



Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) is conducting surveys of recreational users in Bighorn Backcountry. AWA will use the information to gain an understanding of trail user values and interests with respect to public land management and stewardship. We plan to share the results with other user groups and to collaborate to learn more.

**Section A: Personal Information**

1. How often do you visit backcountry areas in Alberta?

- less than once a year
- three to six times a year *(please check applicable seasons)*
- once or twice a month  summer  winter
- weekly  summer  winter
- I work in the area

2. How often do you visit the Bighorn Backcountry?

- less than once a year
- three to six times a year *(please check applicable seasons)*
- once or twice a month  summer  winter
- weekly  summer  winter
- I work in the area

3. How many years have you been coming to the Bighorn Backcountry? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please specify other Alberta backcountry areas you regularly visit:

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5. How long does it take you to drive to the Bighorn Backcountry from your home?

- less than an hour
- one to three hours
- half a day (4-6 hours)
- a full day
- more than a full day

6. Please estimate how much you invest in gear and travel (specialized vehicles, trailers, camping equipment, horses, backpacks, tents, cameras, binoculars and other expenses) per year to enjoy backcountry recreation. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. What has this trip to the Bighorn Backcountry cost you? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which recreational user groups are you a part of?

*(Choose all that apply)*

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|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> motorized recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>(please specify)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> cross-country skiing | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> day hiking  | <input type="checkbox"/> mountain biking      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hunting     | <input type="checkbox"/> equestrian           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> car camping | <input type="checkbox"/> whitewater sports    |  |



9. Do you belong to any outdoor activity-related groups or associations? If so, specify which groups.

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**Section B: Stewardship**

In which stewardship activities have you participated in the Bighorn Backcountry?

*(Choose all that apply)*

- garbage clean up
- trail repairs
- reporting violations to enforcement personnel
- putting up trail signs
- flora, fauna reports
- other *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_
- none
- not yet, but would like to

**Section C: Land Management**

1. Please rank the following priorities for the Bighorn Backcountry.

*(Rank top five with 1 being the most important to you)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> commercial hunting/ trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> petroleum and mineral resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> equestrian                   | development  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fish and wildlife habitat    | <input type="checkbox"/> pristine wilderness             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> forestry (logging) industry  | <input type="checkbox"/> source of clean water           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> motorized recreation         | <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>(please specify)</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> non-motorized recreation     | _____  |

2. How satisfied are you with public land management in Bighorn Backcountry?

- very satisfied
- somewhat satisfied
- somewhat unsatisfied
- very unsatisfied
- I have no opinion

3. If you could, what would you change?

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4. What do you believe is most important for the future of the Bighorn Backcountry?

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5. What changes have you noticed, if any, in the time you have been using the Bighorn Backcountry?

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6. Do you feel your optimal experience in the Bighorn Backcountry could be improved?

Yes  No

If so please rank the top three factors that hinder your experience, with 1 being the greatest.

- commercial outfitters
- conservation groups
- other recreational users (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- resource extraction industries
- too little regulation
- too much regulation
- wildlife
- other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments, concerns or suggestions?

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**Thank you!**



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**Office Use:**

Date survey completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: