
Guidelines For Entry of Conservation Officers On Treaty Lands

Agreement between Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations And Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

I. Purpose

To establish guidelines and realize shared outcomes for the Ministry of Environment (Ministry) and Treaty First Nations regarding the entry of conservation officers onto First Nations Reserves to perform operational law enforcement duties.

These guidelines apply only to the entry onto First Nation Reserves for operational law enforcement purposes and do not include activities such as educational talks in schools, trapping, fishing or hunting meetings, outfitting meetings, etc.

II. Outcomes

1. Pro-active communication of this Agreement by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) to their member First Nations and by the Ministry to all compliance staff.
2. Enhanced communication and co-operation between First Nations and the Ministry.
3. Respect for the respective jurisdiction, Treaty Territory and authority of individual First Nations and the Ministry.
4. Shared support for the conservation of renewable resources and the environment.
5. Ongoing support and monitoring of this agreement between and amongst the FSIN, its member First Nations in the Treaty Territories and the Ministry.

The designated contacts for management of this agreement are:

For the FSIN:

Executive Director or designate of the Lands and Resources Secretariat
of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
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For the Ministry of Environment:

Director
Enforcement and Investigations Section, Ministry of Environment
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III. GUIDELINES

1. The primary contact for Ministry of Environment conservation officers will be designated by the First Nation. Normally it will be the Band Councilor responsible for lands/resources/wildlife or band administrator.
2. Ministry Conservation Officers entering First Nations Reserve Lands in Treaty Territories for law enforcement purposes must contact the primary contacts, prior to entering unless:
 - to do so would result in safety concerns for the public or the officer;
 - to do so would nullify the purpose of the entry; or
 - the primary contacts are unavailable and the entry is necessary.
3. In instances when the primary contacts are not available, and entry is necessary, the primary contact must be notified of the entry as soon as possible and be provided with an explanation of:
 - why the entry was necessary; and
 - results of the entry.
4. Band bylaws will not be enforced by conservation officers unless otherwise authorized by the First Nation and the Ministry. Band bylaws on reserve lands will be respected by conservation officers.



Minister Scott Moe
Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

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Date



Chief Bobby Cameron
Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations

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Date