

Shunda

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 Shunda Provincial Recreation Area would encompass and consolidate Fish Lake and Goldeye Lake Provincial Recreation Areas. Currently, the proposed expansion lands are managed within the existing Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone and as part of the Eastern Slopes Policy. Current management varies greatly, ranging from restrictions on industrial and commercial development within areas critical to wildlife to multiple use areas that permit development and industrial activity.

Expanding and consolidating this site would help strengthen and provide clarity and focus for providing recreation opportunities. It would support economic opportunities and unrealized tourism potential in a manner that is compatible with environmental values in the area.

The site's proximity to Nordegg would support existing tourism development strategies by facilitating development opportunities such as lodging, accommodations and recreational activities.

Management intent for the proposed Shunda Provincial Recreation Area would focus on maintaining and enhancing existing facilities, while creating a mix of new public and private facilities and infrastructure to support recreation opportunities and unrealized tourism potential.



Goldeye Lake

Shunda's association with a tourism node means that the proposed site would be critical in complementing regional and local tourism developments, would act as an anchor for recreation investments, and would serve as a hub for visitors wanting to explore the other parks, recreation areas and public land use zones in the area.

Proposed Management Direction

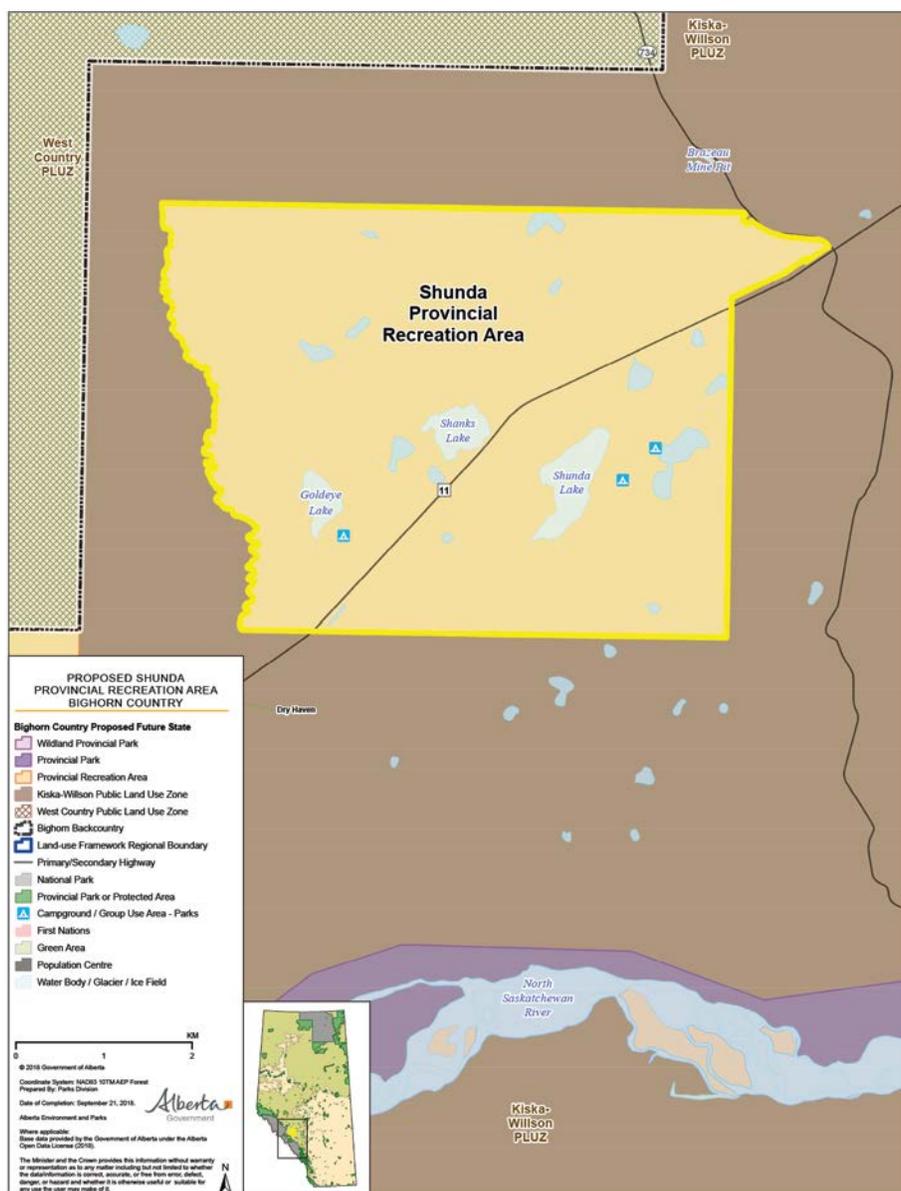
Resource Management

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	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing agreements would be canceled and compensated. Coal lease applications would be amended. 		
Freehold Minerals	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no freehold minerals in this site. 		
Surface Materials (Sand and Gravel)	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no existing commitments for this use in this site. 		
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 livestock grazing commitments in this site. 		
Registered Trapping	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing trap lines would be honoured. Trapping would adhere to the <i>Wildlife Act</i>, the <i>Provincial Parks Act</i> and their associated regulations and policies. Motorized access permits and Firearms Discharge Permits (when required to carrying out trapping) may be required. 		

Nature-Based Recreation & Tourism Development

Type of Use	Current State	Proposed Management Direction
Motorized Recreation (OHV)	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHV use is incompatible with the size and proposed management intent of this site. 		
Undesignated Backcountry Camping	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Random camping is not permitted within one kilometre of a provincial recreation area or public land recreation area. This provincial recreation area would not facilitate backcountry camping experiences due to its size. 		
Auto Access Camping (front country, vehicle accessible)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently front country camping at Goldeye and Fish Lake Provincial Recreation Areas. The intent of the provincial recreation area is to facilitate front country and vehicle accessible facilities and staging opportunities. A mix of public and private comfort camping opportunities would be explored. 		
Equestrian Use	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equestrian use would not be compatible with the recreation management intent of this site. 		
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	Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a hunter is carrying a firearm in a provincial park or provincial recreation areas, 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 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"> Helicopter landing may be permitted. Additional planning would be undertaken to assess the impact between the desired visitor experience of this park and the frequency of helicopter landings. 		

Tourism Facilities and Visitor Attractions	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shunda Provincial Recreation Area is close to the community of Nordegg and Highway 11, which are part of the David Thompson Country Regional Tourism Strategy. • Shunda Provincial Recreation Area would encourage development opportunities such as a four season resort, small/midscale ecolodge, hostels, comfort camping, and/or cabins, while fully serviced campgrounds or other significant developments would be possibilities. • Detailed planning would occur, together with Clearwater County and the tourism industry, to proactively identify opportunities aligned with the management intent and values of the provincial recreation area, and aligned with the region’s broad tourism goals and offerings. • Attractions and services appropriate to the site management and intent, site context and aligned with other tourism developments may be considered. Planning would be undertaken to proactively identify appropriate attractions and services. 		



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