

Scale and Stakeholders in Alberta's Regional Planning

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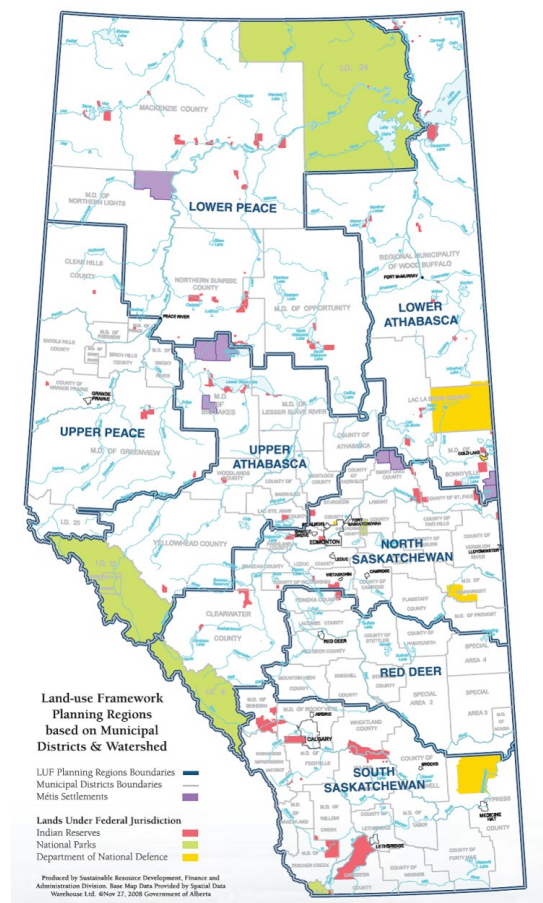
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This thesis explores the use of the regional scale in environmental governance by examining Alberta's new regional Land Use Framework (LUF). Using detailed content analysis of the policy's supporting legislation, the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, and interviews with members of key stakeholder groups I examine the impacts of the regional scale on stakeholders and on the planning process. I find that instead of simply creating a physically-bounded scale for improved environmental management, the LUF transfers a significant amount of power to the provincial Cabinet and creates a new political scale at which stakeholders must fight for their interests. This disadvantages stakeholders who are not able to act effectively at this new scale, particularly those who did not originally operate at the provincial scale.

Alberta's Land Use Regions



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