



AOHVA 4-POINT PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OHV USE

BE INFORMED. GET ENGAGED. TAKE ACTION!

BACKGROUND TO THE PLAN, FALL 2017



ALBERTA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION



- AOHVA represents All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Off-Road Motorcycle (ORM) and Side by Side (UTV) groups or organizations that are registered as non-profit Societies or Associations.
- Our organization is comprised of a diverse group of people who care for and love the landscape.
 - Membership includes 20+ clubs from across Alberta
 - Approximately 165,000 users of off-highway vehicles
 - OHVs are the central focus of recreational activities enjoyed by over 500,000 Albertans

WHAT WE DO



- AOHVA is dedicated to providing safe motorized recreational activities in an environmentally responsible manner.
- In addition to advocacy, our efforts focus on education, safety, and the restoration of trails and associated facilities on public land throughout Alberta.
 - Deliver Education and Safety Programs
 - Promote Respectful, Responsible and Courteous Riding
 - Support Environmental Stewardship
 - Advocate for continued OHV use across Alberta, provincially and locally

LAND USE FRAMEWORK



- *The Government of Alberta is currently working to develop and implement a province-wide Land Use Framework, enacting the biggest change to land use in the province in 30 years.*
- People from across the province (from cities and small communities) travel to southwest Alberta to enjoy outdoor recreation activities.
- Hundreds of thousands of Albertans will be impacted by the decisions now under consideration.
 - Castle Park Management Plan
 - Southwest Alberta Recreation Management Plan
- Alberta businesses will be significantly impacted as well.

- *Minister Shannon Phillips* is **CLOSING** the Castle Parks to all OHV and open camping activity.
- *Minister Shannon Phillips* is expected to announce **SIGNIFICANT** reductions to OHV trails and open camping spots in Porcupine Hills and Livingstone – as early as the fall of 2017.
- *Minister Shannon Phillips* is expected to announce **SIGNIFICANT** reductions to OHV trails and open camping spots across the Eastern Slopes – as early as the spring of 2018.

An estimated loss of over 2,200 km of OHV trails in southwest Alberta is expected to be announced by the government this fall.

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING ALBERTANS' OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY OUR NATURAL LANDSCAPES



- Common Goals:
 - To ensure that as many trails as possible remain open to all Albertans
 - To close illegal trails and trails that threaten environmentally sensitive areas
 - To place greater emphasis on enforcement
- AOHVA has repeatedly informed the provincial government of our interest:
 - To rapidly develop the framework for a user-funded, sustainable, environmentally responsible trail network
 - To create a trail network that acts as a significant economic driver

Our Goal is to implement The AOHVA 4-Point Plan for Responsible OHV Use retaining all Albertans' opportunity to recreate on public lands.

THE SOLUTION



- Rather than simply install gates all across the Alberta landscape, we propose working with our government to build a trail management legacy that all Albertans can be proud of.
- AOHVA offers our 4-Point Plan for Environmentally Responsible OHV Use as a cornerstone of that legacy.
 - Trail Development and Maintenance
 - User Fees
 - Enforcement
 - Education

WHAT YOU CAN DO



- **Our Goal is to implement The AOHVA 4-Point Plan for Responsible OHV Use** retaining all Albertans' opportunity to recreate on public lands.
- To make that happen, we need YOU to **Be Informed, Get Engaged and TAKE ACTION!**
- Read this document, [The AOHVA 4-Point Plan for Environmentally Responsible OHV Use](#).
 - Visit AOHVA.COM for more information about these issues and the work we do.
- Support the 4-Point Plan.
 - Join in the public dialogue, like, share and comment on relevant Facebook posts, write your local paper.
- Join an OHV club in your area or support a club in the area in which you ride.
- Recruit others to actively participate in the work that lies ahead.
- Talk to your provincial and municipal elected officials, express your concerns and your desire for a sustainable trail network.
- Participate in any upcoming Public Consultation processes.

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