

Snow Creek

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 area for the proposed Snow Creek Provincial Recreation Area currently overlaps the Kiska/Willson Public Land Use Zone and the Eastern Slopes Policy's Multiple Use Zone. Current management is for a variety of recreation and tourism activities and permits commercial and industrial development.

The proposed minor expansion of this site would contribute to the comprehensive recreation management vision for this area by serving as a focal point to develop winter tourism activity, including the potential for development of a Nordic trail system.

Management intent for the Snow Creek Provincial Recreation Area would focus on maintaining and providing recreation opportunities and attractions that support conservation, economic opportunities and unrealized tourism potential in the region.

Facility and services development in the proposed provincial recreation area would offer additional regional attractions that complement nature-based tourism development and marketing, which would be important to support year-round tourism and further enhance the quality of life for local residents.



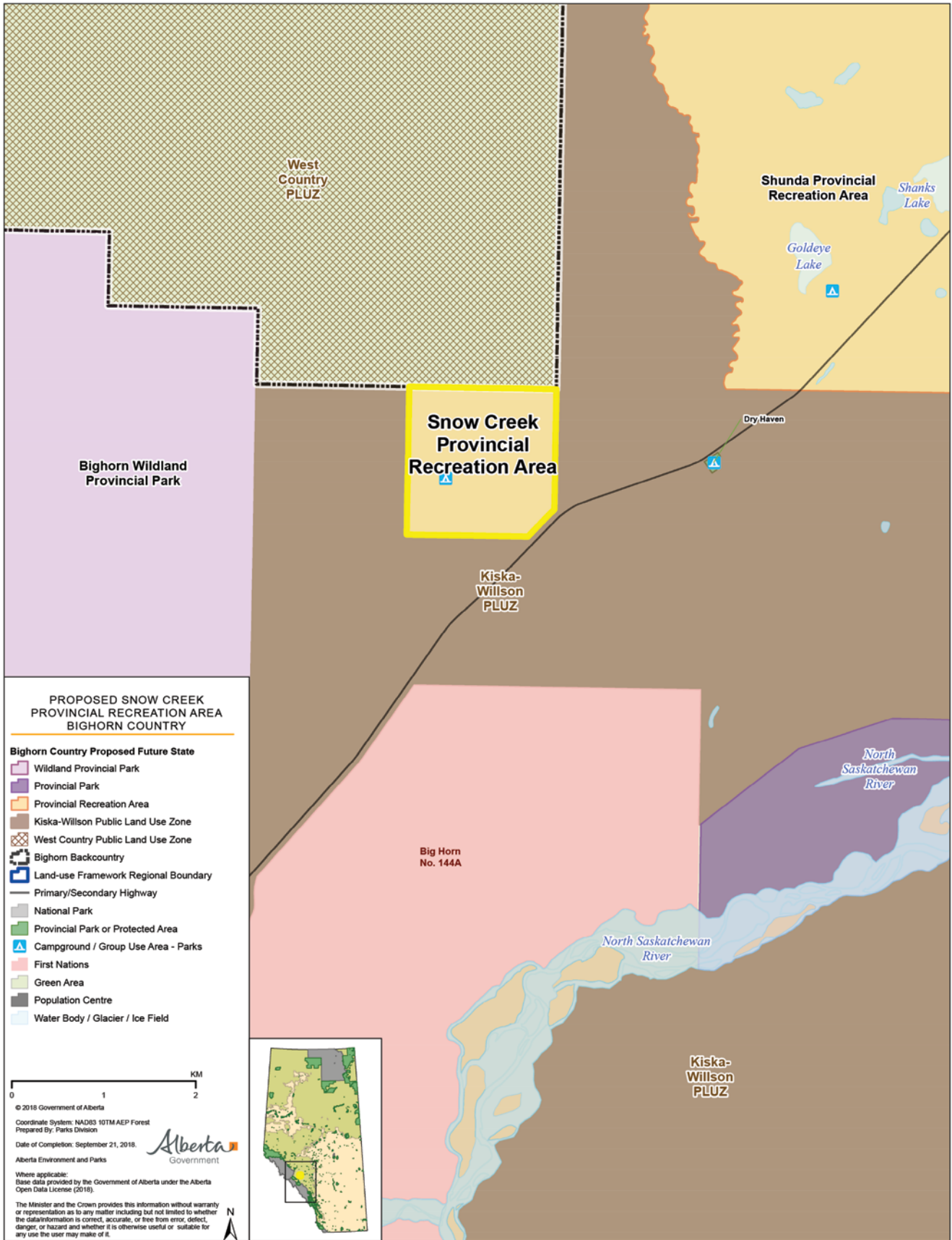
Proposed Management Direction

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"> 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	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)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHV use would be permitted on designated trails. 		
Undesignated Backcountry Camping	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park would not facilitate backcountry camping experiences due to its size and levels of facility development. 		
Auto Access Camping (front country, vehicle accessible)	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The intent of the site is to facilitate front country and vehicle accessible facilities and staging opportunities. 		
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 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	Permitted	Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller scale opportunities may exist for tourism facility development such as campgrounds and fixed roof accommodations (wall tents, cabins or a small scale eco lodge). Planning would be undertaken to identify opportunities and determine appropriate size and scale. Attractions and services appropriate to the site management and intent, site context and visitor preferences may be considered. Planning would be undertaken to proactively identify these opportunities, for example Nordic ski trails, associated services, facilities and year-round accommodations. 		



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