

Deputy Minister, Andre Corbould
Office of the Deputy Minister
Environment and Parks
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Subject: Bighorn Wildland Park

Date: _____

Dear Mr. Corbould,

I am writing you to inform Alberta Environment and Parks that I do not support turning the Bighorn Backcountry into a Wildland Park.

PLUZ designations have been created to *“ensure the protection of the environment, while allowing responsible and sustainable recreational use.”* These areas are already protected and can be managed through the Public Lands Act. Making it a Wildland Park at the expense of social and economic impacts to the region is not balance, and will exclude my continued ability to responsibly enjoy these lands as I have.

I also do not believe this Government should succumb to the pressure and plans of foreign funded environmental lobbyists in how we use and manage our public lands. Decisions on land use in Alberta needs to be in Albertans’ interests – and done so in true collaboration with the Alberta stakeholders and people affected by these decisions.

Alberta is a province of diversity and inclusiveness, and our public lands are for all Albertans to be able to enjoy responsibly. I ask this government to respect the culture and interests of all Albertans, supporting their choice of responsible backcountry recreational activities – and deliver recreational planning and land management that is inclusive and managed for sustainability.

The Bighorn Backcountry is a highly valued destination for many Albertans who seek the same recreational experiences as myself, with central and convenient access for Edmonton and Calgary. We already have over 490 Provincial Parks & Areas including 3 National Parks - and only 18 PLUZ areas left to enjoy. Converting Bighorn into a Wildland Park, will only put greater pressures on other areas.

I fully support managed recreation and our environment, and there are solutions other than excluding Albertans to mitigate use on public lands by turning them into Parks. I ask AEP to collaborate with the recreational stakeholders representing the current users on these lands, and seriously work together to develop a positive outcome for all.

Respectfully,

_____ (Signature)

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Please Respond By Mail