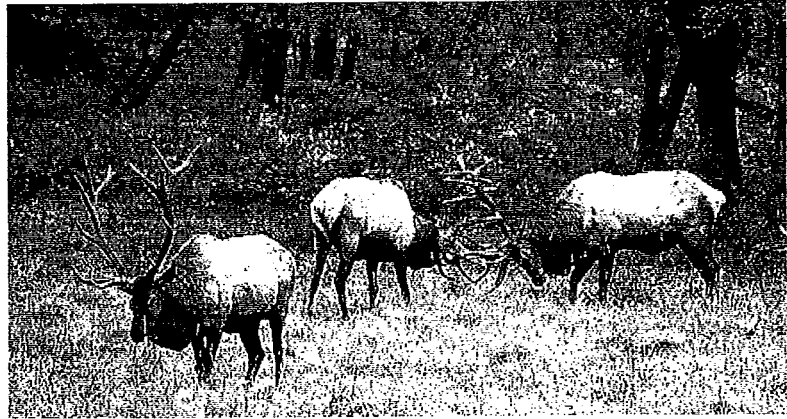


## Plan Now to Attend.....

### Wildlife Agricultural Symposium Slated for January 26-27, 2001

The Wildlife Committee as constituted by the Peace River Regional District is hosting a Wildlife and Agricultural Symposium. Tentative date is the last week in January and the likely location is Fort St. John.



Plans are underway to invite experts and government agencies from Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and various U.S. States for their participation.

#### Featured Speakers:

**Bob Budd** - Southern Wind River Landscape Director, Nature Conservancy, Red Canyon Ranch, Lander, Wyoming. Residing at the Red Canyon Ranch, a nature conservancy Bob deals daily with wildlife and recreation issues and impacts on grazing areas.

**Miles Anderson**, - Past President of the Saskatchewan Stockgrowers Association ( 1996-98). A successful cattleman and a member of a historic ranching family in the Fir Mountain area of Southern Saskatchewan near the Montana border. In the mid 1990's Miles served on two province wide task forces with multistake-holder representation: The Wildlife Damage Task Force and the Wildlife Diversification Task Force. These groups are responsible for helping greatly improve the existing situation in Saskatchewan between agricultural producers and wildlife enthusiasts. A parallel group with Miles as co Chair representing the Saskatchewan Stockgrowers Association developed the Prairie Care Action Plan. This plan is a successful rewrite (by Saskatchewan Environment and Resources Management) of a failed World Wildlife Fund plan developed previously in Saskatchewan without agriculture producer input.

Other plans include producer presentations from various sectors and guest speakers from producer organization. The Symposium will also incorporate working groups and a field trip to look at damage and solutions that local producers have used. The PRRD Wildlife Committee believes that the more information the NEBC producers have, the better solutions they can implement in their particular circumstances.

This symposium will provide an opportunity to pull together a lot of resources into a central Peace River location for extensive exploration of situations and solutions. Members of the Forage Association and other Agricultural community groups are encouraged to attend and participate in this Symposium in January.

For further information on the Symposium please contact one of the following : Karen Goodings, Chair PRRD (250-784-3200; Andy Ackerman, Regional Fish and Wildlife Manager, MELP, Fort St. John (250) 787-3426; Burnem Grant (250) 786-5566; Sandra Burton (250) 789-6885; Ernest Nimitz (250) 843-2300.

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**JANUARY 26 & 27, 2001**

**9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

**CHARLIE LAKE HALL**

**Hunters, farmers, livestock producers, outdoorspeople.... YOU have a stake in this discussion. Come and give your thoughts and ideas. Come be a "Partner in Solutions".**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

**BOB BUDD** - Director of Stewardship for the Nature Conservancy in Wyoming and manager of the 35,000 acre Red Canyon Ranch, an internationally recognized site for integration of the art and science of rangeland ecology management.

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FROM WOMEN - ROCKY MOUNTAIN EIK FOUNDATION. JOHN HAS AN EXTENSIVE background with State Wildlife Agencies and the Rocky Mountain Eik Foundation Conservation programs in Canada and the United States. He is knowledgeable in "Seeking Common Ground" and various Ranching for Wildlife programs.

**HYLAND ARMSTRONG** - "Tell me how much wildlife habitat you want and I'll create it using a cow." This is the heart of this powerhouse speakers' important message... a message that has been well received by such tough crowds as the Wilderness Association, Field Naturalists and Grassland Naturalists Associations and the Alberta Wilderness Coalition.

**BURNEM GRANT** - Peace Forage Association representative, Burnem will speak on the producer's perspective of the problems in the peace.

Other Expert Speakers include: Wildlife Biologists from the Kootenays, Victoria, Prince George and Fort St John, representatives from Ducks Unlimited, BC Environment Veterinarian Helen Schwantje and Karen Goodings of the Regional District.

**THIS IS A JAM-PACKED TWO DAYS WITH LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR INPUT.**

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$30.00 for the 2 days, lunch and coffee breaks included. A BUS FROM DAWSON CREEK WILL BE AVAILABLE SUBJECT TO DEMAND. THERE IS NO EXTRA CHARGE BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: KAREN GOODINGS 1-800 670-7773 IN FORT ST.**

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