



AOHVA 4-POINT PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE OHV USE

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USER FEES, 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.

WHERE DOES THE REGISTRATION FEE GO?



- NOTE: The Government of Alberta has been collecting a registration fee for OHV licenses for 30+ years.
- Between 2009 and 2017, that represents **more than \$50 million that was collected from OHV users and was deposited into the general revenues of the government.**
- Very little of the registration fees were used to manage or improve the OHV recreation trail network, OHV user programs or even enforcement.

AOHVA 4 POINT PLAN: OHV USER FEES



- Dedicating 100% of a new \$50 OHV User Fee to tackling important issues like habitat protection and proper trail construction and maintenance in partnership with AOHVA, Member Clubs and volunteers under an accountable, transparent AOHVA Service Delivery Structure.
 - The fees will be collected through the existing OHV registration process.
 - The fees will be distributed directly to the Rider Federation and will then flow through to directly support OHV Clubs and the volunteer base who are dedicating their efforts to trail development and maintenance.

This approach to user fees includes everybody as part of the solution. It reinvigorates the volunteer base and through additional club and industry contributions it provides an opportunity to grow the base revenues by a multiplier of 1:2.

OHV SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURE AND FUNDING



PROVINCE	MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE	OHV REGISTRATION FEE	AMOUNT TO PROVINCIAL FEDERATION	TRAIL PASS AVAILABLE	OHV LEVY TO PROVINCIAL FEDERATION
ALBERTA	YES	\$54.00, ANNUAL (General Revenues)	\$0.00	NO	\$0.00
QUEBEC	YES	\$72.80	\$21.00	MANDATORY TRAIL PERMIT	\$195.00 (12 MOS.) \$130.00 (6 MOS.) \$60.00 (3 DAY)
NOVA SCOTIA	YES	\$38.65, ONE TIME \$52.80, ANNUAL	\$40.00	NO	\$0.00
NEW BRUNSWICK	YES	\$41.00 ANNUAL (ATV) \$18.00 ANNUAL (ORM)	\$25.00	MANDATORY TRAIL PERMIT	\$81.00 (ANNUAL) \$31.00 (SEASONAL) \$26.00 (YOUTH) \$15.00 (DAILY) \$25.00 (WEEKLY)

BENEFITTING FROM USER FEES



- AOHVA, the clubs and members believe the following about a new OHV User Fee:
 - User fees will improve the user experience, including access to trails and staging areas.
 - User fees will work only if they directly benefit those they were collected from, those being OHV users (trails, education), and NOT the government or government programs.
 - User Fees are fiscally responsible such that OHV trails will not be funded by the taxpayers of Alberta, and sustainable because they are funded by OHV users themselves.
 - OHV users should not view this as a simple tax grab because the fees are dedicated to support those they are collected from.

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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