

# Mountain Biking Trails Plan for Alberta Public Lands

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Mountain Biking Trails Plan for  
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## Trails Plan Timeline:

- ▶ 2012 - IMBA Mountain Bicycling Trail Masterplan
- ▶ 2017-2019 - Groundwork for an updated plan
- ▶ March 2020 - the UROC Trails Masterplan provided to AEP and the Municipality
- ▶ May 2020 - repackaged as "Detailed Mountain Biking Trail Proposal" and presented to the Castle-Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Recreation Advisory Group (AEP)
- ▶ June 2020 to present – work with AEP staff to prepare this Mountain Biking Trails Plan for Alberta Public Lands

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## Purpose of the Plan:

- A guide for UROC's development and operation of mountain biking trails
- A preliminary screening by AEP of existing and proposed trails
- Provides a pick list for future mountain biking trail developments
- A documentary record of deliberations and work

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## What's in the Plan?

- The current plan is tailored to support AEP decision making. Now includes sections on legislation and policy, geography and an environmental review.
- The spatial scope is the Livingstone PLUZ within the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass\*
- The timeframe is notionally 10 years
- The existing and proposed trails are predominantly located south of Highway 3 away from the busiest motorized areas.
- There is a more formal description of trail system purpose, trail evaluation, opportunities and constraints.

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## Trails:

- ▶ Selected by the UROC Trails Committee
- ▶ Existing trails identified in the plan are predominantly:
  - ▶ Named, singletrack trails located on Public Land
  - ▶ Trails that UROC is prepared to maintain as part of a future Trail Agreement with AEP
- ▶ A few exceptions are included to show trail network connections and common usage.

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## Proposed Trails:

Many possibilities were considered but we had to keep in mind UROC's capacity to deliver.

Trail Planning Unit	Proposed Trail (km)
1 Blairmore-Coleman	13.5
3 Frank-Bellevue	3.5
4 Turtle-Hillcrest	8.4
5 York-Girardi	15.1
Total	40.5

Does not include a proposed Epic trail

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## Additional Content:

- A short section on Management and Operations, but these subjects are going to be addressed in an Operations Plan.
- The Appendices contain maps and a lot of details for the trails, other land uses and the environmental review.

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## Why have we produced this Trails Plan?

- It is expected that most of our future trail development will be on Public Land. AEP want to see a plan from UROC.
- AEP are working with the new Trails Act (in force May1, 2022) to prepare regulations and partnership agreements with recreational trail groups.
- Our Trails Plan with a Trail Agreement and an Operations Plan will be the basis for our working relationship with AEP.
- Partnership Agreement = Trail (Operating) Agreement

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## Next steps:

- ▶ Final review of Trail Plan; sign-off/endorsement by AEP (within the next month?)
- ▶ Business as usual for near-term trail developments on Public Land – PLAR authorization application/TFA
- ▶ AEP is preparing a standardized Partnership/Trail Agreement which will then be tailored for individual trail groups wishing to be trail operators.
- ▶ AEP to update Alberta Trail Guidelines publication – a work in progress.
- ▶ UROC to update our Operations Plan to align with AEP requirements (TBD) and guidelines.

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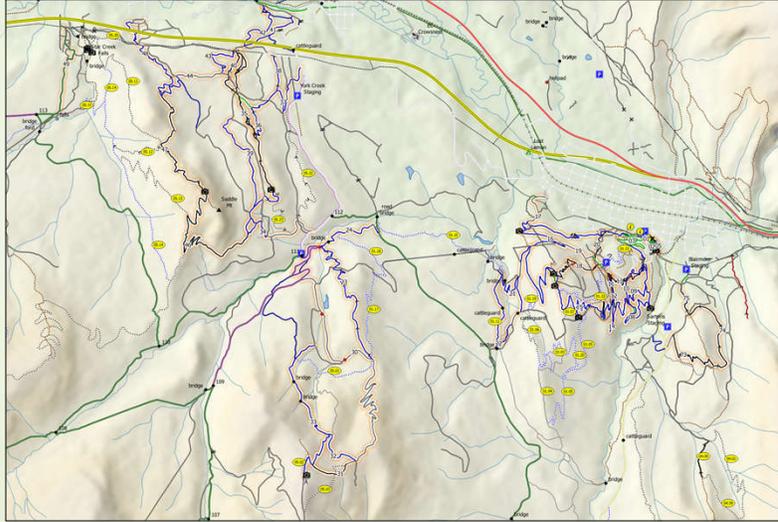


## UROC Operations Plan

- ▶ A 5-year look ahead with the focus on first year projects. Updated annually.
- ▶ Will include pre-authorized new trail projects
- ▶ Will describe inspection and maintenance requirements
- ▶ Will refer to guidelines, standards and specifications to be applied for construction and maintenance

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That's it – Thanks



Snapshot of Trails Plan map