

Tool Chest

Wildlife Committee Follow-up



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HUNTING	S-M-L	Action by	Start Date	Target for completion
↘ Limited Entry Hunt	S & M	Min. of Environment	Started	Ongoing - annual review
↘ Special Permits	S	Min. of Environment	Started	Ongoing
↘ Open season (hunting regulations)	M	Min. of Environment	Started	
↘ Hunting regulations	M	Min. of Environment	Started	
FEEDING	S-M-L	Action by	Start Date	Target for completion
↘ Lure crops - rye - include oil/gas right-of-ways	M and L	Elk Foundation, to do research	Started	Ongoing
↘ Range enhancement - grazing tenure	M and L	Does Oil/Gas Cmsn. have a program		
↘ Compensation: Resident wildlife for crop loss	M	Discuss at Prov. Ag. Symposium in PG		
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	S-M-L	Action by	Start Date	Target for completion
↘ Relocation	M	Elk Foundation & Min. of Environment		
↘ Range enhancement (away from Agric.)	M & L	Elk Foundation & Min. of Environment		
↘ Inventory (need to manage & know #'s)	M & L	Min. of Environment & Producers		
↘ Resident Wildlife - identification /re-designation & description of resident wildlife to be researched & included in Wildlife Act	L	Min. of Environment & Committee	Ongoing	
↘ Conflict Resolution Committee				
↘ Ungulates eating standing crops	M & L	"acceptable solutions" to be explored		
↘ Access- restriction of ATV's	M & L			

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→ Fencing	M		Started	
→ Scare tactics	S		Started	
→ Compensation - Resident Wildlife	L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair to forward letter to Wildlife Task Group re: support. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Ackerman will see if it is possible to have our problem re: "Ungulate in Forage" put on their agenda	Now	As soon as possible
→ Domestic Crown Grazing	M	Min. of Forests and Committee		
→ Crop choices	M	Min. of Forests and Committee		
→ Resource Materials	L	Min. Ag. - distribute reference materials i.e. fencing, lure crops, elk management.	Ongoing	
WILDLIFE DEFINITIONS	Action by			
→ "habitat or wildlife habitat"	MOE	"the air, soil, water, food and cover components of the environment on which wildlife depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life process".		
→ "resident wildlife"	MOE	This will require a legislative change to the Wildlife Act, to be passed by the legislature. Legislative changes occur only once a year. Next round occurs in the spring of 2000.		

Updated: August 29, 2000

April 2000 FFI⁺

Association Project for 2000

As well as the varietal cultivar trials being funded by BCIDF and other partners, the Peace River Forage Association has these prospects on the go or expected to be underway in the near future as funding is received.

- ▶▶ Rejuvenation of Forage Stands with Aerway
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- ▶▶ Research and Development Consultation (The objective of this project is to encourage members of our Association by providing, supplemental funding to attend both the Western Canada Grazing Conference in December and the Lacombe Pasture Management School in June)
- ▶▶ Farm Forage Facts (Collect 100 highly useful forage-livestock-economic tips from our membership, publish and distribute to membership as a source of valued farm and ranch management information).
- ▶▶ LP Cut blocks Economic Grazing Evaluation (Documentation of costs/returns on grazing LP cut blocks on private land to control regrowth brush and produce pounds of beef without serious mechanical intervention. State of the Art Intensive management and controlled grazing will be used as opposed to traditional cut/pile/burn/repile/plow/disc seed with drill technology.)
- ▶▶ PFRA Water Demos (Geogrid Access ramps, Solar Water pumping, a Sling pump, Nose pumps, Koenders Windmill will all continue to be evaluated.)

Cross Commodity Manager Update

Sandra Burton has been a busy lady since she started work on behalf of the Peace River Forage Association of B.C., the Peace River Forage Seed Association and the B.C. Grain Producers last fall.

On our behalf, she has helped the various Association committees organize and carry out meetings, especially the December AGM and the January Winter Seminar. And she will be helping out for the June Summer Tour.

Perhaps more important, she has been working with association committees to write projects up and seek funding for them. In this regard she has achieve considerable success on our behalf and will continue down this road in the coming months.

Along the same lines, Sandra was also a prime mover in the Goods and Services Auction in February which raised a tidy sum of seed money for Association projects.

All of this has been achieve by devoting only 20 to 25% of her total time commitment to our Association.

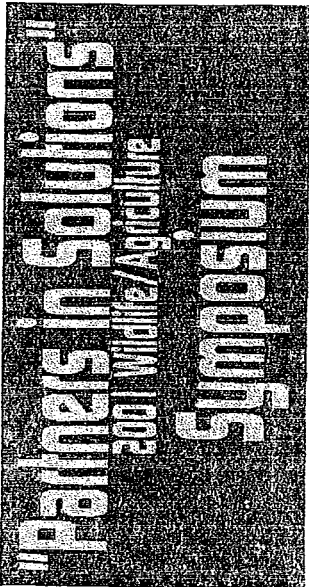
The Tool Chest and PRRD Wildlife Committee

Several months ago the PRRD Wildlife Committee created a Tool Chest to help them resolve wildlife concerns for farmers and ranchers and other bonafide stakeholders in the Wildlife industry of the B.C. Peace River Country. There are four major Tool Chest components: Agricultural Management, Wildlife Management, Feeding and Hunting.

The tool chest allows the all party, broadly based stakeholders committee to actively pursue their goals within the guide lines of the LRMP. It is a flexible working document and is expected to be greatly enhanced by information presented in Farmington in January by : Randy Archibald, Brad Arner, Mike Gollop and Martin Vavra. If you are interested in a progress report on committee activities please contact Burnem Grant (250) 786-5566 or Karen Goodings (250)784-3200.

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↳ Compensation - Resident Wildlife
↳ National Agricultural Stewardship Program.
↳ Domestic Crown Grazing
↳ Crop Choices
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↳ Relocation
↳ Range enhancement (away from agriculture)
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HUNTING
↳ Limited Entry Hunt
↳ Special Permits
↳ Open season (Hunting regulations)
↳ Booking Agents
FEEDING
↳ Lure crops, bait, i.e. hay
↳ Range enhancement - grazing tenure
↳ Compensation: Resident Wildlife

PACK TATERS



January 26 & 27, 2001

Charlie Lake Hall
Charlie Lake, B.C.



Organized by:
Peace River Forage Assoc.
BC Ministry of Environment
Peace River Regional District

Have proceedings into 1 ✓ have called for

"Partners in Solutions" - Agenda

- Friday, January 26:
- 9am Registration
 - 9:30 Welcome - Larry Houle, PR Regional District and Ernie Nimitz, PR Forage Association of BC
 - 10:00 Coffee
 - 10:15 "History of the wildlife committee - it's successes and challenges" & "History and process of Stackyard Fencing" *Karen Goodings* PRRD
 - 11:00 "A rancher's perspective" - Burnem Grant
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 1:00 "Creating wildlife habitat using cows" - *Hyland Armstrong*
 - 2:00 "Challenges to wildlife managers dealing with these conflicts"
 - Panel - Wildlife Biologists
 - ✓ Bob Forbes, Kootenays
 - ✓ John Elliot, Peace
 - Doug Heard, Ormecca
 - 3:00 Coffee
 - 3:20 "What can we learn from the Wyoming Project?" - *Bob Budd*
 - 4:30 Symposium Adjourn

Doug Summers

Sandra

Saturday, January 27

- 9 am "Seeking common ground" -
 - ✓ Tom Toman, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 - 10:00 Coffee
 - 10:20 "Disease concerns" -
 - ✓ Helen Schwantje, BCE Veterinarian
 - 11:15 "How much rangeland?" - an update on the range assessment in our area -
 - ✓ Cindy Haddow, BCE Range Specialist
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 1:00 "Reaching solutions through partnerships"
 - Panel: Bob Budd, Hyland Armstrong, Tom Toman and Burnem Grant
 - 2:00 Workgroups
 - 3:00 Coffee
 - 3:20 "Suggestions for solutions" from workgroups
 - 4:15 "Where to from here?" - Wrap up -
 - Karen Goodings, PRRD & Burnem Grant, PRFA
 - 4:30 Symposium Adjourn
- Symposium Facilitators:
Larry Houle
 Andy Ackerman, Sandra Burton, Tim Gaten and Doug Summers

Larry Houle

Andy Ackerman

Speaker Highlights

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.

TOM TOMAN - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Tom has an extensive background with State Wildlife Agencies and the RMEF Conservation programs in Canada and the U.S. 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 speaker's 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 River Forage Association Representative, Burnem speaks directly to the producer's perspective of the problems in the Peace.

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- Keddies Tack and Western Wear
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