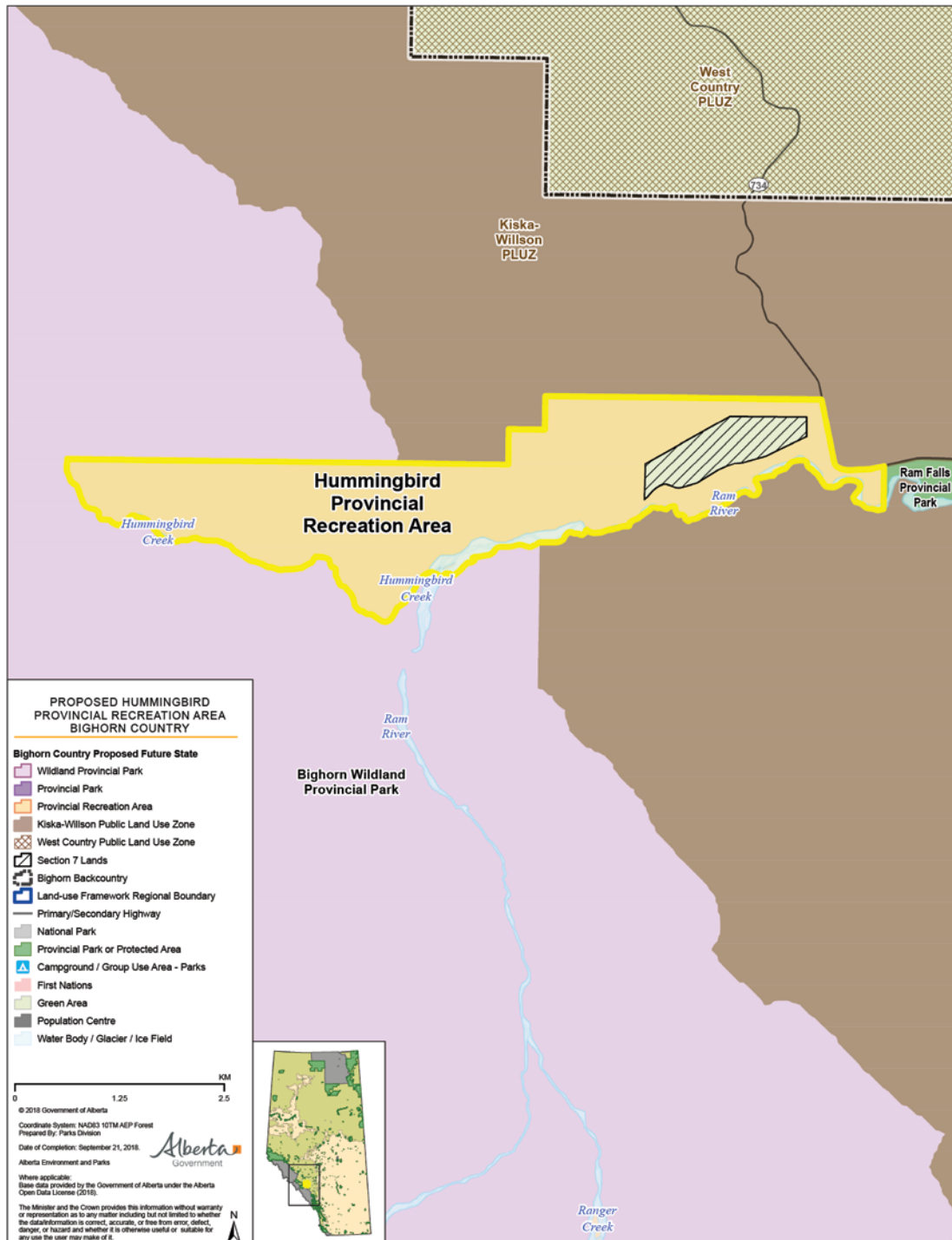
Resource Management

Type of Use	Current State	Proposed Management Direction
Existing Petroleum and Natural Gas	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no existing petroleum and natural gas agreements in this site. 		
New Petroleum and Natural Gas	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New petroleum and natural gas agreements would be sold with a “no surface access” addendum, in accordance with existing policy. 		
Metallic and Industrial Minerals (MIM) and Coal	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no existing metallic and industrial minerals or coal agreements in this site. 		
Freehold Minerals	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no freehold minerals in this site. 		
Surface Materials (Sand and Gravel)	Permitted	Existing Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an existing commitment for this use in this proposed park which would be honoured. Once the gravel is removed, the site would be reclaimed and the land would be added to the park. No new additional activities would be permitted. 		
Commercial Forestry	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no existing commercial forestry tenure in this site. 		
Livestock Grazing	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no existing commitments for this use in this site. 		
Registered Trapping	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No trapping is occurring within proposed site boundaries. Staging by trappers to access traplines on surrounding lands would continue. 		

Nature-Based Recreation & Tourism Development

Type of Use	Current State	Proposed Management Direction
Motorized Recreation (OHV)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHV use would be permitted on designated trails and staging areas. Timing restrictions may be applied consistent with current practice to manage environmental impacts (e.g. wet trail conditions). As part of future parks management planning, trails planning would be undertaken to address specific areas of concern (such as stream crossings, erosion/braiding and undesignated trail use). 		
Undesignated Backcountry Camping	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is too small to facilitate backcountry camping experiences. Designated rustic camping areas may be established if there is sufficient demand. 		
Auto Access Camping (front country, vehicle accessible)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intent of this provincial recreation area is to facilitate front county and vehicle accessible facilities and staging opportunities including auto access camping. 		
Equestrian Use	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equestrian use would be permitted on designated trails. Timing restrictions may be applied to manage environmental impacts (e.g. wet trail conditions). Tethering must be 100 metres away from water bodies unless otherwise approved. 		
Cycling / Mountain Biking	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain biking would be permitted on all trails unless otherwise indicated by sign, notice or advisory. 		
Foot Access	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foot access would be permitted throughout and on all trails. 		
Recreational Unmanned Aerial Vehicles / Drones	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use for research or commercial filming/photography may be considered under the authority of the appropriate permit. 		
Hunting	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a hunter is carrying a firearm in a provincial park or provincial recreation area, or hunting in land adjacent to a park where they are staying, the firearm shall be unloaded and disassembled or fully encased. Dressing, hanging and storing big game are not permitted without authorization from a conservation officer. 		
Fishing	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial regulations apply. Alberta Regulations 		
Guiding, Outfitting (non-Hunting) and Instructing	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would be supported through the existing permitting process. Existing commitments for permits under the Public Land Administration Regulation (PLAR) would be honoured until expiry. Upon expiry permitting would transition to a Parks permitting process. 		
Helicopter Tours	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing helicopter tours would continue while additional parks management planning would be undertaken to assess impacts between the desired experience of this park and the frequency of helicopter landings. 		

Tourism Facilities and Visitor Attractions	Not Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning would be undertaken to proactively identify opportunities for smaller scale tourism facility development. This may include developments such as rustic fixed roof (wall tents and cabins accommodations and services that would support enhanced experiences for existing OHV and equestrian use. • Visitor attractions development is not viewed as feasible at this point in time but could revisited and considered in future planning or further informed through consultation. 		



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