

## **Bighorn Country Proposal: Public Information Session Guide**

### **Questions asked and/or submitted February 1 – 4, 2019**

#### **Questions about the Public Consultation Process**

1. Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) is currently closing trails throughout the Bighorn Region – specific areas this proposal is based on. Why is the government acting before the consultation process is completed?
  - a) Is it a done deal?
2. What groups were consulted and had input to the development of the Bighorn Country Proposal?
  - a) Has the government made publicly available a list of stakeholder groups identified as key participants in the collaborative process set out by AEP?
3. How many meetings has the Minister or AEP staff had with stakeholder groups since the proposal was announced?
  - a) Who were the meetings with?
  - b) Can we see a list?
4. As an OHV user, I want to know if any local clubs or the AOHVA have been identified as an important stakeholder group and a key participant in the collaborative process as described by the Government of Alberta?
5. What impact will my input and these sessions have on the final outcome and the decisions made?
6. What kind of weight is given to people's input at these sessions?
  - a) People who are participating.
  - b) People who live, work and recreate in the area.
  - c) People who have volunteered to maintain this area for years – as opposed to people who never set foot on these lands but want to dictate how they are used.
7. Who will be consolidating all of the comments from these sessions?
8. Will the comments from these sessions be made available upon verbatim and by request, rather in a summarized format?
9. Can submissions made by various organizations / individuals be shared with all participants?
10. How do you ensure this is a transparent process?
11. Who designed the survey? The survey questions seem to be biased in that my true opinions cannot be answered in the format provided.
12. Are these sessions primarily to provide information or to really engage Albertans in the process?
13. How collaborative do you see this process as being?
14. How empowered are Albertans in determining the final outcome?
15. When will the final decision about the Bighorn Country Proposal be made?
  - a) When will it be announced?
  - b) When will be implemented?
16. How many surveys have been completed to date?
17. How many letters have been received by the government to date?
18. How many people attended the previous information sessions?
19. Can you share the methodology behind the survey?