

TAKE ACTION – WHAT YOU CAN DO !!

1. Email or Mail the Parks Planner with your Concerns !! All feedback is recorded & documents this way. The Public Consultation Period for input & comments is now until March 20, 2017.

Your input is important. Send in your comments, suggestions and concerns by doing contacting the Senior Parks Planner.

Email to: ABParks.PlanComments@gov.ab.ca

By Mail:
Attn: Senior Parks Planner
Alberta Environment and Parks
Parks Division
Castle Provincial Park and Castle Wildland Provincial Park Draft Management Plan
4th fl Administration Building
909 - 3 Avenue North
Lethbridge, AB T1H 0H5

2. Do the AEP Online PUBLIC SURVEY - <https://talkaep.alberta.ca/CastleManagementPlan>

When doing this survey, be care of both Question #4 and Question #5.

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that a transition period is necessary for the elimination of recreational off-highway vehicle use in Castle Provincial Park and Castle Wildland Provincial Park to adjacent public lands?

Caution: This question is misleading - Strongly Agree means you feel OHV should be banned immediately. Strongly Disagree means you feel it should be banned in 3 years. If you feel OHV access should remain in Castle, **answer NEITHER DISAGREE OR AGREE**. Then state your position in the comment boxes on upcoming questions by referring to Question 4 - and state that you believe OHV access on designated trails should remain in the Castle Area.

5. To what extend do you agree with the designation of rustic group camping areas in the provincial park?

Caution: The intent of this questions is if you support having to book/reserve stall sites site to REPLACE random camping. These camp areas will be hardened off and will have picnic tables, fire rings, a central washroom and garbage, and spots will contain between 3-6 RV units.

If you support Random Camping, answer **NEITHER DISAGREE OR AGREE**, and then state your position in the comment boxes on upcoming questions by referring to Question 5 - and state that you believe Random Camping should remain in the Castle Parks Area.

Example:

Question # 4 – I want OHV access on designated trails to remain in Castle parks, I do NOT support banning it.

Question #5 – I want Random Camping to remain in Castle parks, I do NOT support removing it.

3. DO the Online Petitions: (IF YOU HAVE SIGNED THE HARD COPIES, DO NOT DO THE ONLINE)

<https://www.change.org/p/amend-castle-provincial-park-castle-wildland-provincial-park-plan-to-include-ohv-use>

<https://www.change.org/p/melissa-verbaas-ohv-use-in-castle-parks?>

4. WRITE or EMAIL the MLA's.

Shannon Phillips needs to hear from you. I assure you the environmental lobby groups are continuing their pressure to shut not only Castle down, but are after Porcupine, Ghost, Bighorn and the entire Eastern Slopes.

Make sure if you email to carbon copy (cc or bcc) both your local MLA, as well as Brian Jean & Pat Stier. They will MAKE sure your comments are brought to the house in parliament. You can do one email and CC all contacts including the Parks Planner if you wish.

There are letter writing tips at the Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Association if needed. www.aohva.com

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4. STAY INFORMED ONLINE, JOIN/SUPPORT/DONATE CLUBS - Website, Groups and Social Media Links

Alberta Off Highway Vehicle Association – www.aohva.com

QuadSquad – <http://quadsquad.ca/> or Crowsnest Pass Quad Squad on Facebook.

Rocky Mountain Trail Blazers - <http://www.rmtb.ca/> or Rocky Mountain Trail Blazers on Facebook.

Castle Area Recreational Management Alliance – www.castle-carma.com

Castle Parks Blog: <http://castleparks.ca/>

Save Castle MultiUse Group – on Facebook.