	GRAZING AND FARM DEVELOPMENT LEASE INFORMATION SIGNS		<i>Issued: JUL 2016</i>
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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
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General

Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs are informational signs that are placed on leased public land near provincial highways to identify the property owner and the conditions that apply to entering the land.

The *Public Lands Act* aims to balance the need of leaseholders to protect the land and their livestock from harm with the rights of recreational users for reasonable access. The *Public Lands Act* requires leaseholders to allow public access to the land as long as it poses no harm to the land or to their investment in crops or livestock. Under *Alberta Regulation (AR) 228/2003* of the *Public Lands Act*, before recreational users enter the land, they must get in touch with the person leaseholders have named as the contact person for the grazing or farm development lease. Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs are one way of providing the necessary contact information and identifying the permitted/prohibited activities.

Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs can be placed within the highway development control zone upon receipt of a permit. The highway development control zone is defined under AR 326/2009 of the Highways Development and Protection Act (HDPa) to be within 300 metres of the highway right-of-way boundary or within 800 metres of the centre point of an intersection of the highway with another public road for freeways, multi-lane provincial highways and major provincial highways. For minor provincial highways, Alberta Transportation is only responsible

for signs posted within the highway right-of-way. The Roadside Management Classification Map identifies the different highway classes and can be found on the Alberta Transportation website.

Application Eligibility

Any individual or organization that is leasing public land from the Alberta Government can apply for a permit to implement a Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information sign.

Standard

Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs should follow Drawing ID-413. The sign should contain the name of the grazing or farming lease, lease number, leaseholder contact information and prohibited activities. The overall sign size must not be greater than 3 square meters.

AR 228/2003, clause 6(1), allows the leaseholder to deny access, or introduce conditions to access, when any of the following characteristics apply:

- Access would be anything other than foot access, including bicycles, horses or other animals and motor vehicles.
- The proposed use would occur in a fenced pasture where livestock are present or on cultivated land on which a crop is growing or has not been harvested.
- Access to all or part of the agricultural disposition land has been prohibited due to a fire ban as determined by either the Provincial or municipal authority.

- The proposed use would involve hunting at a location that is unreasonably close to a fenced pasture in which livestock of the agricultural disposition holder are present.
- The proposed use is camping.
- The proposed use would be contrary to a recreational management plan, an order by the Minister prior to the establishment of a recreational management plan, terms and conditions imposed by a local settlement officer or director or an access order issued by a director.

Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs are intended to be read by individuals entering the leased land. The signs are not intended to be read by motorists on a provincial highway. The final sign design with completed text will be reviewed by Alberta Transportation to ensure that motorists on the highway will not be distracted by the sign.

In accordance with AR 326/2009 of the HDP, clause 15, a permit will not be issued to any sign in the highway development control zone that has the following characteristics:

- Displays an intermittent, flashing or rotating light or lights;
- Flood lighting in such a manner as to cause interference to the motoring public;
- Yard lights, area lighting or other lights that, in the opinion of the Operations Manager, are excessively distracting to the public or create a traffic hazard;
- Has moving or rotating parts; or
- Bears a legend giving a command such as “stop, stop ahead, turn, caution,” etc., or any legend that in

any way imitates a standard or commonly used traffic signal device or sign.

Application Process

Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs can be installed in the highway development control zone upon receipt of a permit.

To apply for a permit, an application must be sent to the relevant Alberta Transportation district office(s). The application must include an image of the sign, sign locations and justification for installing the signs. The image of the sign should clearly show or identify the sign specifications, including the sign size, colour, wording and text size.

A map of the districts as well as the office contact information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4450.htm>

The application form and procedure can be found at the following link:

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/2626.htm>

Installation and Maintenance

The leaseholder is responsible for all costs and activities related to Grazing and Farm Development Lease Information signs. This includes the fabrication, installation, maintenance and replacement of the signs.

References to Standards

<i>Highways Development and Protection Act</i>	AR 326/2009
<i>Public Lands Act</i>	clause 62.1 AR 228/2003

NAME OF LEASE

LEASE NO. 12345678

**FOR INQUIRIES ABOUT ACCESS
TO THIS LEASED LAND**

**Call: Name of Lease Holder
XXX-XXX-XXXX**

Email: xxxxxxxxx@yyyyyy.zzz

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:


**Operation of Motorized Vehicles, Use of Firearms, Archery,
Open Fire, Overnight Camping**

LETTERING: 127mm(5")/80mm(3")/51mm(2") SERIES C (SEE NOTES)

NOTES:

1. THIS SIGN PATTERN IS USED FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.
2. SIGN DIMENSIONS AND FONT TYPE ARE VARIABLE AND MAY BE CHANGED AS REQUIRED.
3. FONT HEIGHT FOR NAME OF LEASE AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES MAY BE REDUCED BY MAXIMUM 25mm AS REQUIRED.
4. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE VARIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AR 228/2003 OF THE PUBLIC LANDS ACT.
5. MAXIMUM SIGN SIZE IS 3m².

SECTION REFERENCE		
DIMENSIONS (mm)		2000 X 1500
ENLARGEMENT FACTOR		15 X
COLOUR		
BACKGROUND	BORDER	MESSAGE / SYMBOL
WHITE	BLACK	BLACK / RED



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