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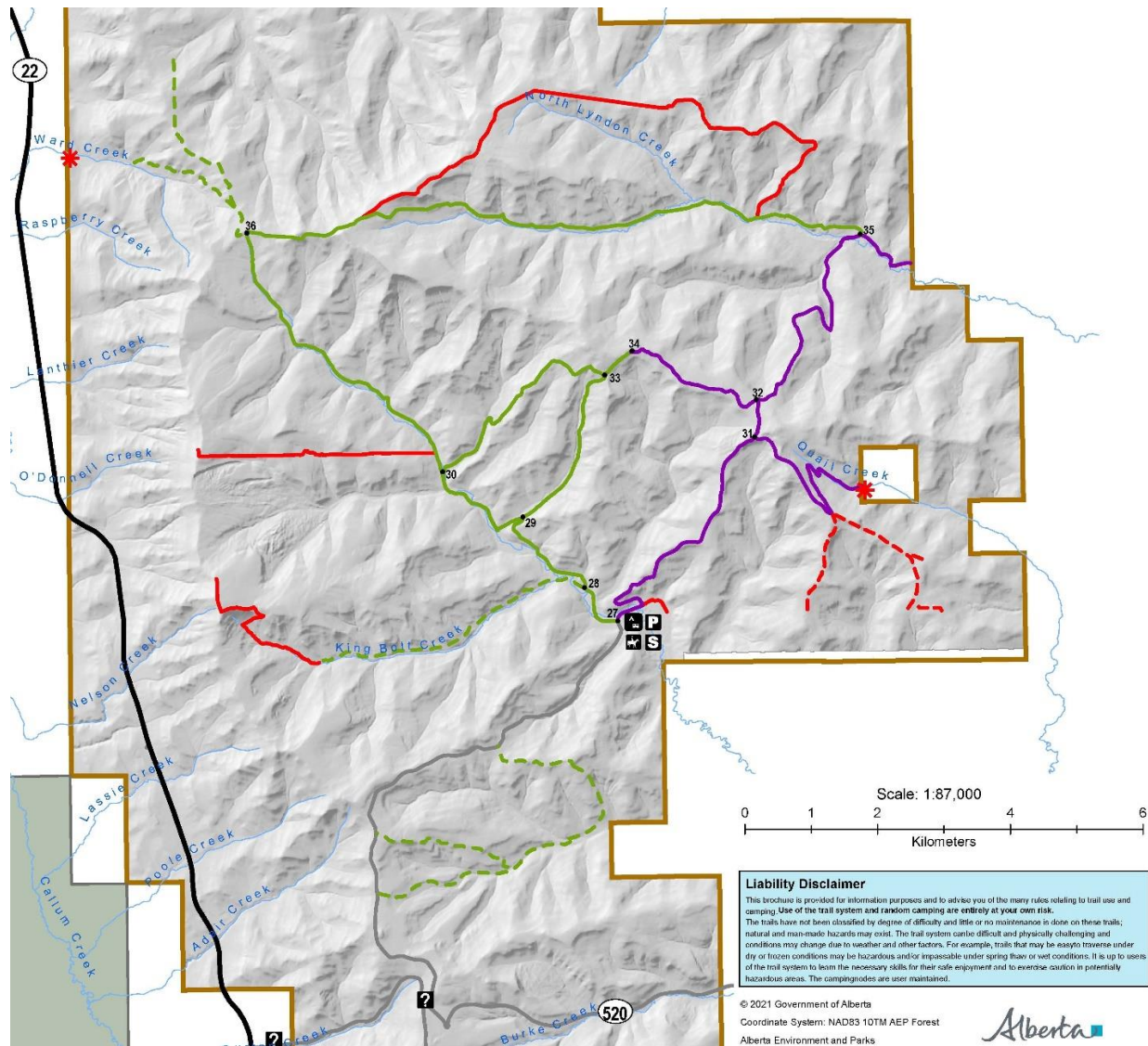
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Over the last two years, the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) has been in consultation with the Government of Alberta, along with other stakeholders, on the Castle-Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Recreation Advisory Group, reviewing land-use for the area. From the headwaters of the Oldman, Crowsnest and Castle Rivers to the prairies, Albertans and visitors have enjoyed the diversity of what this unique southwest Alberta landscape provides - a tapestry of Rocky Mountains, foothills, rivers, forests, and native grasslands.

In January 2020, the Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) made a special request to the Castle-Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Recreation Advisory Group to provide recommendations and advice on implementation of land-use plans for the area, with focus on recreation management. This advice included any proposed changes or recommendations to meet environmental, social, and economic outcomes for the area, from all stakeholders.

With ongoing discussions and feedback, your AFGA representatives submitted a number of recommendations, many of which are still under review by the AEP Minister. We are happy to report that our hunting access recommendations were given high priority for this season, and we have arrived at the launch of a pilot project for increased hunting access, as well as game retrieval access. The goal is to evaluate this pilot project and, if feasible, it may be expanded.

The specific pilot project area is the North Porcupine Hills, bounded by Highway 22 to the west, and Secondary Highway 520 to the south. Here is the detail from the map of the area. The map will be updated for the period November 30, 2021 through February 28, 2022.



A Solid Purple line represents highway vehicle and ATV access trails open May 1 to November 30.

A Solid Green line represents ATV only access trails open May 1 to November 30.

A Solid Red Line represents ATV Hunting only trails open September 1 to February 28. They will be identified with the following signage.

Dashed Green and Dashed Red lines represent ATV Game Retrieval only trails open September 1 to February 28. They will be identified with the following signage.

PUBLIC LAND USE ZONE

Motorized Hunting Access Trail

Open: September 1 - February 28
Max. width 72"

To be on this trail with a motorized vehicle, you must have on person proof of:

- Porcupine Hills Public Land Use Zone Motorized Hunting and Game Retrieval Access Pilot map
- Valid hunting license

These motorized hunting and big game retrieval access trails are a pilot project (2021 -2024) in collaboration with Alberta Fish and Game Association, Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association, and Alberta Environment and Parks, to enable appropriate opportunities for hunting in this area.



PUBLIC LAND USE ZONE

Motorized Game Retrieval Access Trail

Open: September 1 -February 28
Max. width 72"

To be on this trail with a motorized vehicle, you must have on person a Porcupine Hills Public Land Use Zone Motorized Hunting and Game Retrieval Access Pilot map and are retrieving your harvested, legally tagged big game animal.

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AEP Field Staff will deploy the Porcupine Hills Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ), Motorized Hunting and Game Retrieval Access Pilot maps and signs next week, including posting the georeferenced map to the Porcupine Hills PLUZ webpage. The AEP Recreation Engagement Officer will be leading the field work and will be doing regular patrols, delivering the survey, and engaging with all users on the land.

The AFGA would like to thank all stakeholders for their contributions to this advisory group.

If you have questions, feedback, or concerns on how this pilot project impacts your hunting experiences in the pilot area, please contact us.

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