



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Subject: Management Plan Process – Peter Lougheed & Spray Valley Provincial Parks

Dear Visitor/Stakeholder:

Peter Lougheed and Spray Valley Provincial Parks cover 189,622 acres (76,740 hectares) of provincial crown land in the Bow watershed approximately 120 kilometres west of Calgary. Peter Lougheed Provincial Park was established in 1977 in conjunction with Kananaskis Country. Spray Valley Provincial Park was designated in December 2000. Together, these protected areas occupy a significant proportion of the total land area in the Upper Kananaskis, Smith Dorrien and Spray valleys and have high ecological, scenic and recreational values.

Management plans are prepared to ensure desired management principles are met. This plan will guide the management of these parks consistent with legislation and policies that are in effect taking into account stakeholder and public opinion. In view of the importance of these provincial parks, it is timely to proceed with a management plan. Moreover, the Kananaskis Country Recreation Policy (May 1999) established that a management plan would be required for this area prior to further development proposals receiving consideration. The plan will set the stage for making future decisions about any proposed facility developments as well as protecting natural and scenic features and managing human use.

The management plan process will formally commence with a public open house, which will be advertised in the fall of 2002 to promote and explain the Draft Terms of Reference. Prior to this open house, stakeholders and visitors to these provincial parks are invited to review and comment on the Draft Terms of Reference. The planning team will give careful consideration to suggested changes as they finalize the Terms of Reference later this fall. Public review and input will also be invited at the Draft Plan stage probably in spring of 2003. Completion of this process is expected to take approximately one year.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the Draft Terms of Reference, please contact the Hannah Hollister at 403/678-5500 ext. 276 to arrange for your copy to be e-mailed, picked-up or mailed.

Your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are invited and can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

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COMMENTS DUE BY: October 31, 2002

We hope that you and/or your organization will support the preparation of the plan. If you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this management plan process, please feel free to call Don Cockerton at (403)-297-5969 or email Don.Cockerton@gov.ab.ca. Thank you for your interest and I look forward to your participation in this exercise.

Sincerely,

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