

# Bighorn Country Protective Notations (PNTs)

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As of November 23, 2018 new PNTs come into effect to support the release of Bighorn Country .

## What is Bighorn Country?

Bighorn Country is a proposal for a mix of parks and public lands that will conserve important and unique natural landscapes while encouraging economic, recreation and tourism opportunities. The area includes all public lands located in the western part of the North Saskatchewan Region from the boundary of Banff National Park, eastward towards Drayton Valley, and includes Clearwater County, most of Brazeau County and the current Bighorn Backcountry management area.

## Why did this change occur?

These PNTs protect the management intent of proposed parks and protected areas within Bighorn Country and consider the need to protect headwaters, sensitive landscapes, and numerous important species.

The goal is to ensure safe and positive outdoor recreation and tourism experiences; protect critical headwaters and the environment; and continue to support the opportunities this area provides to Albertans.

## What are the benefits of this change?

These PNTs do not impact existing public lands dispositions in Bighorn Country and provide direction to applicants for new public lands disposition applications on permitted and restricted activities that can occur in Bighorn Country while ensuring conservation of the area's biodiversity for future generations.

## Where can I find information about this change?

More information on Bighorn Country and the spatial extent of the proposed conservation and protected areas in the form of maps and shapefiles, can be found on the Alberta TalkAEP website.

- [TalkAEP Bighorn Country](#)

The document titled 'Interim Protection Measures – Parks and Protected Areas in Bighorn Country' includes key considerations and restrictions within these PNTs for activities on public lands and can be found on the Alberta TalkAEP website.

- [Interim Protection Measures – Conservation and Recreation Areas in Bighorn Country](#)

## Who can I contact for further information?

For information on Bighorn Country please contact Alberta Environment and Parks at [aep.bighorncountry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aep.bighorncountry@gov.ab.ca).

For specific questions on these PNTs, please contact Land and Park Planners at [AEP.PlanningReservations@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AEP.PlanningReservations@gov.ab.ca).

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