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*Public Lands Act*

RSA 2000, c. P-40

Public Lands Administration Regulation

AR 187/2011

**MINISTERIAL ORDER**

52/2021

Public Lands Camping Pass

I, Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to section 9.1(1)(a)(i.1) of the *Public Lands Act* and section 33.1 of the Public Lands Administration Regulation, make the order in the attached Appendix, being the Public Lands Camping Pass Order.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

Jason Nixon  
Minister

## APPENDIX

### Public Lands Camping Pass Order

#### Part 1 – Interpretation

1. Definitions in the *Public Lands Act* and the Public Lands Administration Regulation apply to this Order unless modified by section 2.
2. In this Order, the following terms have the following meanings:
  - a. “**AlbertaRELM**” means the online system managed by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) for administering authorizations including the Camping Pass;
  - b. “**Camping**” means an overnight stay, including camping undertaken for a commercial purpose;
  - c. “**Camping Pass**” means an activity pass for public lands Camping as described in Part 2;
  - d. “**Department**” means Alberta Environment and Parks; and
  - e. “**Pass Area**” means the area prescribed under Part 4.
3. This Order applies to public lands administered by the Minister under section 2 of the *Public Lands Act*, including
  - i. vacant public land,
  - ii. public land use zones,
  - iii. public land recreation areas,
  - iv. public lands that are under disposition, and
  - v. the Willmore Wilderness Park

but does not include lands subject to the *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act*.

#### Part 2 – The Camping Pass

4. Unless exempted under Part 3, every person entering on and occupying public lands within the Pass Area for the purpose of Camping
  - a. must obtain a valid Camping Pass,
  - b. must carry the Camping Pass, and
  - c. must, on the request of an officer, produce the Camping Pass for inspection.
5. Unless otherwise specified in this Order, the requirements to obtain, carry, and produce a valid Camping Pass in section 4 of this Order are in addition to any other applicable requirements or obligations relating to entering on and occupying public lands for the

purpose of Camping in the Pass Area under the *Public Lands Act*, the Public Lands Administration Regulation, and the Recreational Access Regulation, including any other Orders made under any of them.

6. A person must have a valid Wildlife Identification Number to obtain a Camping Pass.
7. In order to obtain a Camping Pass, a person must acknowledge they willingly accept the risks of Camping on public lands.
8. The holder of a Camping Pass must:
  - a. keep public land in a condition satisfactory to an officer, and
  - b. prior to vacating public land, restore the public land used by that person to a condition that is as clean and tidy as possible.
9. A director or officer may revoke a Camping Pass if the holder fails to comply with the *Public Lands Act*, the Public Lands Administration Regulation, or this Order.
10. A Camping Pass is not refundable and not transferable and must not be assigned.
11. A Camping Pass is valid for either of the following periods:
  - a. for an annual Camping Pass, immediately on payment of the fee and continuing until midnight on the same date in the following calendar year; and
  - b. for a three-day Camping Pass, starting at 2:00pm on the starting date that is specified on the Camping Pass and ending at 2:00pm three days after that starting date.
12. The fee for the Camping Pass is prescribed as follows:
  - a. for an annual pass, \$30 per person; and
  - b. for a three-day pass, \$20 per person.
13. Any fee prescribed in this Part is not inclusive of federal GST or any Alberta RELM transaction fee.

### **Part 3 – Persons Not Requiring the Camping Pass**

14. The following persons are exempt from being required to obtain a Camping Pass:
  - a. persons exempt from the requirement to obtain an activity pass under section 33.1(2)(a) of the Public Lands Administration Regulation;
  - b. a person under the age of 18;
  - c. a person who is a current recipient of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and up to two people who are that recipient's companions;
  - d. a person who is a current recipient of Income Support or the Alberta Adult Health Benefit;

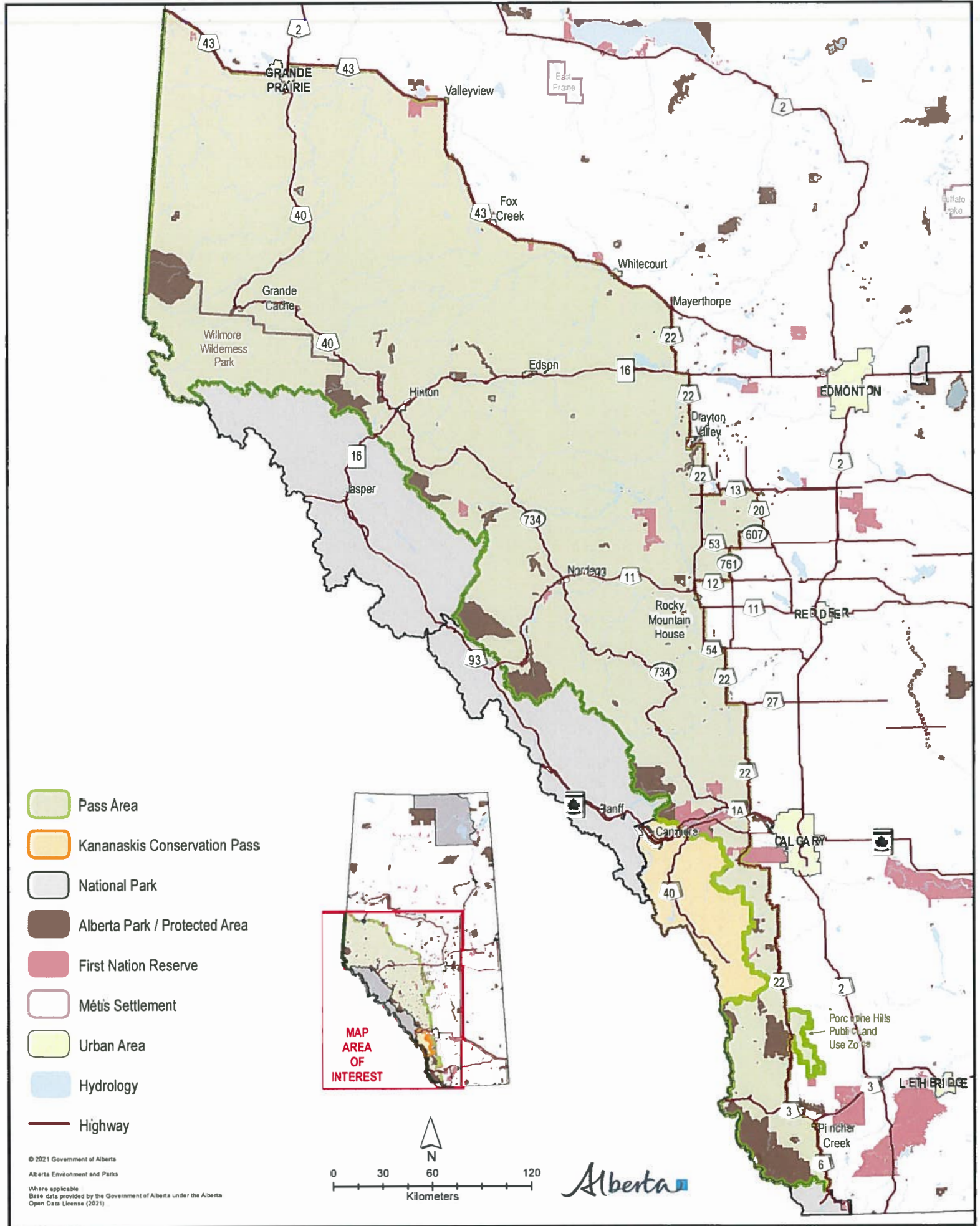
- e. for that portion of the Pass Area that is north of the Red Deer River, a person who is a member of one or more of the following categories of persons, who might be beneficiaries of rights of aboriginal peoples recognized and affirmed under Part II of the Constitution Act, 1982:
    - i. a person who is a recognized Metis harvester under the current version of a document entitled *Métis Harvesting in Alberta* issued by the Department and accessible on the Department's website;
    - ii. Metis settlement members, as defined in the *Metis Settlements Act*;
    - iii. members of "Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada, a Fellowship of Aboriginal People", a society incorporated under the *Societies Act*;
  - f. a person Camping for the purpose of engaging in activities authorized by a disposition that is not an access permit;
  - g. a person Camping for the purpose of engaging in guiding or instructing activities authorized by an access permit;
  - h. a person Camping for the purpose of engaging in activities authorized by a timber disposition issued under the *Forests Act*;
  - i. a person Camping for the purpose of engaging in activities authorized by any exploration approval issued under the Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006) or the Metallic and Industrial Minerals Exploration Regulation (AR 213/98),
  - j. a person who is, or is employed by, an outfitter as defined in the Wildlife Regulation (AR 143/97) while that person is Camping for the purpose of engaging in activities as an outfitter,
  - k. a person who is the holder of a Registered Fur Management Licence under the Wildlife Regulation (AR 143/97) and is Camping for the purpose of engaging in activities authorized by that Licence within the associated Registered Fur Management Area,
  - l. a person Camping on public lands under a disposition, not held by Alberta Environment and Parks, if the disposition is for Camping purpose, and
  - m. Federal and municipal employees or contractors engaged in work-related activities.
15. A person claiming an exemption from the requirement to hold a valid Camping Pass under section 33.1(2) of the Public Lands Administration Regulation or section 14 of this Order must provide documentation or other evidence satisfactory to an officer of that person's exemption.

#### **Part 4 – The Pass Area**

- 16. The Pass Area comprises all public lands identified in light green and labelled as "Pass Area" in the map in Schedule 1.
- 17. For greater certainty, land described in Kananaskis Conservation Pass Order MO 51/2021 and labelled "Kananaskis Conservation Pass" in the map in Schedule 1 is not included in the Pass Area.

18. For greater certainty, the Pass Area includes the Porcupine Hills Public Land Use Zone as described under the *Public Lands Administration Regulation*, Schedule 4, Part T, section 58.

# Schedule 1 - The Pass Area



- Pass Area
- Kananaskis Conservation Pass
- National Park
- Alberta Park / Protected Area
- First Nation Reserve
- Métis Settlement
- Urban Area
- Hydrology
- Highway

