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# WHITCOURT FOREST AREA - SWAN HILLS

# HAZARD REDUCTION BURN

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Swan Hills Hazard Reduction Burn is located southeast of the Town of Swan Hills, from highway 32 to highway 33. This burn will be approximately 15 hectares in size. The burn is being conducted by highly trained wildland firefighters from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, alongside firefighters from the Town of Swan Hills Fire Department. Preparation for this burn has been extensive in order to ensure public safety and minimize the impact of smoke to the town. Burning will only be conducted when weather conditions are favorable.

A hazard reduction burn is a planned, controlled burn of high hazard vegetation by highly trained professional firefighters. Typically, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry wildland firefighters use hazard reduction burns in the spring, around communities located near high-hazard areas, such as open grassy areas. Burning will reduce the risk of spring wildfires starting in this area.

## GOAL

- Strategic removal of hazardous grass around the Town of Swan Hills, reducing the risk of wildfire.
- Reduce the risk of a wildfire igniting from the use of Off-Highway Vehicles in the area.

## BENEFIT

- Enhance community protection by safely removing high risk areas of grass.
- Reinforce pre-planned wildfire containment lines around the town.

## TIMELINE

The hazard reduction burn is scheduled for the spring of 2018. Ignition will only occur when weather conditions are conducive to burning and when it is safe to do so.

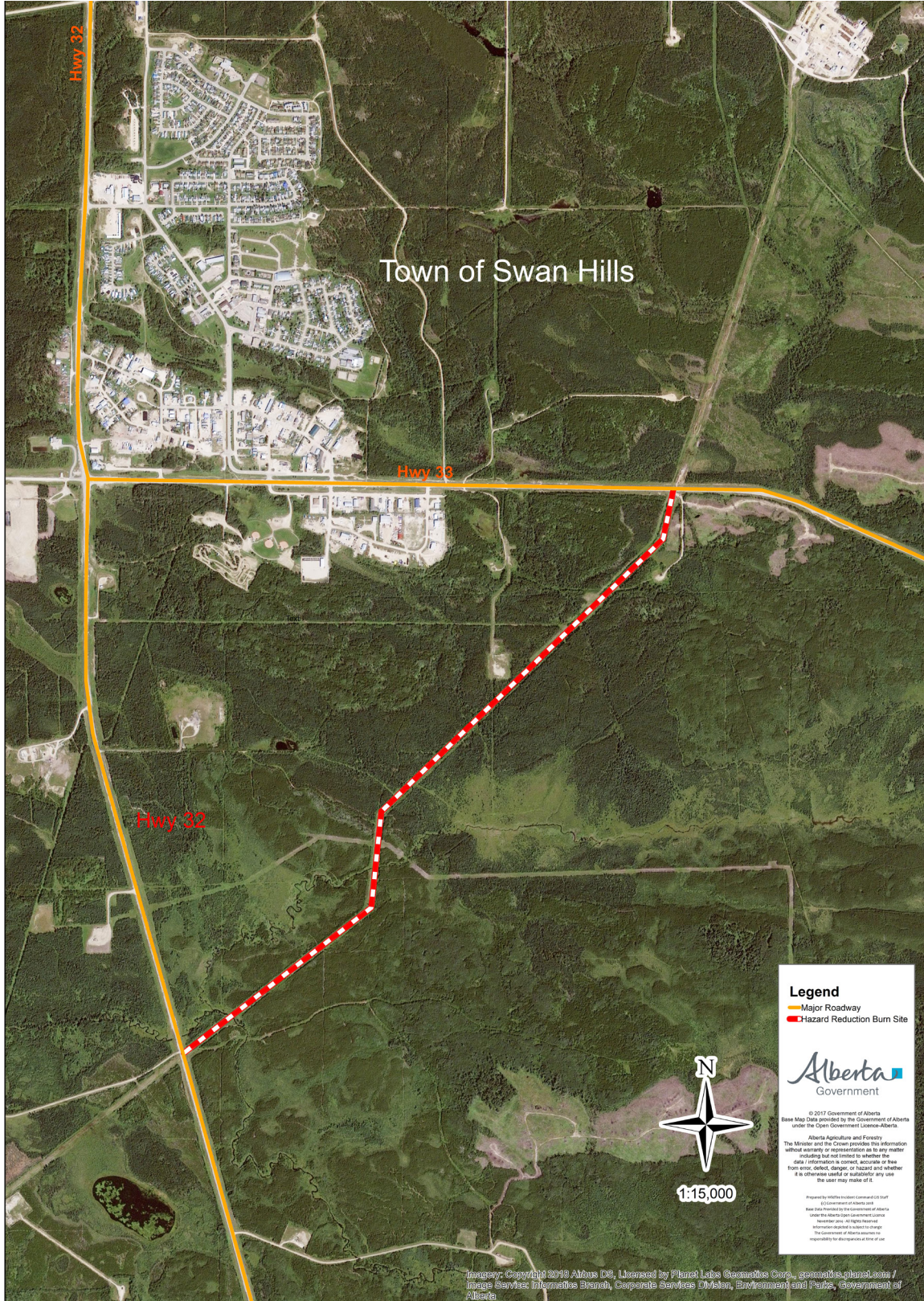


## ROAD CLOSURES

All public roads and highways are expected to remain open; minor delays may be experienced due to smoke. Smoke notification signs will be placed on major road ways. The area immediately adjacent to the hazard reduction burn will be closed to public access.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**Legend**

- Major Roadway
- - - Hazard Reduction Burn Site

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