

West Bragg Creek & Moose Mountain Consultation and Operational Plan Phase 1 (Feb 2021 - May 2023): Initial Design

Objectives

- •Review the Spatial Harvest Sequence (SHS) and develop into operational harvest areas
- •Design road and watercourse crossing network to access harvest areas
- •Review trail interaction prior to consultation for avoidance opportunities
- •Design provided to Alberta for initial consult Feb 2021
- •Initial design for integration into trail plan development:
- •Moose Mountain Master Trail Plan (August 2021)
- •West Bragg Creek Trails Master Plan (Jan 2024)
- •West Bragg Creek Trails Planning Committee
- •Develop schedule to track consultation and trail overlap

Phase 2 (June 2023 – Sept 2023): Initial Communications

Objectives

- •Introductions before any field work is completed
- •Overview of timber harvest planning process and expected timing
- •Overview of group interests, values, experience, and concerns
- Discussion of integration strategies and potential mitigations
- Identify key members of BCT and MMBTS
- Determine structure and timing for future meetings

Meetings

- •June 21, 2023: Moose Mountain Bike Trail Society (MMBTS)
- •July 14, 2023: Bragg Creek Trails (BCT)
- •July 19, 2023: Calgary Mountain Bike Alliance (CMBA)
- •August 28, 2023: Bike Cochrane

Commitments

- Harvest and road design to mitigate overlap where avoidance is not possible
- Tread avoided during operations with limited, designated trail crossings
- •Tread removed during operations will be restored
- •Trail crossings designed to maintain trail use
- Site-specific buffers may be implemented where appropriate following field review
- •Field days to be scheduled snow-free 2024

Overlap

- •Changes are tracked, describing the amount of the trail length that falls withing a harvest area (%).
- •Block overlap represented in the bar graph; overlap removed from the plan in Phase 2:
- •7-27 Decent
- Diamond T Loop
- Pneuma
- •Strange Brew

Phase 3 (Oct 2023 – April 2024): Plan Design

Objectives

- Continue Plan development with key members of designated trail groups (BCT, MMBTS)
- •Review changes and commitments from Phase 2
- Incorporate additional information on trail locations and features
- Present and discuss offsetting strategy with MMBTS (blocks 2276, 2327, 2389, 2687, 3395)
- Prepare final design in preparation for field work snow-free 2024

Meetings

- •Nov 9: Bragg Creek Trails (BCT)
- •March 15: Bragg Creek Trails (BCT)
- •March 20: Moose Mountain Bike Trail Society (MMBTS)

Commitments

- •Develop FAQ document to address common concerns, specifically those identified in the BCT Logging Communication Plan
- •Incorporate new BCT approved trails (#14, #17, #18, #19, #20)
- •Schedule field days, identifying key representatives to ensure consistent approach
- •Trail closures are avoided through timing, signage and education. May be recommended to Alberta if a safety concern cannot be properly mitigated.

Overlap

- •Changes are tracked, describing the amount of the trail length that falls withing a harvest area (%).
- •Block overlap represented in the bar graph; overlap removed from the plan in Phase 3:
- •7-27
- •7-27 DH Connector to ROS
- •Fullerton Loop
- •Iron Springs
- Snagmore
- •Snagmore-Elbow Link
- •Snakes & Ladders
- Snowy Owl
- •#19
- •#20

Phase 4 - 6 (May 2024 – Oct 2026): Plan Development

Phase 4 (May 2024 – April 2025)

- Present harvest and consultation plan at May 2024 Open House in Cochrane
- Incorporate stakeholder comment, concerns
- Complete trail integration into harvest plans
- Develop visualization modelling as a planning & communication tool

Phase 5 (May 2025 – April 2026)

- Present plan updates at May 2025 Open House in Cochrane
- •Continued incorporation of stakeholder comments, concerns
- •Complete fieldwork away from trails
- •Finalize visualization modelling
- •Alberta plan submission (GDP)
- •Alberta plan submission (AOP)

Phase 6 (May 2026 – Oct 2026)

- Present plan updates at May 2026 Open House in Cochrane
- Final incorporation of stakeholder comments, concerns
- •Final preparations for plan implementation
- Mark trails in field for visibility and proper protections

Phase 7 - 9 (Oct 2026 – Nov 2028): Plan Implementation

Phase 7 (Oct 2026 – April 2027)

- Road and watercourse crossing construction
- Timber harvest
- •Timber removal, log haul
- •Continued communication with key members of trail groups
- Road and watercourse crossing seasonal deactivation following log haul

Phase 8 (May 2027 – April 2028)

- •Field visits with trail groups to review
- Develop restoration strategies as required, restoration work to be completed during Phase 9
- •Road monitoring and watercourse crossing inspection program
- •Site preparation for reforestation
- •Road and watercourse crossing seasonal deactivation

Phase 9 (May 2028 - Nov 2028)

- Seedling planting
- Road recontouring and reclamation
- •Watercourse crossings removal
- •Beyond Nov 2028:
- •Silviculture monitoring and reporting
- Monitoring continued growth and yield
- Monitoring disturbances
- •Adapting management techniques to maintain forest health
- •Research for future forest management planning

