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- ⇒ Perform hazard assessments for all duties and undertake steps to control the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- ⇒ Find alternate ways to hold essential meetings of large groups.
- ⇒ Cancel workplace gatherings of 15 or more people in a single space.
- ⇒ Continue business continuity planning to prepare critical operations for any potential interruption.

For a more complete update on COVID-19 resources see the insert prepared by Aaron Mackay with BC Agriculture.

The Peace River Forage Association is in the process of hiring a contractor to act as the Event & Knowledge Transfer Coordinator for the next 10 months. They will optimistically continue in this process.

However many events originally envisioned in this project will have to be cancelled, postponed or modified until restrictions are lifted. Any events listed are subject to change, and members will be kept up to date via the newsletter, website, facebook or email.

For more information about the Event & Knowledge Transfer Coordinator please see the following link: www.peaceforage.bc.ca

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Meet Your President: Neil Ward

By Neil & Chelsey Ward

Neil Ward is a fourth generation rancher. He grew up on a ranch near Granum, south of Claresholm in southern Alberta. His parents Norm and Donna Ward embraced holistic grazing management and were involved in their regional chapter of the Society for Range Management, so he grew up with a steady diet of managed rotational grazing, soil building and water retaining principles. His wife Chelsey grew up in Maidstone, Saskatchewan.

From 2010 to 2014, Neil co-managed 33 employees for a large corporate farm called, Cattle LP. It included 13 ranch operations with over 10,000 cows, spread from St. Walberg to Moosomin to southwestern Saskatchewan and included ranches in Strathmore and Three Hills, Alberta. It also included an organic feedlot near Zenon Park in north eastern Saskatchewan.



Neil Ward during 2019 pasture Walk.

About 5 years ago Neil and his wife, Chelsey, moved to their current ranch location west of Mile 95 of the Alaska Highway. They own 8800 ac and manage another 19,000 ac in grazing leases. Chelsey worked in Alberta as a nurse but now she is co-managing the ranch. Together they manage a herd of 1000 cows, Simmental Angus crosses, both red and black with Charlais bulls. Neil also manages gravel extraction and sales for La Prairie Works.

Neil is keenly interested in building up his soil organic matter and carbon sequestration. He would love to get involved in a benchmarking study to measure how they have improved the productivity of their ranch already in just 5 years.

Neil read a number of books on holistic grazing management and to quote him “then I made it my own.” He likes to watch and learn how the plants grow. He does everything he can to help the desirable plants he wants to increase in his pastures to set seed. Neil also uses this knowledge to discourage the plants he does not want in his pastures, like the persistent timothy.

Neil and his father Norm developed the Power Grazer, a self contained trailer to make fencing moves quicker. This unit has storage for electrified reels of Gallagher Turbo Braid rope and 100 step in posts that can be released with the push of a button. It also includes a Gallagher 700 energizer, 140 watt solar panel, 100 amp/hr deep cycle battery & all that is needed to power 1 mi of fence.



The portability of Power Grazer makes it a great tool for managing regenerative grazing systems (or managed rotational grazing).

It can be towed with a small tractor or quad, enabling a whole quarter section to be fenced in a matter of hours. Rather than more and more investment in cross fencing infrastructure, Neil and Chelsey invest in portable, flexible systems and employing range riders to move their herd frequently based on what the plants are saying.

Neil joined the Peace River Forage Association of BC shortly after moving to the Peace and was convinced to let his name stand for election on the Board of Directors. After the 2019 AGM he agreed to serve as President. Neil does not take this lightly and is constantly striving to actively engage in this role and do the best he can to balance the diversity of perspectives this association attracts.

His goals while he holds this position are to facilitate the Board of Directors to lead the Forage Association through some transitions. They are embarking on a Strategic Planning process and involving new contractors. They would welcome member input on these topics as they work through where we go to next?

President's Message: New & Exciting Times

by Neil Ward

I wanted to let you know about important new directions that your current Board of Directors is spearheading on your behalf. One of our challenges is that many of us are new to the Board, so be patient with us as we learn the ropes.

Our diversity: one of the challenges is also a great opportunity for us. The more we learn about each other, the more I am excited about the skills and commitment that each person brings to the board.

We are developing a new vision moving forward in our projects and the way we share information. We want to work more with organizations like NEAT & Cohort and the AAFC scientists in Beaverlodge to include regenerative agriculture, soil building & community outreach.

We are happy to have recently been told we are approved for funding from the BC Hydro Agricultural Compensation Fund for a 10 month project.

This will enable us to hire an Event & Knowledge Transfer Coordinator. We had lots of interest and some very good candidates applying to fill this position. We will update you as this project gets up and running in our new reality.

We are embarking on a five year strategic planning process and we would love to hear your feedback. I strongly urge you to be part of this. There are a couple of ways you can do this.

It is that time of year when most of you like to renew your membership. Just before you write your cheque this time, please turn over the form to the back and answer a couple of questions for us.

Alternatively if you prefer face to face contact call Sandra at 250 789 6885 or email your thoughts to coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca

We would really appreciate hearing from you.



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- Larger solar panel for winter use
- Post storage with 100 tread in posts
- Electric reel with up to 2 miles of rope
- Can be towed by a quad
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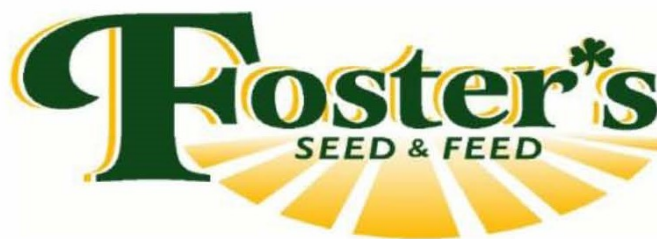
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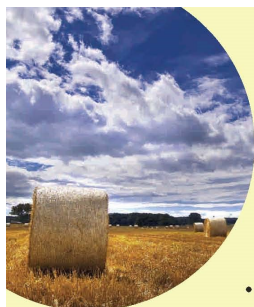
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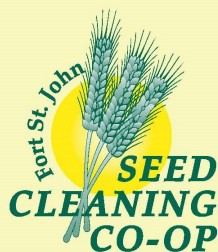
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Interseeding to Improve Forage Quality & Quantity Project

by Julie Robinson & Dr. Nitya Khanal

Project Question: Can the gaps (*photos below*) be fixed with interseeding into an existing forage stand?



Photo caption: Julie Robinson (*far left*), emergence gaps (*center*) & Dr. Nitya Khanal (*far right*).

Timeline:

Project Start date: April 1, 2019

Project End Date: March 31, 2022

Project Partners: Dr. Nitya Khanal Research Scientist, AAFC Beaverlodge Research Farm, Peace Region Forage Seed Association, South Peace Grain Cleaning Co-op, Aaron Mackay & Lori Vickers BC Ministry of Agriculture.

Project Goals:

- ⇒ To demonstrate if forage quality can be improved by seeding into an existing stand by exploring which species of legumes and grasses have the greatest potential for success in interseeding.
- ⇒ To demonstrate if forage yield and carrying capacity can be improved by seeding into an existing stand by exploring species and timing of seeding.
- ⇒ To determine if new forage drill Vredo can be utilized to seed into existing forage stands and if management practices that can be utilized to improve the success of interseeding such as intensive grazing, or herbicide use.
- ⇒ To develop extension material, knowledge and knowledgeable resource people to provide strategic support to delivering on farm climate adaptation practices and improve and enhance forage networks to enable a more resilient forage industry into the future.

The goal is to have two sites developed per year for interseeding. In the project's second year (this year) we will see the addition of at least two more sites.

Monitoring will expand yearly to accommodate the addition of sites. Year two monitoring will include year one plots there were established in Montney and in the Sunset Community Pasture area. and year two plots that are planned for in the south peace. Year three monitoring will be over all 5 sites. Producers who are interested and have appropriate sites will be selected as partners. The steering committee will help direct priorities to align with gaps in research and industry priorities to ensure that individual site questions and plots still address a greater question.

Specifically, sites with low variability and poor stand vigour or low plant density will be targeted. Species composition will be critical to success and producer's ability to prep the site will also be considered. Intensive grazing prior to seeding or herbicide use must be options.

This summer Forage Friendly Enterprises, the lead contractor of this project, welcomes Rachel Juell to their team, from a family farm in the Doe River area. Rachel is currently attending school in the Okanagan and is looking forward to a summer job in the outdoors!!! Stay tuned for updates from her as she helps deliver on this project.

This summer we hope to establish 3 new plots 2 in old tired hay fields and one in a tired pasture. One of the challenges in a hayfield is what legume could be successful if it is an old alfalfa field as past experience indicates trying to introduce alfalfa seedlings into an old stand will not be successful. This is another opportunity where birdsfoot trefoil may shine. STAY TUNED for our results

Best Practices for On-Farm Management of Runoff, Drainage & Erosion

by Julie Robinson, Matthias Loeseken & Sandra Burton

Project Start Date Feb, 2019

Project End Date Mar, 2020

Best Practices for On-Farm Management of Runoff, Drainage and Erosion was initiated by the Peace Agricultural Adaptation Working Group in late 2018 to summarize the current state of knowledge and management practices with regards to the management of surface runoff, drainage and erosion improvements in the Peace region. A project oversight committee (POC) was established that selected Forage Friendly Enterprises Ltd. to implement the project in early 2019. The project was administered by the BC Grain Producers Association and funded by the sponsors listed below.

Forage Friendly subsequently consulted with producer groups, individuals, and industry specialists on the subject matters, and completed a scan of other jurisdictions to identify management practices with potential applications in the Peace. There were several fact sheets built through this project, and webinar on Erosion in the Peace is available for viewing on the Peace River Forage Associations website. The webinar and factsheets explain the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equations (RUSLE). Looking at how rainfall, soil erodibility, slope, crop vegetation and management and support practices relate to erosion.

One of the key factors that a producer can manage, that minimizes soil erosion risks, is soil organic matter. In the forage sector that often looks like winter feeding or rotational grazing. Good soil organic matter also improves water infiltration, and soil respiration making the soil healthier as a whole.



High speed tillage disc working up perennial forage stand.



One of the other interesting components that came out the webinar discussions was ensuring that land had good cover established when high rainfall times are expected. So in the Peace that is in June, July and August. We are also getting more frequent extreme weather events making it imperative for forage producers to look at ways to minimize the window that fields are bare or under rejuvenation. One tool may be high speed tillage which is an implement that may narrow the tillage window in rejuvenation to less than a week.

Looking for more information? Please see the 4 factsheets included in this package. Or check out our website: www.peaceforage.bc.ca

Funding for this project has been provided in part by:



Forage Starting Over: What We Learned

by Julie Robinson

Original objectives:

Over 3 years the PRFA set out to explore:

- ◇ Timing of Seeding: establishing plots, spring verses winter seeding methods and connect it to climate conditions.
- ◇ Cover crop research site: establishing at one spring and one winter seeded cover crop research plot using at least 5 cover crop species.
- ◇ Cover crop demonstration: establishing 2 cover crop demonstration sites looking at seeding rates and seeding timing.
- ◇ Soil amendments demonstration: establishing 2 demonstrations on farm sites.
- ◇ Forage mixes demonstration: building from previous work completed establishing 2 sites with four forage mixes.



Birdsfoot trefoil plots show AC Bruce (above) vs common trefoil (below) images that were typical across 4 plots in a Pouce Coupe site.



Key findings of this project include:

1. Demonstrating varietal advantages for species like birdsfoot trefoil and orchardgrass.
2. There seems to be an opportunity to explore more of the soil health benefits to go along with less conventional cover crops like crimson clover, perennial or annual ryegrass & hairyvetch.
3. Soil amendments like adding biological components are difficult to measure success on. Timing of application matters. There needs to be adequate moisture and warm enough temperature to allow for the soil microbes to be active. There is much to be learned about opportunities here. A professor expressed it well when she shared that often some of these soil amendments only shine when the soil conditions are extremely poor, (i.e. salty or sterilized for some reason), and the recovery is not a silver bullet that fixes all. Multi prong approaches are still most effective.
4. When it comes to seed mixes data indicates there are benefits from polycultures as the literature documents. What has been difficult to document is the yield returns. Wildlife in the region seem quick to determine where high quality feed is. They often move in to harvest their favorites before all the plots can be documented.



Varieties	Common and others
Uses	Largely pasture (hay to a lesser extent)
Ease of establishment	High (good seedling vigour and quick establishment)
Drought tolerance	Moderate (recovers quickly after dry period)
Flood tolerance	Moderate (tolerates spring flooding/excess moisture, less so later in season)
Winter hardiness	Low (variety/condition dependent; can be slow to grow in spring)

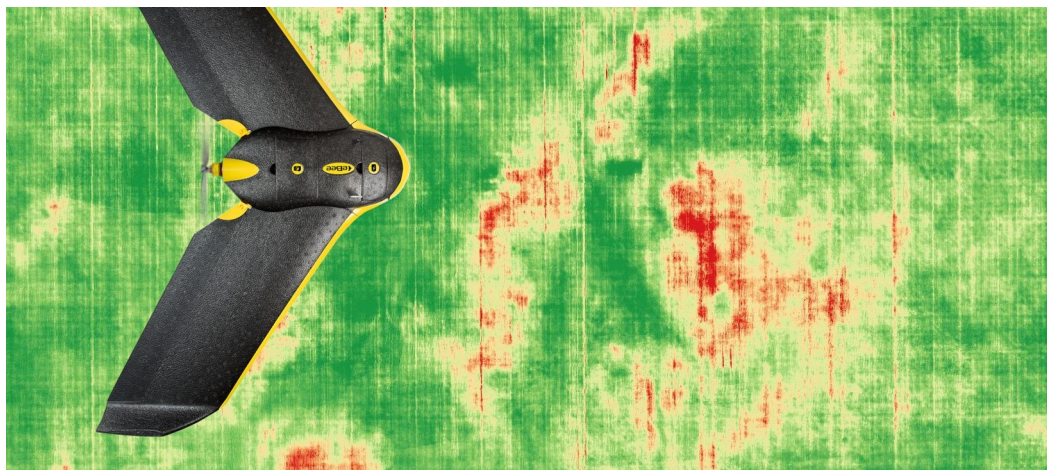
Varieties	Common and others	Good identifier	Cross sections of lower stem are flattened (lower left image)
Uses	Largely pasture (hay to a lesser extent)	Roots	Dense, fibrous, extensive roots; no rhizomes
Ease of establishment	High (good seedling vigour and quick establishment)	Emerging leaves	Folded in bud stage
Drought tolerance	Moderate (recovers quickly after dry period)	Leaves	V-shaped to flat, hairless, green/blue-green, wide (10 mm), boat-shaped (young) to sharp (older) tipped
Flood tolerance	Moderate (tolerates spring flooding/excess moisture, less so later in season)	Leaf sheaths	Smooth, open, overlapping edges at top; flattened
Winter hardiness	Low (variety/condition dependent; can be slow to grow in spring)	Ligules	Long (8mm)
Palatability (crude protein & digestibility)	CP: 13-15%, digestibility 67%; palatability declines after heading	Auricles	None
Grazing recovery	High (recovers quickly; re-graze after 4-6 weeks rest); allow for rest in late summer/early fall	Seed head	Spikelets clustered on one side of panicle branch
		Seed	6 to 7 mm long, chaffy, light
		Seed weight	645 000 seeds per pound

Example of species cards that were compiled as part of this project. This orchardgrass card is 1 of 28 cards (2 1/2" x 3 1/2") on a carbiner.

Be sure to check out PRFA website for updates on the findings of this project and more at www.peaceforage.bc.ca

Peace Region Agriculture Drone Field School 2020

By Matthias Loeseken



Full NDVI image with enhanced plant growth indicators.

More and more agricultural producers in the BC Peace own drones and are curious about how to use them to support their businesses (e.g. for field scouting or to document wildlife damage). However, many drone users may not know that as of June 2019, all drone operators in Canada (regardless of use for fun or for work) are legally required to have a drone pilot certificate and a registered drone.

COVID-19 has changed many plans, including some of the original ambitions of the 2020 Peace Region Drone Field School Program. Instead of offering classroom training to prepare agricultural producers in the BC Peace for their drone pilot exam, Blackbird has partnered with Coastal Drone Co. to offer effective and extremely affordable online drone pilot training.

Through this program, we can provide online access to Coastal's Basic Training Package at a subsidized price of \$30 (regularly \$95). This extremely well-prepared course takes only a couple of hours and provides users with the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful drone pilot.

While online delivery wasn't the initial vision for the 2020 Peace Agricultural Drone School, there is still hope that practical field days could be rolled out later in the summer or fall. Field days would get participants outdoors practicing their flight skills, along with discussions with Blackbird's professionals and other collaborators regarding the different agricultural uses for drones.

Blackbird is available to answer questions and provide ongoing support for participants throughout this entire project, don't hesitate to reach out!

If you would like to register or find out more information, please visit:

<https://blackbird.ca/wings/>.

Funding for this project is provided by
BC Hydro's Peace Agricultural Compensation Fund.



Matthias preparing his drone for flight.



Vertical Tillage & High Speed Disk

by Charissa Enns

Rejuvenating forage stands in a timely way that reduces the risk of erosion is challenging in the Peace. Although Charissa Enns writes about grass seed production examples, there are many applications here for forage & livestock producers, so we include excerpts here. This article was reprinted with permission from the author & PRFSA.

Vertical tillage or a high speed disk, often preceded by herbicide application (sometimes even applied with a roller sprayer) is one method that many believe works well in the Peace Region, especially for operations using minimal tillage.

The high speed disk and vertical tillage implements do have several important differences, but a quick oogle search shows that these terms are often used interchangeably. The true vertical tillage implement has vertically mounted disks as opposed to the high speed disk's notched and angled blades. With a vertical tiller, aggressiveness is determined by the depth of the wave in the blade. Blades with bigger wave height are much more aggressive than those with a shallower wave (O'Dwyer, 2020). With the vertical tiller, "You're not flipping soil; you're just slicing it" (Guethner, 2016). On a high speed disk, the angle of the blades and depth setting determines the level of soil disturbance. Both implements are quite compact, allowing for a smoother finish, even on ground that is not perfectly flat.

High speed disks, it seems, are a viable option to reduce the number of passes required to prepare a field for seeding when rejuvenating. Trevor O'Dwyer from Agroworks, Flaman Rentals, says that the high speed disk is heavy enough to penetrate older fescue stands.

This allows producers to work the ground from shallow to deep as opposed to starting from the opposite end of the spectrum. In 2019, a lighter stand of fescue was worked down, requiring two passes with the high speed disk. The first pass was set at 2" depth, rolled and then set to 2 ½" depth for the second pass. For this season, it is expected that a single pass with a McFarland harrow will be sufficient to prepare the seed bed for spring planting. Another field with heavier, sod-bound ground required three passes with a roller between passes and each pass made at a 45 degree angle to the other. The 2020 plan for this field is to make a single pass with the McFarland before seeding. O'Dwyer says, "The high speed disk fits best on my operation to shear the top 1- 1 ½" of residue and soften it up so I can seed into it."

One benefit of the high-speed disk is the ability to travel fast, but on rough ground, this can be a challenge. O'Dwyer also says that most high speed implements work better the faster you go, but they also, "Need good ground to hook into and some resistance to pull through." In a single pass, there is a lot more action, so fewer passes are required to achieve the same results as a conventional disk. This also means that they require a lot of horsepower, are heavy and all have packers, meaning that the conditions must be right for the high-speed disk to be used and compaction as well as hard pan issues can arise in some cases. O'Dwyer also warns that a high speed disk does not work well following a plow or other tillage equipment. Often, he says, producers will call, wanting to use the high speed disk after plowing is already done, which is not a good fit for the implement.

In light of this, it is important to assess what is really going on in the field, and what you are hoping to accomplish before you start tilling the soil. The shearing action of a high-speed disk can sometimes create a hard pan layer if the conditions are too wet (Guenther, 2016 & O'Dwyer, 2020). In addition, the weight of the disk as well as the packers means that using it in wet conditions will likely result in compaction issues (O'Dwyer, 2020). This spring, it is essential to make sure that conditions are sufficiently dry to allow these implements to work.

In the 2019 season, one Peace region operation used the high speed disk to prepare the seed bed where peas had lodged before combining, leaving high levels of residue and unfavorable seeding conditions. In some cases, vertical tillers have been known to bury residue that is later pulled out of the soil by a seed drill. In this instance, the high speed disk was able to chop the heavy residue and bury it shallow, preparing the seed bed in one pass (O'Dwyer, 2020). Instances such as this highlight the importance of finding the right tool to fit the situation.

Tobin Dirks, a BC producer used a Horsch high speed disk on a fescue stand that had been previously sprayed. After two passes at 2-3" depth, peas were seeded and, it seems, this practice offered a small yield advantage. Dirks believes that the high speed disk does, "Seem to take down the fescue for the following year." Dirks also plans to use the implement in the upcoming season to take existing fescue stands out of production.

For more details on vertical tillage & high speed disc see Factsheet #4 by Robinson, Burton & Loeseken included here.

Vertical Tillage & High Speed Disk *Continued*

by Charissa Enns

Vertical tillers are made to fit a slightly different situation than the high speed disks. Blair Hill, a Peace region producer says that one of the main uses for his Salford RTS 2100 vertical tiller is on fescue and timothy stands after combining. He says that the vertical tiller not only chops the straw more thoroughly after the combine, but it also helps push the straw close to the soil surface, allowing it to break down quicker. Hill says that after baling the straw for several years, the soil on one fescue field began to show adverse effects. He started leaving the residue in the field and running the vertical tiller at approximately 1-1 ½" depth. After doing this, he says excess residue became less of an issue and soil biology seems to have improved. The vertical tiller allows him to deal ef-

fectively with the residue with minimum soil disturbance.

Hill says, "You can't really tell that it's been through the field except for the wheel tracks." He adds that "If you want soil disturbance, this is not your rig."

In recent years, there has been an interest for forage seed producers to be able to increase seed production or extend production years. In these cases, vertical tillage and high speed disks have been used, but according to Calvin Yoder, few of these trials have proven overly successful. Despite this, vertical tillage and high-speed disks are becoming increasingly popular in modern agriculture. Indeed, there are instances where these implements are useful and are a good fit for those seeking to reduce the number of passes required to till the soil. There is, however, a simultaneous increase in

interest about soil biology and how our tillage practices might be affecting the world beneath our feet. Coming from a zero till background, it is essential to understand not only what we are hoping to accomplish in the short term, but also how those actions might affect soil health in the long run. Finding a solution for the many situations agriculture presents is difficult. There are no easy quick answers. It does appear that when we are willing to think creatively about how we have reached our conclusions and why

Looking for more information?

1. Agroworks, Flaman Rentals has a short clip. https://youtu.be/Djni_sByB1M
2. "Investing in vertical tillage tools" by Guenther. 2016 in Grainews <https://www.grainews.ca/2016/04/05/what-to-look-for-when-investing-in-vertical-tillage-tools/>
3. "Soil, Water & Residue Management Tools" Factsheet #4 in this package by Robinson, Burton & Loeseken, 2020.

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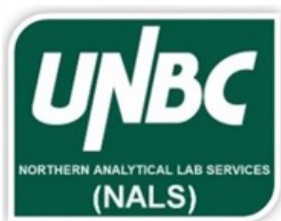
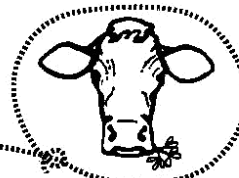
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Two large R & D projects for the last 3 years are ending this spring: **Forage Starting Over Do's & Don'ts & Improving Productivity & Profitability of Forages**. These projects are funded in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Government of British Columbia through the Agri-Food Futures Fund.

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Full Time Contract

Based in Fort St. John or Dawson Creek, BC

Salary: \$4,000.00 to \$4,600.00 /month

The Peace River Forage Association of BC is looking to fill 10 month Event Coordinator position starting in May, 2020. The successful candidate with work with the PRFA to deliver over 17 unique agriculture knowledge transfers events in the North and South Peace locations. This position has been created to ensure extension events are available to rural regions in the Peace. PRFA has developed a knowledge transfer plan that address topics of interest to forage and livestock producers over the production season providing field days when weather permits is mixed in with classroom and seminar learning and planning opportunities. There is also the opportunity to travel to Kamloops for national forage conference this fall. This position is a field and office position and requires a strong work ethic and the ability to operate with little supervision. This is a full-time 10 month position starting May 4 to March 31, based out of Dawson Creek or Fort St John, BC.

An ideal candidate would have the following attributes/skills:

- ◊ Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- ◊ Curiosity (the more the better)
- ◊ Genuine interest in agriculture, on-farm experience will be considered an asset
- ◊ Well organized with excellent multi-tasking abilities.
- ◊ Proficiency with MS Office products, comfortable with modern technology and social media platforms
- ◊ Local to the BC Peace Region
- ◊ Industry typical safety certification (e.g. Level 1 First Aid)
- ◊ Valid diver's license in good standing (driver's abstract required prior to commencement of employment)
- ◊ Personal vehicle available for use
- ◊ Educational requirements
- ◊ Post Secondary education related to agricultural sciences are preferred.

Drug & alcohol screening may be required upon commencement of employment.

Job Type: Temporary

Job Location: Fort St. John or Dawson Creek, BC

Required license /certification: Class 7 N Drivers license

Self-employed contractor with WCB

Benefits: Work from home opportunities

For more information please consult this link

<https://www.indeedjobs.com/peace-region-forage-seed-association/jobs/bb0e793e6cdd998f6e58>

or email julie@foragefriendly.ca

Closing Date: May 5, 2020 but please apply a.s.a.p.

Please Note:

This year's summer tour is cancelled due to current COVID-19 concerns.

However, if restrictions change, we may be able to host smaller events such as our summer & fall pasture walks.

Hosts, Dates & Locations To Be Announced

In the meantime, we will be exploring alternate & virtual ways of sharing info with you.

For more info: Follow updates on our website www.peaceforage.bc.ca
OR follow us on Facebook
OR email prfaevent@gmail.com

Please Note:

This year's PRFA of BC AGM will be held on December 1, 2020

Location To Be Announced

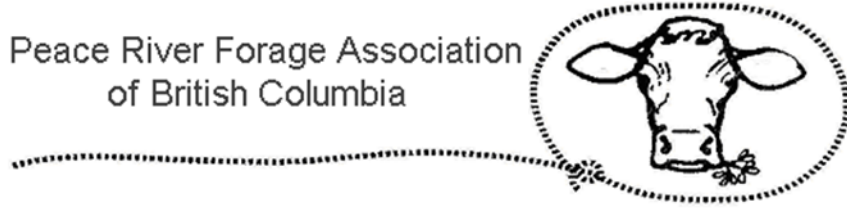
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**You too can be a Friend of Forage !
The newsletter advertising rates are:**

\$75	business card
\$125	1/4 page
\$200	1/2 page
\$300	full page
\$500	full 2 pages

You can also be a Friend of Forage by buying coffee or a meal at one of our events. Or call us with your idea at 250.789.6885 or by emailing coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca

Peace River Forage Association
of British Columbia



2020 Annual Membership Fee: \$50.00
Membership year is April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Contact Information:

Family Name: _____

First Names: _____

Company/Ranch Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Method of PRFA of BC contacting you: _____

PRFA of BC is subject to the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act. Therefore this office will not release information to anyone other than those involved in PRFA of BC business, events & information sharing.

◇ **Please check here** if you authorize us to use your information to contact you about events, sharing knowledge & other PRFA of BC business.

Fellow Forage Enthusiasts please note:

This \$50 membership fee provides you with 3 to 4 newsletter & information packages mailed out per year (Forage First), copies of our Forage Facts from our research projects, special pricing at our events & member pricing when using our rental equipment.

Multi-Year Membership:

Some members have suggested we give you this option. Please check if you would like to purchase your membership for more than one year & make your cheque out accordingly:

_____ # of years x \$50 per year = \$_____

Please make your cheque payable to:
Peace River Forage Association of BC
(PRFA of BC)

& mail to:

Box 955,

Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H9

or

bring this form & your cheque
to one of our events.

Thank you for your support !

Main Enterprise & Interest

***Please check one or more
that apply to you:***

Beef

Dairy

Sheep

Bison

Horse

Game

Seeds

Hay

Grazing

Agribusiness

Resource Agency

Forage Enthusiast

Association Projects

Industry

Other

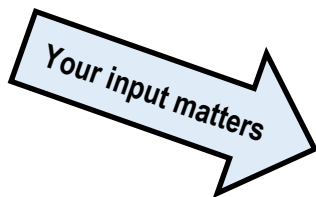
***Please turn to the other side &
give us your feedback about:***

*What events & topics & speakers
should we organize next?*

How should we share information?

*What would you like to see in a
future R & D project?*

***Thank you for your time in making
the Peace River Forage
Association of BC
a member driven organization !***



Feedback From Members of the Peace River Forage Association of BC

Events:

What events have helped you in your operation or business?

☐ tours ☐ workshops ☐ podcasts ☐ other

☐ field days ☐ seminars ☐ webinars _____

What events or topics or resource people should we organize next?

What have we done well? What could we improve on?

R & D Projects:

What would you like to see in a future R & D project?

☐ grazing ☐ rejuvenating ☐ soil health ☐ forage sp

☐ fencing ☐ weed control ☐ other _____

What R & D projects or topics have improved your operation or business?

Why were they worthwhile?

If you would prefer person to person please call Sandra at 250 789 6885 or email coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca with your ideas & feedback.

Sharing Information:

How would you like to hear about events?

☐ mail ☐ newsletter ☐ texts ☐ phone

☐ website ☐ facebook ☐ other _____

How do you like getting information & results from R & D projects?

☐ mail ☐ newsletter ☐ texts ☐ other

☐ website ☐ facebook ☐ factsheets _____

How often do you want to get information from PRFA of BC?

☐ 3-4 x yr ☐ monthly ☐ weekly ☐ daily

Your ideas will be compiled for the Board of Directors as they develop their next 5 year strategic plan.

Thank you for your time in making the Peace River Forage Association of BC truly a member driven organization !

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