

M.D. of Taber Shooting Complex - Safety Area Management Plan

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Purpose

Certain private and public lands fall within the 'safety area templates for the Shooting Complex 200 meter and the 600 meter ranges and as such the Safety Area Template Management Plan will provide a process for occupancy of the areas located within the template area.

The Taber Shooting Foundation has addressed the possibility of ground ricochets through exceeding the engineering design requirements for shooting ranges as outlined within the RCMP range construction guidelines and has further mitigated ground ricochets through the training, orientation and supervision of range users by instituting a Range Officer Safety certification course which requires all users with unrestricted access to the range to pass the required course.

All safety policies established by the Taber Shooting Foundation are based upon the premise that the range users are competent shots and are operating within normal human and equipment limits. There are no safety protocols which can be established to account for unacceptable random or wild firing. Range users who are observed violating safety protocols will be banned from the facility.

The area structure plan adopted by the Municipal District of Taber during the rezoning process will not permit the construction of any structure within any range template area on any of the adjacent lands. References to 'occupancy' within this policy refer to short term, intermittent or transitory occupancy of the lands that fall within the range template area.

Policy

Occupants of property located within the safety area template for the 600 meter and 200 meter ranges will be provided the opportunity to notify the Taber Shooting Foundation to temporarily suspend range activities at the 600 meter and 200 meter range when they plan to occupy the property to conduct agricultural or oil and gas related activities on the property which they occupy within the safety template area. The areas addressed by this policy are outlined on the attached maps.

Process

Temporary suspension of shooting activities on the 600 meter and 200 meter range by occupants of adjacent land may be initiated by contacting the Taber Shooting Foundation at 403-223-3541 at least 3 hours prior to the expected occupancy of the lands.

The occupant will indicate to the Taber Shooting Foundation the time period which the lands will be occupied.

The Taber Shooting Foundation will, upon receipt of notification, temporarily suspend range activities for the 600 meter and 200 meter ranges and will report back to the occupant that range activity has been suspended within the affected ranges.

The Taber Shooting Foundation will re-open the affected ranges following the period which the occupant indicated that the lands would be occupied or upon notification by the occupant.

Control of Access and Signage to Lands Within the Safety Area Template

Accesses to the following properties located at: SW and NW 1-11-17-W4 and SW 12-11-17-W4 will have locking gates installed which will have the potential to limit access to only the occupants (grazing, oil and gas) and the landowners. Control of the gate will be at the landowner and occupants discretion.

This management plan will be provided to the occupant and owner of NE 25 and NW36-10-17-W4.

Appropriate signage notifying all persons of the presence of the safety area template will be posted on accesses which directly lead into the safety area template. The signs will read as follows:

NOTICE

**Upon entering this property you are downrange of the
M.D. of Taber Shooting Complex.**

**Occupants of this property may contact the Taber Shooting Foundation at
403-223-3541 to request a temporary suspension of shooting activities on the
200m and 600m ranges in order for the occupant to conduct agricultural or oil
and gas related activities.**

**For more information a copy of the Safety Area Management Plan
may be found on the Taber Shooting Foundation website.**

Amendment and Review

The Taber Shooting Foundation will monitor and review the effectiveness of this management plan on an ongoing basis and will work collaboratively with occupants of adjacent properties to ensure the effectiveness of this plan.



