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Official Notice of Annual General Meeting of Peace River Forage Association of B.C.

On Tuesday December 1, 1998 the Annual General meeting of the Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia will be held at the Lone Wolf Golf Club in Taylor, B.C. at 1:00 p.m. All members, supporters and forage enthusiasts are invited to attend.

Ken Nichol, BCMAF Agrologist from Fort St. John will be the guest speaker. He recently attended "**Forages in the New Millennium: A Research and Development Strategy**", in Winnipeg which drew wide participation from Western Canada. Ken will be bringing us up to date on the important forage information produced by this workshop.

1999 Annual Convention of B.C. Forage Council slated for B.C. Peace River Country, January 29, 30 and 31st

Once again your local forage group, the Peace River Forage Association of B.C. will be hosting the annual gathering of the British Columbia Forage Council. This event will be held at the George Dawson Inn in Dawson Creek, B.C. on January 29,30 & 31st, 1999.

The theme **\$\$ Making Money by Keeping our Calves at Home and Grazing and Marketing our Lush Forage Resources \$\$** has been selected because the adoption of a process of this nature by local livestock and forage producers can have a significant favourable economic impact of the economy of Northeast B.C. For further information please phone the Forage Association director closest to you or fax one of the following: **Don** at (250) 782-2474, **Ian** at (250) 782-8156, **Jim** at (250) 784-2299, **Tom** at (250)787-3299.

Forage Seminar Slated for Rycroft, Alberta at Community Centre on Wednesday November 18th.

Utilizing Alternative Feed Sources and Feeding Low Quality Roughage will be the theme of the Rycroft Seminar which costs \$15 and will run from 9:00am until 3:30 pm.

Tom Delcurto, Beef Researcher and extension person from Oregon Sate University will be the featured speaker.

This is a very comprehensive seminar on how to effectively utilize low quality roughage and alternate feed sources. For further information, please contact **Calvin Yoder**, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development at Falher at (403) 837-2211.



Editorial

First of all some thank yous are in order.

1998 Forage Quality Seminar in Farmington in January.

Ken Haverland and Kenver Equipment, Dawson Creek for sponsoring guest speaker **Ray Fausak** of Evansburg, Alberta; **B.C. Forage Council** for speaker sponsorship and publicity for the Seminar.

1998 Summer Forage Tour in the Tomslake District.

The **B.C.M.A.F.** for sponsoring resource speaker **Brenda Schoepp**; The **P.F.R.A.** for sponsoring the Forage Bus; **Ken Haverland** and his **World Famous Kenver Equipment BBQ Crew** for excellent beef steaks and BBQ services; **Bernie Smith, Connie Patterson** and the **South Peace Feeder Coop Bunch** for providing the very nice lunch; **Burnem and Gerti Grant** of **Tate Creek Ranch** for hosting the evening BBQ, providing the bison burgers and door prizes; **The Tomslake W.I.** for helping out with the evening BBQ; and all of the folks who worked to make the tour successful; the special efforts on tour day of **Heather Fossum** and **Tom Pittman** are hereby noted.

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If you want to receive a copy of "**The B.C. Peace River Country Forage Development Project (Discussion Draft)**" please write your secretary at Box 908 Dawson Creek, V1G 1L6.

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If you are interested in using the Association Aerway Land Renovator please contact Glenn Hogberg for availability and rate per acre at (250) 843-7653.

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To be Highly Recommended:

Western Canadian Grazing Conference December 2-3 1998, Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

Several local forage enthusiasts attended the inaugural gathering in Red Deer in 1996 and found it to be a most stimulating and worthwhile event with over 500 paid attendees, mostly farmers and ranchers. If you can make arrangements to attend the Edmonton Conference **Theme: People, Pasture\$, Profit\$** you will not regret the investment of your time. Please contact: **Lorene Cunningham, Alberta Forage Council**, Telephone: (403) 443-7544, Fax (403) 443-7530 for more information.

1998 Directors of the Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia

Don Pedersen	Phil Haight	Glenn Hogberg	Ernest Nimitz	Bob Tubb	Ben Hansen	Brian Clarke
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Committee Chairmen: R & D, Glenn Hogberg; Wildlife Policy, Burnem Grant 786-5566; Communications and Info., Ernest Nimitz

B.C. Forage Council "99"

Convention Program

George Dawson Inn, Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Friday, January 29, 1999

- 10:00am - 3:00pm BCFC Directors Pre Annual General Meeting and Luncheon with local forage Association Directors.
- 1:00pm Trade Fair Opens
- 2:00pm **Guest Speaker Theme: \$\$ Making Money by Keeping our Calves at Home and Grazing and Marketing our Lush Forage Resources"\$\$**
- 3:00pm Question Period with Guest Speaker
- 3:30pm Coffee and Refreshment Break
- 3:30 - 6:00 pm Visit and participate in Trade Fair
- 6:00 p.m. **Annual General Meeting of BCFC**
1. Greetings/Welcome to BCFC by Chair of Peace River Regional District and President of Peace River Forage Association of B.C.
 2. Greetings from Alberta Forage Council
 3. Report on Falher Alfalfa Project
 4. Report on Wanham Agrifibre Project
 5. Brief workshop on goals/objectives of BCFC (long-medium short term)
 6. Financial and General Business
 7. Other Business
- 8:30 - 10:00pm **Annual General Meeting completed.** Mingle, visit and ruminate in Trade Fair

Saturday, January 30, 1999

- 9:00 am Trade Fair Opens
- 9:10 - 9:40 am Coffee and Registration for Seminar
- 9:40 - 10:00 am Greetings from Chair of Peace River Regional District, President of BCFC, President of Peace River Forage Association.
- 10:00 am Seminar begins **Theme: \$\$ Making Money by Keeping our Calves at Home and Grazing and Marketing our Lush Forage Resources.**
- Speakers
1. Major successful Northern Alberta Feedlot operator with exceptional environmental and marketing programs.
 2. Well known forage researcher involved in Forage Finishing and Marketing Beef on Legume Pastures.
- 12:00 - 1:30pm Luncheon plus mingle,ruminate and visit Trade Fair
- 1:30 pm
- Speakers
3. Local large animal Veterinary knowledgeable in herd health programs for backgrounding calves and grazing yearlings.
- 2:30pm Coffee on the run.
- 2:35pm An afternoon discussion session. Selected targeted topics from speakers earlier presentations. Several skilled people will be available to help coordinate this part of the program
- 4:00 pm Brief reports from each discussion group on targeted topics and other discussion /questions regarding theme of seminar.
- 5:00 - 8:00pm Mingle, visit and participate in Trade Fair

Sunday, January 31, 1999

- 10:00 - 2:30 p.m. Farm and Ranch Bus tour: Lunch and refreshments provided
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| Backgrounding Beef Feedlot | Purebred Cow Herd |
| Commercial Cow Herd | Bison Herd. |

Plan to Attend....



1998 Annual General Meeting of the Peace River Forage Association of British Columbia

Lone Wolf Golf Club, Taylor B.C.
Tuesday 1:00 pm
December 1, 1998

Agenda

1. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes of December 1, 1997 AGM.
2. Reports of President, Auditors, Treasurer and Secretary
3. Guest Speaker - **Ken Nichol, BCMAF Agrologist , Fort St. John,**
Forages in the New Millennium; A Research and Development Strategy.
4. Nominations for Directors (Directors whose Terms are expiring: Ben Hansen, Glenn Hogberg, Ernest Nimitz, Bob Tubb)
5. Committee Reports:
Advisory; Wildlife Policy Development; Research, Development and Demonstration;
BCFC; Communications and Information.
6. Election of Directors and Auditors
7. 1999 Programs Planned
 - a. Winter Forage Club Meetings
 - b. BCFC Annual Convention Jan. 29 - 30 - 31, 1999
 - c. R.D. and D. Projects
 - d. Summer Forage Tour June 1999
8. Other Business from the Floor
9. Adjournment