

Investing in Recreation and Restoration in Southern Alberta

Almost \$5 million in capital funding over four years will be used to improve staging areas for access to public land, rebuild and improve trails, install bridges over water crossings, and protect and enhance fish habitat.

The work will directly support the implementation of the Livingstone–Porcupine Hills Recreation Management Plan and enhance recreational opportunities on public lands in and around the new Livingstone and Porcupine Hills Public Land Use Zones (PLUZ), including the support for recovery of threatened native trout species.

Funding is provided under the Alberta Environment and Parks' Public Land Recreation Management Program, Backcountry Trails Flood Rehabilitation Program (BTFR), and the Southern Alberta Fisheries Habitat Enhancement and Sustainability (FISHES) program.

In 2018, 20 projects will be delivered in the Livingstone and Porcupine Hills PLUZ, and Castle Wildland and Provincial Parks under this funding, including:

- Three bridges for off-highway vehicles (OHV) installed along trails out of the McGillivray staging area.
- Outhouses and site improvements at the McGillivray and Atlas staging areas.
- New trails and a bridge designed to accommodate a snow groomer for grooming snowmobile trails at the Allison and McGillivray staging areas.
- New camping infrastructure, signage and general improvements at the Atlas, McGillivray, Window Mountain, Beaver Creek and Trout Creek staging areas.
- Improvements to three camping nodes in Willow Creek.
- New OHV bridges at damaged water crossings in the Crowsnest Pass area.
- Stream bank stabilization, bioengineering, and landscape planting for fish habitat at various sites across the PLUZ and Parks.



90 foot backcountry bridge

In 2019 and 2020, work will continue at priority sites in the new PLUZ. These projects will include improvements to the trail system connecting the McGillivray and Atlas staging areas and in the Dutch Creek area, trail improvements and rehabilitation in the Porcupine Hills, bridging water crossing or decommissioning trails that cross water across both PLUZ, mountain bike trails in the Crowsnest Pass, and continued development and improvement to the various staging areas.

For more information on:

Livingstone and Porcupine Hills PLUZ and Recreation Management Plan

<http://aep.alberta.ca/recreation-public-use/recreation-on-public-land/public-land-use-zones/livingstone-pluz.aspx>

<http://aep.alberta.ca/recreation-public-use/recreation-on-public-land/public-land-use-zones/porcupine-hills-pluz.aspx>

FISHES Program

<http://aep.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/2013-flood-recovery-programs/southern-alberta-fisheries-habitat-enhancement-and-sustainability-program/default.aspx>

BTFR Program

<http://aep.alberta.ca/water/programs-and-services/2013-flood-recovery-programs/backcountry-trail-flood-rehabilitation-program/default.aspx>

