

# Coordinator's Update: Winter 2024-25

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You would think that winter months are a time of slowing down and cozying up in front of a wood fire stove. But surprisingly, winter is filled with time spent at the computer and in meetings to plan and prepare for potential future projects.

If you have ever been in a position where grant writing is part of your annual cycle, you can probably relate to the angst the process can sometimes bring about. For example, 1) will we find another great project for our members, 2) who might want to collaborate with us this time, and 3) what is the latest on grant awarding guidelines. This year, the grant writing process, yet again, surprised me with enthusiasm and excitement about potential projects. Although I can't reveal too much at the moment, as we wait on funding decisions, I can say that the projects will be an amazing addition to the association.



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Spring training for Summer Ag Research Technicians regarding data collection procedures on Peace Region Living Lab (PRL) sites.

## Peace Region Living Lab Project

The Peace Region Living Lab (PRL) will enter its 4th year in April 2025. Looking back, we have come a long way from those initial proposal meetings to today where we are already seeing the end of this 5-year project approaching.

Across the entire project, we are working with 56 Peace Region producers, out of which the PRFA of BC contributes 12 participants who were willing to join us on this 5-year journey. The project has also brought about many collaborations with other producer associations across the Peace Region, which can greatly benefit our association in the long-term.

For this upcoming year, we expect to work with a great group of summer students again. If you know [someone interested in joining us as a summer student](#) who would enjoy working as an agricultural research technician, feel free to reach out or find the job posting on the Indeed website.



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Fire Wagon #1 Reveal on Aug13/24. Let get ready for FW#2

## Fire Schools/Fire Wagons & Rx Fire Projects

Things are heating up around the Fire Wagon project and the Prescribed Fire Project.

- \* The reveal of Fire Wagon #2 is planned for spring 2025 in the south Peace region so stay tuned for that announcement.
- \* Going along with having the equipment, we also plan on more fire-school training offerings.
- \* For the prescribed (Rx) fire project, we hope conditions will be favourable for us to implement another 2 prescribed fires in early spring.
- \* If you are interested in taking a fire-school or participating in the implementation of a prescribed fire, there is a **sign-up opportunity** on our website under the events tab.



Fire Wagon #1 (FW1)



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Summer students Liam & Ella collecting data regarding soils and water infiltration in a field.

Bottom Left: Mini disc infiltrometer to measure water infiltration



Middle: Single ring to measure water infiltration.

Right: Soil moisture penetrometer.

