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Title of Project:

Assessing mechanisms for engagement in recreation access management for public lands in southwestern Alberta

Sponsor:

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The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study.

Purpose of the Study:

The purpose of the study is to understand how to most effectively engage recreation users and other regional stakeholders in public consultation for access management planning for public lands in southwestern Alberta. It is hoped that by gathering input from recreation users and other regional stakeholders, a set of useful recommendations can be made to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development to guide an acceptable and effective public consultation process for access management for public lands in southwestern Alberta. The objectives of the study are to examine and evaluate:

- recreation access management issues;
- the values and attitudes of recreation users and other regional stakeholders towards those issues; and
- the acceptability and desirability of different public consultation processes to recreation users and other regional stakeholders, to assist with access management planning.

How have you been chosen? Your participation has been sought out, as you have identified yourself as a recreation user of public lands in southwestern Alberta or you fit the definition of a 'regional land-use knowledgeable'. For the purposes of the study, a 'regional land-use knowledgeable' is defined as an individual who is directly or indirectly involved in the management of public lands in southwestern Alberta in a professional capacity. For example, regional land-use knowledgeable include: Alberta Sustainable Resource Development field staff members, oil and gas employees, ranchers and environmental organization leaders. You are invited to participate in the online survey; your insights into access management issues on public lands in southwestern Alberta, and your views on potential public consultation processes for access

management on public lands in southwestern Alberta, will help to define a set of recommendations about public consultation to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

What Will I Be Asked To Do?

Participating in the online survey will require about 10-15 minutes of your time during which you will be asked to respond to approximately 15 questions. There will be no follow-up with you upon completion of the survey. Your participation is voluntary and you may withdraw from the study at any time. Records of any comments made by you to the point of withdrawal will not be retained nor used in the project analysis.

What Type of Personal Information Will Be Collected?

No personal identifying information will be collected through the online survey, and you shall remain anonymous. Responses to the online survey questions will be considered confidential and will be reported anonymously in the Master's Degree Project report, or any other research reports. If you opt to enter the draw for a prize, your contact details will not be associated with your survey responses, and your anonymity will be maintained.

Are there Risks or Benefits if I Participate?

You are at no risk if you participate in the online survey.

Potential benefits to you include the opportunity to have your opinions heard, and to inform recommendations for a public consultation process for access management planning on public lands in southwestern Alberta. As well, you may enter to win one of ten cash prizes of \$50 for completing an online survey.

What Happens to the Information I Provide?

The researcher will keep all online survey results in a locked drawer in a University of Calgary office, or at a place of residence. Two years after the research has been completed all existing data related to the online survey, excluding the final Master's Degree Project document, will be destroyed. Only the researcher, the research supervisor, and the research committee member will have access to the information that you provide through the online survey. Should you choose to withdraw at any point during the online survey, any data collected from your participation to the point of withdrawal will not be retained nor used in the project analysis and written reports. However, you cannot request withdrawal of your survey from the dataset once it has been submitted.

Consent

By agreeing to proceed with this survey, you are indicating that you 1) understand to your satisfaction the information provided to you about your participation in this research project, and 2) agree to participate as a research subject.

In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from this research project at any time. You should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation.

Questions/Concerns

If you have any further questions or want clarification regarding this research and/or your participation, please contact:

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If you have any concerns about the way you've been treated as a participant, please contact Bonnie Scherrer, Ethics Resource Officer, Research Services Office, University of Calgary at (403) 220-3782; email bonnie.scherrer@ucalgary.ca.

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