

PLANNING CONNECTIONS SUMMARY

LAND-USE ISSUE	SOLUTION	RELEVANT TERMS OF REFERENCE	RELEVANT PROVINCIAL POLICIES
Cumulative effects management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate cumulative impact assessment with land-use planning • Establish appropriate thresholds • Implement adaptive management strategies • Minimize the impacts of individual actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the combined impact of past, present and reasonably foreseeable development impacts • Reconcile competing land uses based on economic, environmental & social priorities; addressing trade-offs • Future development of the region to meet provincial and regional economic, environmental and social outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Strategy
Climate change, biodiversity & connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the extent of protected areas • Enhance biodiversity • Protect and improve wildlife connectivity corridors • Evaluation & enhancement of monitoring systems • Review & modify existing regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect biodiversity • Provide landscape connectivity • Cooperation/integration of provincial policies at the regional level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Strategy • 2008 Clean Air Strategy • Strategy for the Management of Species at Risk
Maintaining ecological goods & services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize ecological integrity in recreation management • Complete an assessment all relevant components of tourism • Recreation management that minimizes impacts to ecosystems while maximizing visitor satisfaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide recreation & tourism opportunities • Meet the function of ecological processes in the production of ecological goods and services • Reconcile competing land uses based on economic, environmental & social priorities; addressing trade-offs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water for Life Strategy • Plan for Parks
Management of Parks & Protected Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish additional parks & protected areas that are better located, designed and managed • Utilize conservation tools to address the importance of interconnectivity and corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide recreation & tourism opportunities • Provide landscape connectivity • Provide visual and cultural value • Conserve valued landscape of a sufficient size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for Parks • Strategy for the Management of Species at Risk
Road density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease road density to 0.6km/km² • Manage access to limit impacts on ecosystem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide landscape connectivity • Meet the function of ecological processes in the production of ecological goods and services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water for Life Strategy

SPECIFIC AREAS OF FOCUS:			
Alberta's Castle Special Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislate Castle as a combination of a Wildland & Provincial Park Limit present recreation within the ecological limits of the Castle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent the biodiversity of the region Meet the function of ecological processes in the production of ecological goods and services Conserve valued landscape of a sufficient size Examine the alignment of sustainable community policies, including the effective use of water and land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water for Life Strategy Plan for Parks Bow, Oldman & South Saskatchewan River Basin Water Allocation Order Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order
Grizzly Bear Habitat Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate habitat requirements into the regional plan Decrease road density along the Eastern Slopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide landscape connectivity Represent the biological diversity of the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water for Life Strategy for the Management of Species at Risk
Conservation of Native Grassland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop conservation tools to protect substantial portions of grassland areas on both private and public land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent the biological diversity of the region Reconcile competing land uses based on economic, environmental & social priorities; addressing trade-offs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Land & Stewardship Act (ALSA)
i. Milk River Ridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the currently protected Twin River Heritage Rangeland Natural Area into a Grazing Reserve and/or Implementation of an integrated land management system (ILM) to protect an additional 134km² of native grasslands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent the biological diversity of the region Reconcile competing land uses based on economic, environmental & social priorities; addressing trade-offs Conserve valued landscape of a sufficient size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for the Management of Species at Risk
ii. South Saskatchewan Canyon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a national migration corridor using the conservation tools outlined in ALSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide landscape connectivity Represent the biological diversity of the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for the Management of Species at Risk