List of Questions, Rationale and Data Gathering

The questions are numbered and broken into sections. A Question Number will not be re-used but is instead retired. This is to ensure maximum comparability over multiple years. There xx sections:

1. General Information: Is this an emergency, name & contact details, SAPAA Member?
2. Visit Details: When and where did you go, are you the Designated Steward?
3. First Impressions: Naturalness, Change in Conditions?
4. How was the Visit: Time spent, why did you go, visit details.
5. What Should Be There: Ease to visit, iNaturalist, signage, biological and landscape changes.
6. Human Disturbances: Visitor activities, agriculture, resource extraction, motorized, dumping, infrastructure, invasive plants.
7. Needs to be done, photos, last words, and non-public comments.

Q#	Element/ Question	Title	Section	Purpose
01	**General Information**	**Section Heading**	**General**	Purpose of the form. Disclosure of sharing information to the GoA.
02	Is this an Emergency?	Q02: Emergency	General	In an emergency, contributors are not able to proceed but instead contact the authorities.
03	Fine Print	The Fine Print Up Front	General	Agree with Terms and Conditions.
11	Email Address	Q11: Email Address	WhoRYou	Email Confirmation.
12	Steward's Name (Individual or Group)	Q12: Steward's Name (Individual or Group)	WhoRYou	Select from a pre-populated drop-down list or select 'I am a Guest'.
13	First and Last Name for Guests	Q13: First and Last Name for Guests	WhoRYou	Use when name is not in the drop down.

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14	Phone (how can we reach you other than email?	Q14: Phone (how can we reach you other than email?	WhoRYou	Primary Phone Number
16	SAPAA Member	Q16: SAPAA Member	WhoRYou	Identify who is providing the submission, encourage membership. ● Yes / No / Not Sure / Not Applicable
20	**Visitor Details**	**Section Heading**	**WhereUgo**	**Details of the visit: Where, When, Who**
21	Visit Date	Q21: Date of Visit (default = today)	WhereUGo	Enter if the report is being completed post-visit.
22	Phone (how can we reach you other than email?	Q22: Site Name	WhereUGo	Drop down list. SAPAA PA sites only
23	SAPAA Member	Q23: Site Name- optional, use if site is not listed above	WhereUGo	Text box to describe a particular parcel, etc. visited.
24	Steward Type	Q24: Designated Steward ● Gov. Steward – Individual ● Gov. Steward – Group ● Citizen Steward ● Just Interested	WhereUGo	Are you the Steward? Either individually or as a member of a group? Do you want to be named the Citizen Steward for the area?
25	Inspection Number	Optional value for own record keeping	WhereUGo	Binder tab number, generated number from a system.

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30	**Subjective Naturalness**	**Section Heading**	**Impression**	**What is the Visitor's impression of the site?**
31	What is the Naturalness of the Site? 4=Great, 0=Terrible	Q31: What is the Naturalness of the Site? ● 4=Great, ● 3=Good ● 2=Passable ● 1=Bad ● 0=Terrible ● Cannot Answer	Impression	Subjective measure from the submitter. Valid in aggregate. How natural is this site? This is your measure but factor in infrastructure incursions (e.g. pipelines), human activity (e.g. dumping or ATV tracks), site infrastructure (e.g. trails, signs), evidence of natural activities (e.g. tracks or scat), invasive species (plants, animals, and/or diseases). Your consistency between sites visited is more important than consistency between visitors to the same site.
32	How Healthy: comments	Q32: How Healthy: comments	Impression	Optional explanation for selecting the value.
33	Changes	Change in conditions	Impression	Change in conditions since prior visit(s).
40	**Visit Details**	**Section Heading**		**Details of this specific Visit.**
41	Trip Duration	Q41: Trip Duration	How Visit	How thorough was the visit? How much time did you spend in the PA in hours? Enter "0.1" if you passed by but did not go in. If part of a multi-day trip, enter the number of hours estimated in the area excluding time spent camping, etc.

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41.1	Trip Duration Notes	Q41.1: Duration Notes	How Visit	Notes explaining the time spent in the area
42	Why Did You Go?	Q42: Why Did You Go?	How Visit	Activities of interest to submitters. Options are:
		● No Objective ● Botanical pursuits (e.g. plant identification) ● Visit nature ● Hiking ● Birding ● Mushrooming ● Historical/Cultural (e.g. signed nature trail) ● Canoeing/Kayaking ● X-country Skiing		● Snowshoeing, Winter hike ● Night Sky Observations ● Hunting/Trapping ● Equestrian ● Dog Walking ● OHV/Quadding ● PA Site inspection for SAPAA ● Research, Work or Study Related ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
43	Visit Details	Q43: Visit Details	How Visit	If you did not walk through the site, how did you visit it (e.g. drove by, drone flight over, cycling, OHV, etc.). How much were you able to visit? If available, send us a screenshot or the GPS file (e.g. a GPX, KMX, etc.).

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50	**What SHOULD be Here**	**Section Heading**	**Be There**	**<u>What should be in the Natural Area</u>**
51	Ease to Visit	Q51: Ease to Visit	Be There	How easy is this site to visit? How friendly for those not used to the 'bush'. ● Parking lot for 2 or more cars ● Washroom ● Directional signs on Feeder roads ● Entrance signs, information, etc. ● Trails (other than animal) ● Other (see comments, Q58) ● No Amenities ● No Signage ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
52	Biological Observations	Q52: Biological Observations	Be There	Summary of significant observations. Details to be provided via iNaturalist. Invasive activity detailed in Q68.
53	Submissions to iNaturalist	Q53: Submissions to iNaturalist	Be There	SAPAA uses this online resource. If you use another tool, please provide details in the final comment box. ● Yes / No, Not this Time ● No, not a member of iNaturalist ● What is iNaturalist? ● Other / Not Applicable
54	Landscape Changes	Q54: Landscape Changes	Be There	Significant, non-biological and non-human site changes. This includes recent fire burns, river bank or gully erosion, land slumping, cave-ins, etc.

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55	Designation as a Protected Area	Q55: Designation as a Protected Area	Be There	Is it obvious this is a protected area? For example government-signs, fencing, and other means. ● Signage ● Fencing ● Stiles, Gates ● Exists but in disrepair ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
56	Comments	Q56: Comments	Be There	Any other comments on what is in the site that should be and not covered by the above questions?
60	**Should NOT be Here**	**Section Heading**	**Not There**	**What legacy or new disturbances are found in the site.**
61	Agricultural Activities	Q61: Agricultural Activities	Not There	Some sites are under grazing leases. Nevertheless, unmaintained fences may allow for unauthorized access. ● Domestic Animal Grazing ● Seeded Crops or Haying ● Land Clearing ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
62	Resource extraction	Q62: Resource extraction	Not There	(Non) renewable resource extraction. Some sites have existing leases. ● Oil/Gas wells ● Mining (e.g. sand, gravel, peat or soil) ● Tree Harvesting / Bark Stripping ● Hunting (blinds, dressing site) ● Collecting / Trapping ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable

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63	Motorized disturbances.	Q63: Motorized disturbances.	Not There	How pervasive is the motorized impact? ● Off Highway Vehicles (4x4, ATVs) ● Snowmobiles ● Power Boats (lakes/rivers) ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
68	Invasive Plants / Disease	Q68: Plant or Animal Colonization	Not There	Post any observed plant or animal invasions to iNaturalist.org. Provide any overall or additional comments here (e.g. large Canada thistle infestation in the SW corner of the parcel). ● Plant disease ● Invasive plants ● Invasive Animals (boars, feral dogs/cats) ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable

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64	What Were Other Visitors Doing?	Q64: Animal or self propelled activities (biking, equestrian, etc.)	Not There	Low impact activities other than what the submitter was engaged in. These are either observed or evidenced by tracks, etc.
		● Hiking ● Skiing, Snowshoeing ● Trail Riding (horse) ● Mountain-biking ● Berry Picking ● Bird Watching ● Botanizing		● Photography ● Picnicking ● Camping ● Fishing ● Hunting ● Dog-walking ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
65	Gathering and Dumping Activities	Q65: Gathering and Dumping Activities	Not There	Living or partying on the site. ● Camping (lean-to's, fire rings, etc.) ● Buildings (non-industrial, e.g. trailers) ● Homeless camp ● Bush party sites (e.g. bottles) ● Non-hunting shooting ● Garbage dumping ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
66	Infrastructure encroachment	Q66: Infrastructure encroachment	Not There	How is industrialization and urbanization impacting the site? ● Power lines ● Roads / Cut lines ● Pipelines / Buildings ● Diversion of water (culverts, etc.) ● Cut fences, unauthorized entries ● Ad hoc structures (e.g. bridges) ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
67	Comments	Q67: Comments	Not There	Any Comments on how the site is being consumed or disturbed by humans not covered by the above?

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70	**What Should Be Done**	**Section Heading**	**2B Done**	**What if any actions should Taken**
71	Remediation/ Protection Activities Needed	Q71: Remediation/Protection Activities Needed	2B Done	What are the most urgent actions to be undertaken by a volunteer or by the Alberta Government? ● Nothing, all good ● Fencing / Re-vegetation ● Invasive Weed Removal ● Cleanup / Signage ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
72	What Have You Done Recently to Help the site?	Q72: What Have You Done Recently to Help the site?	2B Done	What activities designated Stewards have engaged in. ● Visit and Submit This Report! ● Signs Installed ● Cleanup (e.g. Trash removal) ● Weed Control ● Fencing ● Talked to nearby residents ● None noted / Other / Not Applicable
73	Educating Neighbours about Site Usage	Q73: Nearby Stewards?	2B Done	Are there nearby residents (full or part time) who might become Citizens Stewards? If so, include any contact details you observe (rural address, name, contact information as available).
74	Comments	Q74: Comments	2B Done	Optional field.

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80	**Close**	**Section Heading**	**Close**	**Close and Finalize Report, Photos or other Files**
81	Photos?	Q81: Photos? Including screenshots of your track from software.	Close	GDrive upload, Email, or No Photos
82	Any Last Words?	Q82: Any Last Words?	Close	Have we missed anything, any other comments or thoughts?
83	Non Public Details	Q83: NonPublic	Close	Use this field for details available only to SAPAA members and the GoA. For example, names of nearby residents, phone numbers, etc. Not published publicly.