

Land Advocacy Meeting - Agenda

- Introductions and Objectives (Dennis) – 5 min
- Land Issue Presentation (Dean) – 30 min
- Q & A (Glen, Darryl, Cal) – 30 min
- Organizers Code of Ethics (Dennis) – 10 min
- Trail Inventory Project (John) – 10 min
- Wrap-up (All)

March 16, 2005 7:00 - 9:00 pm Ft McLeod Legion

Land Advocacy and You

Alberta OHV Association (AOHVA)

Rocky Mountain Dirt Riders Association (RMDRA)

March 16, 2005

Tonight's Objectives; Education and Communication

- Problem? What problem?
- Who's involved and what's happening
- What you can do to help
- Keep the fun and the future in riding





THE SCALES NEED REBALANCE



**Motorized
Recreation Gets**

Province Gets

Trail closures
Volunteer burnout
Lost economic/recreational
opportunity
Insurance risk & law suit threats

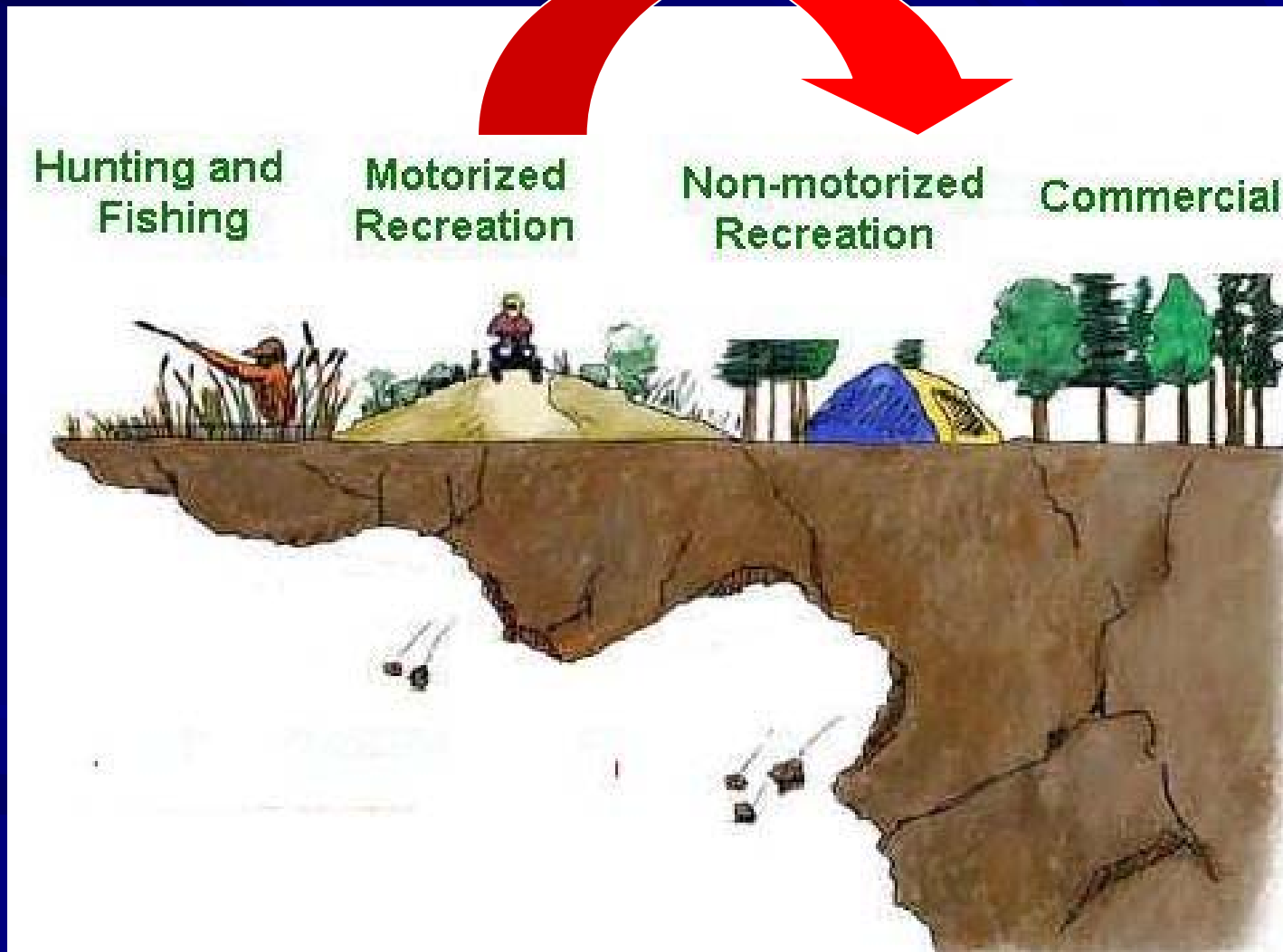
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| Prov Taxes | \$79.0m |
| Mun Taxes | \$26.5m |
| Plate Fees | \$3.8m |
| Total | \$109.3m |

Common Off-Road Myths

- There are plenty of places to ride and always will be.
- Land access plans like GAMF will never be implemented.
- My exhaust isn't **loud** and nobody notices anyway.
- It's the public's land and we can do whatever we please on it!
- What other stakeholders? Who cares about the ranchers?
- Other people and organizations are taking care of my riding area – I don't need to worry.

Ever get that sinking feeling?



Central and Southern OHV Areas

Clearwater

Bighorn

Waiparous

McLean Creek

Don Getty

Indian Graves

Porcupine Hills

Livingston

Castle Mountain

Lot's of land to ride
- right?

Central and Southern OHV Areas



Clearwater

AOHVA / Volunteer managed

Bighorn

BAMP severely impacted single track

Waiparous

Huge uncertainty. Closed process

McLean Creek

Concern with carry over from GAMP

Don Getty

No OHV access in current plan

Indian Graves

Concern about rancher's lobby

Porcupine Hills

Beaver Creek study recommendations?

Livingston

Beaver Creek study recommendations?

Castle Mountain

Significant loss of single track

Why are OHV users getting “voted off the multi-use island”?

■ Outfitters

- Expanding out of traditional areas and taking over OHV areas

➤ **Reasons; OHV Noise and activity**

■ Ranchers

- Enticed by prospect of exclusive use

➤ **Reasons; Destruction of grazing land, harassment of livestock, poor gate control, Noise**

Why are OHV users getting “voted off the multi-use island”?

■ Environmentalists

- Water supply impacts (human waste, oil, gasoline)
- **Noise**

■ Sustainable Resource Development (SRD)

- Public complaints (i.e. **noise**, abusive behavior)
- Nuisance / cost of administration



What are we doing about it?

In some (many?) cases, nothing!

- Grass roots level is the worst for inaction
- Grass roots level is also the biggest opportunity to help.
- Organizations are gaining strength
 - AOHVA, local clubs



I just wanna ride! Other people will take care of any land access issues.

Spheres of Influence (Local)

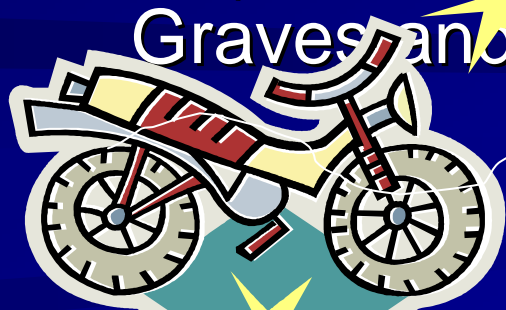


Local Clubs

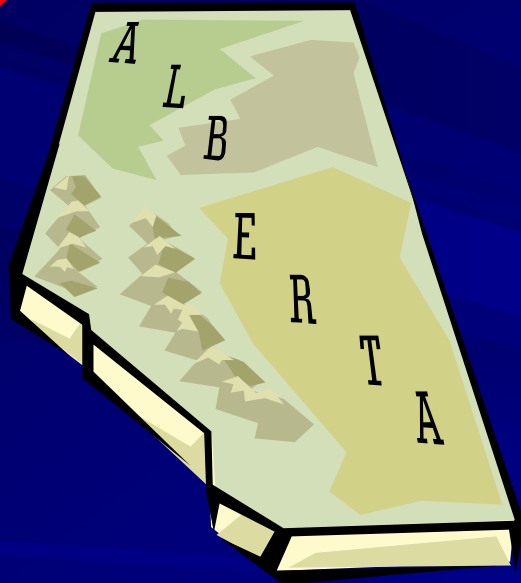
- Advocacy and education !!!!
 - Education
 - **Noise reduction**
 - Behavior
 - Equipment
- Trail inventory
- Area stewardship plans
 - SRD
 - Ranchers
 - Trout unlimited
 - Residents
- Lobby MLA's

Trail Inventory Project

- Verbal commitment from SRD to use the information to improve access plans.
- Great opportunity for local clubs to organize a system.
- RMDRA (Brent Kroeker) & Others – Waiparous and McLean
- Southern Clubs (John Bader & co.) – Porky's, Livingston, Indian Graves and Castle Mountain



Spheres of Influence (Provincial)



AOHVA

- Issues that affect all areas
- Work directly with the Minister
- Consistency in management plan implementation
- Work with industry (\$630 MM)
- Policy changes
- Information conduit

AOHVA needs the support of local clubs behind them to be effective at the provincial level – numbers count!

OHV's are not a problem – they are an opportunity!

- OHV use in Alberta is a problem due to **lack of management** and **lack of vision**
- Revenue generation and recreation and environmental stewardship. We can have it all!
- Very successful in other areas;
 - Moab, Utah
 - Wallace, Idaho
 - Hatfield-McCoy, Virginia
 - OHV Recreation Program, Colorado
- AOHVA has taken a proposal to Hon. Mr. Coutts

Funding Sources Exist

- Fuel Tax Rebate (i.e. \$700k in Idaho)
- Plate Fees (i.e. \$815k in Colorado)
- Trail Stickers – Alberta is one of the hold-outs
- New OHV Sales

Lack of \$\$ is not an excuse!

Lack of Provincial will is the real problem

How you can help

- Promote off-road legal equipment and quiet exhausts. “Educate” others.
- Understand the issues and spread the word
 - www.aohva.com
 - www.rockymountainidirriders.com
- Write letters to MLA’s and new minister (Hon. David Coutts)
- Organize events with regard to race code of ethics and local issues
- Treat the land like it’s your own!
- Develop area stewardship plans – meet with other stakeholders and address concerns

The Next Few Months are Critical!

- Hon. Mr. Coutts is under exceptional pressure to impose GAMP prior to May 24.
- We believe GAMP is seriously flawed (i.e. no single track)
- Mr. Coutts is willing to support the OHV community.
- GAMP implementation will demonstrate how much interest he has in OHV issues and how much stroke he has with the other ministers and Premiere Klein
- If GAMP is imposed, southern areas will not be far behind.

Get Involved now!

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Thank you

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