



Overlander's ATV Society Proposal

Survey Report

Background

- OHV use in Parkland County
- OHV Site known as Hell's Half Acre
- Buck for Wildlife Program
- Overlander's Proposal
- Public Involvement

Public Involvement Objectives

- Identify current impacts/issues of the area on residents/users
- Identify current usage in the area
- Identify level of support or proposed development
- Focused effort to obtain feedback from residents living in surrounding area
- Obtain feedback from agencies with assets or interest in the area

Data Collection Process

- Mail Out Survey
- Online Survey
- Open House
- Other Agencies
- Communication of feedback opportunities
- Analysis of results

Survey Results



- 207 responses
 - 82 Mail In
 - 102 On Line
 - 23 Open House
- Numbers indicate that mail in and open house respondents tend to live in close proximity to the area
- Numbers indicate that on line respondents tend to be from outside the area

Current Use

- 88% of respondents aware of the area and its use
- 62% of respondents indicated they lived within the surrounding area
- Numbers indicated that only half of those respondents living in the surrounding area make use of the area
- Numbers indicated that approximately two thirds of respondents living outside the area make sue of the site
- Respondents using the site tend to use the site in a fairly consistent manner over the various seasons

Impacts of Area

- Most frequent mail in responses: noise, traffic and trail/natural space deterioration
- Most frequent Open House Responses: trail/natural space deterioration, traffic and noise
- Most frequent on line responses: it doesn't affect my life, increased enjoyment/use of natural space and trail/natural space deterioration

Most Important Issues

- Mail in respondents identified: decline of natural areas, noise and trail deterioration
- Open House respondents identified: noise, decline of natural areas and parking and loading areas
- On line respondents identified: trail and user safety, trail deterioration and decline of natural areas

Proposal Support

- Overall 58% of respondents are supportive of proposed development
- 42% of Mail in respondents indicated support
- 30% of Open House respondents indicated support
- Of On Line respondents, where close to two thirds do not live in close proximity to the area, 77% were in favor of the proposal

Additional Comments from Project Supportive Respondents

- Need to manage and control the area
- Good place to go
- Need a legal place to go and ride
- Would minimize abuse in other areas
- Need place for 4 X 4/Jeeping

Additional Comments from Respondents not supporting proposal

- Too close to residential development
- Too much environmental damage with more to occur if increased usage in area
- Concerns about gas lines in area and potential impacts from this use
- Doubts on group's and County's ability to manage this use
- Private property damage
- Use not compatible with wildlife habitat

Agency Feedback

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

- Do not believe that there will be a benefit if the staging area is approved
- The Crown land in the area is a very popular destination for OHV users, unfortunately not all of these users show proper respect for Crown land resulting in a heavily used area with unofficial trails developed
- If a staging area is developed they have concerns that the OHV use of the area will increase even more resulting in further damage to the area
- They recognize that the proposed staging area is on County land and have no authority over it so if approved by the County ask that the County and the Overlander's commit to working with ESRD to minimize the impacts that OHV use has on crown lands in the area

Alberta Conservation Association

- Aim of Buck for Wildlife program is preservation of natural habitat for wildlife
- OHV use is not a use that is permitted or supported on sites they actively manage
- Foot access is a primary focus
- This is not a site they actively manage but would prefer that there be no OHV use, however, if allowed would like access controlled and managed to minimize the environmental impact
- If this proposal is approved they ask that the County meet with the ACA to review the agreement

TAQA North Ltd

- Know and understand that OHV's travel over Pipeline Right of Ways and are okay with that use unless they cause safety issues
- TAQA North monitors their areas and if safety issues arise they would take steps to address them
- Relative to developing a staging area/parking lot they do not want any development within the Pipeline Right of Way

Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op

- Know that OHV's travel over their Pipeline Right of Way, they have issues usually in the spring when the ground is wet and ruts occur above the pipeline
- Do not want any development within the Pipeline Right of Way and have concerns about non-OHV traffic (trucks/Trailers) driving across pipeline

Parkland County Planning and Development

- No issues if this is what Council chooses to approve

Parkland County Enforcement Services

- Enforcement Services provided information on patrols in area over the last few years and results
- Open House respondents indicated there needs to be more enforcement so staff have made note and will work to provide that
- In regards to the proposal Enforcement Services will work to implement any direction Council provides

