



AOHVA 4-POINT PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OHV USE

BE INFORMED. GET ENGAGED. TAKE ACTION!

EDUCATION, FALL 2017



- *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.

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.

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

- Implemented as a province-wide initiative, our plan will reinvigorate and strengthen the rider federation, local clubs, the volunteer base and the OHV community across Alberta. When all OHV users pay, everybody is part of the solution - part of the team working together to ensure responsible OHV users have continued access to public land.

AOHVA 4-POINT PLAN



1. AOHVA experienced members will work with Government of Alberta, Land Use Framework staff to design and develop sustainable and environmentally-sound trails and trail heads.
2. Dedicate 100% of a new OHV User Fee to tackling important issues like habitat protection and proper trail construction and maintenance.
3. Ensure law enforcement agencies have the tools and mandate to enforce the law.
4. AOHVA and its like-minded partners will be responsible for education and environmental stewardship as a means of eliminating improper use of the back country.

AOHVA 4 POINT PLAN: EDUCATION & SAFETY



- Alberta has been leading the way in delivering safety and education programs, such as *Ride with Respect*, as a means of eliminating improper use of the back country.
- Improve the ability to deliver education-related initiatives with funding from the new OHV fees, including:
 - OHV User Training
 - Safety Education
 - Environmental Education
 - Member Club Support



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- We encourage all OHV users to tap into the resources at AOHVA.COM to become more knowledgeable and more skillful riders.
 - Our 2017 brochure provides tips for the best outdoor experience: BE SAFE. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE RESPECTFUL. BE COURTEOUS.
 - AOHVA, Member Clubs and our affiliates provide various programs.
- OHV community volunteers connect with Albertans in staging areas around the province, distributing information and advising them on local issues and activities.

ELIMINATING IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR



- The vast majority of OHV riders consider it a privilege – not a right - to be able to ride their OHVs and enjoy Alberta’s outdoors and natural landscape.
 - It’s a privilege for ALL users: hikers, cyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, campers and OHV riders to access and enjoy our province’s wide open spaces.
- Through the 4-Point Plan, it is our hope that a greater emphasis is placed on enforcement and education so that people who recklessly abuse our wilderness do not tarnish the reputations of those of us who care deeply for it.

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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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