

BACKGROUND — CHUNGO CREEK INDUSTRIAL ACCESS MANAGEMENT AREA

INTRODUCTION

Development planning by forest industry and oil/gas industry in the Chungo Creek area varies from company to company. Currently, the majority of existing development is concentrated in the eastern portion of the region along the Forestry Trunk Road. Owing to multiple users on the same land base, careful planning by industry is critical.

Forest resource tenure in the Chungo Creek area is held under three separate Forest Management Agreements (FMAs). Petroleum and natural gas (PNG) tenure agreements cover more than 75% of the area and are held by various energy sector companies (including brokers).

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With further development imminent by both sectors, an initiative by industry was undertaken to work together in planning potential corridor routes for main trunk road access. This initiative was supported by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD).

Under the auspices and facilitation of the Alberta Chamber of Resources' Integrated Landscape Management Program, the following industries worked together to develop the proposed corridor route plan:

- Sundre Forest Products
- Sundance Forest Industries
- Weyerhaeuser
- Devon Canada Corporation
- Husky Energy
- Petro-Canada
- Murphy Oil Company Ltd.
- Talisman Energy Inc.

The plan recognized engineering specifications, terrain constraints and environmental sensitivities, and the desire to optimize road access. This plan was reviewed and approved by SRD.

In managing the public land base, SRD will use the plan to guide its regulatory decision making with respect to applications for linear corridor developments.

In consultation with SRD, guidelines were developed to govern how the corridor plan would be used by companies in project-specific planning, and by SRD in its decision-making process.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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