

Alberta Wilderness Association

AWA Newsletter

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Action Alert: January 13, 2006

JOIN CALL TO SUSPEND ALBERTA'S
GRIZZLY BEAR HUNT

By the end of this month, David Coutts, the Minister for Sustainable Resource Development (SRD), will decide whether Alberta's spring grizzly bear will continue again this year. Minister Coutts will not release the results of the latest grizzly population studies, but we strongly suspect that those studies indicate there are even fewer bears than the 700 previously estimated in the province.

Join AWA, Defenders of Wildlife and the Grizzly Bear Alliance in calling for a suspension of this year's spring grizzly hunt. Minister Coutts will be making the hunt decision soon and needs to hear from as many people as possible.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the evidence has become more and more solid that Alberta's grizzly bear population is not healthy enough to support a hunt.

* In 2002, the government's Endangered Species Conservation Committee recommended the grizzly bear be listed as a 'threatened' species, which would trigger the immediate suspension of the hunt. The Minister however declined to act on this recommendation.

* In late 2004, the Grizzly Bear Recovery Team submitted its draft recovery plan to the government, recommending the suspension of the hunt as one of the many strategies necessary to recover the species in Alberta. Unfortunately, despite being in the government's hands for over a year, the plan has yet to be approved and there has been no indication they intend to suspend the hunt.

* Based on the best available science, government population models and the Recovery Team estimates, there are fewer than 700 grizzly bears in Alberta. However, over the last 3 years \$750,000 provincial tax dollars have been spent on detailed genetic studies to get a more accurate estimate of the population size. The government has refused to release these results.

* But even at 700, the population is considered threatened and too small to sustain hunting losses. We must minimize the number of bears that die every year if

recovery is to be successful. Suspending the hunt and legally designating the species as threatened are logical and effective first steps along that road to recovery.

ACTION

The Minister is expected to make his decision on the hunt in the next few weeks, so it is important that he hears from you now. Possible points to include when phoning or writing to Minister Coutts include:

- * As recommended by the Endangered Species Conservation Committee in 2002 and the provincial Grizzly Bear Recovery Team, the spring grizzly bear hunt must be suspended and the species must be listed as threatened

- * The grizzly bear population studies, conducted at tax payers expense, should be made public immediately.

- * The draft Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan should be passed in its entirety so we can begin to address the important issues of habitat destruction, better management of human activity within grizzly bear habitat and minimizing all sources of grizzly bear deaths in the province.

Write or Phone:

The Hon. David Coutts,
Minister of Sustainable Resource Development
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Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6
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Fax: (780) 415-4818
Email: Livingstone.Macleod@assembly.ab.ca

The Hon. Ralph Klein
Premier of Alberta
Room 307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97th Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B7
Phone: (780) 427-2251
Fax: (780) 427-1349
E-Mail: Premier@gov.ab.ca

Your MLA

To find your MLA's contact info:
Freephone: 310 0000, or
<http://www.electionsalberta.ab.ca>

Or check out AWA's Action Kit at:
<http://www.albertawilderness.ca/AWRC/actionkit.htm>

For more information check out AWA's website at
<http://www.AlbertaWilderness.ca> . Please contact:
Nigel Douglas, AWA Conservation Specialist,
Phone: (403) 283-2025
Email: awa.nd@shaw.ca

Tracey Henderson, Grizzly Bear Alliance
Phone: (403) 678-8532
Email: Tracey@grizzlybearalliance.org

Please send us a copy of your letter or let us know you
called the government on this important issue.

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Join Pat Cabezas, Program Manager of the Alberta Caribou Committee for a look at what the future holds for Alberta's threatened woodland caribou.

Pat will be looking at the attempts made by government, industries, environmental groups and first nations to reconcile economic activities and environmental issues. Will this be enough for Alberta's caribou?

Pat Cabezas is Program Manager of the Alberta Caribou Committee, Co-chair of the Hay-Zama Committee and President of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society (AAMS).

Location: AWA, 455 12th St NW, Calgary
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5:00 per person

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Seasons of the Bison is a photographic journey through a year in the life of the plains bison population in Elk Island National Park.

It takes the viewer through the calving season in the spring and into the turmoil of the summer rut. The audience will learn the strategies used by bulls to pass on their genes, and to then survive the stresses of winter.

Tips and hints on how to interpret the signals given by a bison when it feels threatened are provided to ensure that people can observe these magnificent animals in safety.

Wes Olson is a Senior Warden at Elk Island National Park, and has been observing bison behaviour across North America for over thirty years. He is the author of a new book Portraits of the Bison. Wes will be available to sign copies of the book after the talk.

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See also:

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By the Parkland Institute, various locations

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Join Kyle Knopff for an up-to-date look at cougar
conservation:

- * Current cougar research in Alberta's
Rocky-Clearwater forest,
- * How ecosystem complexity can make
decision-making processes especially difficult,
- * How industrial activity is affecting cougar-ungulate
predator-prey interactions,
- * How these findings can be applied to the Bighorn
Backcountry.

Kyle Knopff is a PhD student at the University of Alberta
where he is heading up a three year field project that

focuses on cougar-ungulate dynamics along the central east slopes of Alberta's Rocky Mountains.

Location: AWA, 455 12th St NW
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Cost: \$5 per person; \$1 for children

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AWA EVENTS, EDMONTON

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At the Royal Glenora Club followed by "Being Caribou" at the UofA .

Join the staff and members of the Board from 4:30 - 6:30 at the Royal Glenora Club for a Munch and Mingle. This will be an opportunity to meet other AWA members, discuss the work AWA is doing in Alberta and learn about areas of concern and upcoming events in the Edmonton area. Following, we will be attending "Being Caribou" with Karsten Heuer, presented by AWA at the UofA.

Munch and Mingle

* Members: \$5.00

* Non-Members: \$15.00

Memberships will be available at the door

"Being Caribou" with Karsten Heuer
7pm at UofA campus, Room 1-003, Engineering Teaching Learning Complex (ETL 1-003)
Public welcome

Phone toll free to make a reservation:
1-866-313-0713

For more details see

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PARKLAND INSTITUTE PRESENTS:

Fueling Fortress America
A talk and discussion featuring:
Hugh McCullum and Gordon Laxer

In Edmonton, Tuesday, March 7, 2006
7 - 8:30 pm
Room 129 in the Education Building,
On 87 Ave, between 115 and 116 St
University of Alberta Campus

In Red Deer, Wednesday, March 8, 2006
3 - 4:30 pm
Margaret Parsons Theatre
Red Deer College

In Calgary, Wednesday, March 8, 2006
7:30 - 9 pm
Social Science Building, Science Theatre 139
University of Calgary

Given that the rapidly increasing exports of Canada's oil and gas to the U.S. puts our own energy security as a nation in jeopardy; that Canada, despite being a petroleum producing country, is already forced to import nearly half of the oil its people need; that Canada has arguably a 10-year supply of conventional oil and natural gas remaining; that most of the tar sands oil is earmarked for export to the U.S., and most of the natural gas from the North is also intended for the U.S. market or to fuel extraction of the tar sands crude--the continuation of current energy policies is clearly not in the national interest.

There may be ways of developing the tar sands that could contribute to Canada's long-term energy needs, including the inevitable transition to renewable energy sources. But, shockingly, there is no coherent national or provincial energy policy to address this need. Nor is the federal or any provincial government conducting the research or public consultation needed to formulate policies for meeting the world energy crisis or even for assuring an adequate ongoing supply of energy for Canadians.

Hugh McCullum is a journalist and will be speaking about his oil sands report entitled Fuelling Fortress America which will be released March 7, 2006.

Gordon Laxer is the Director of the Parkland Institute and will be discussing what should

be considered in Canada formulating its own
national strategy for energy security.

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GOOD NEWS:

ALBERTA'S SPRING GRIZZLY HUNT
SUSPENDED!

We are delighted to report that this year's spring grizzly bear hunt has been suspended. The hunt is being suspended while the government continues its DNA population studies to get better estimates of grizzly numbers in the province.

We extend a huge thank you to all of you who took the time to write or call your government representatives and the media to oppose the hunting of this threatened species.

Please consider writing to David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development to congratulate him on a courageous decision.

- * This is the first small step.
- * Suspending the hunt alone will not save Alberta's grizzlies.
- * Now is the time to start getting to work to address the habitat destruction that is the driving force for the troubles of Alberta's grizzlies.
- * Grizzly bears will only persist in Alberta if real changes are made in the way we manage the landscape. Specifically we have to start now to reduce the roads network in grizzly habitat.

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AWA 2006 SUMMER HIKES PROGRAM

AWA's summer program of hikes and backpacking trips is now available. This year, we have 11 hikes to favorite places in Alberta, one superb Eastern Slopes bus tour, and three exciting multi-day backpacking trips.

The dates and venues for all of these hikes and tours are listed below, and details are available on our website at <http://www.AlbertaWilderness.ca> (note: posters for backpacking trips and bus tour will be posted by early next week).

Pre-registration is required for all of these hikes, and will take place on a 'first come first served' basis.

Contact AWA by phone (403) 283-2025 or email at awa@shaw.ca to book your space or for more details. You can also book online at <http://shop.albertawilderness.ca>

Happy hiking!

BUS TOUR:

Saturday June 25, 2006
PEKISKO RANGELAND BUS TOUR

Join us for a guided bus tour, looking at the spectacular Livingstone/Porcupine region and the famous Pekisko Rangelands in southwest Alberta.

- \$30 - AWA members
- \$40 - Non-members

Pre-registration is required for the Bus Tour.

BACKPACKING TRIPS:

BIGHORN WILDLAND
June 26-28, 2006
led by Don Wales

This backpacking trip explores the headwaters of the Littlehorn and Bighorn Creeks in the heart of the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area.

SOUTH CASTLE WILDLAND
July 17-19, 2006
led by Reg Ernst

This trip is scheduled to explore the Scarpe Creek

headwaters of South Castle.

WHITE GOAT WILDERNESS

July 24-27, 2005

led by Don Wales

This backpacking trip traverses Nigel and Cataract Pass to explore the headwaters of Cataract Creek on the edge of the White Goat Wilderness area.

The philosophy behind this trip series is to gain a greater appreciation for the wilderness and wildlands we have in Alberta and experience it through minimal impact backpacking and overnight camping.

Although these trips are self catered, the trip coordinator will be in constant contact with participants prior to the trip regarding what equipment to bring, where to rent it (if necessary), food suggestions, fitness preparation, and a detailed description of the trip route and highlights. The trip leaders are intimately familiar with the areas and will supply emergency equipment and first aid as well as provide resources to interpret the natural history of these beautiful areas. To preserve a wilderness experience each of these trips will be limited to 8 participants.

Cost: \$100 - AWA members
\$125 - Non-members

SUMMER DAY HIKES:

Saturday May 27, 2006

TWIN RIVER HERITAGE RANGELAND

with Cheryl Bradley

Grassland site near Milk River, southern Alberta

Saturday June 3, 2006

LAKELAND

with Ian Urquhart and Tom Maccagno

Boreal Forest, 3 hours northeast of Edmonton

Saturday June 10, 2006

THE WHALEBACK

with Bob Blaxley

Montane habitat, 2 hours south of Calgary

Saturday June 17, 2006

RUMSEY NATURAL AREA

with Dorothy Dickson

Parkland protected area east of Red Deer

Saturday July 8, 2006

CYPRESS HILLS

with Hyland Armstrong

Grassland area 1 hour southeast of Medicine Hat

Saturday July 15, 2006

YA HA TINDA
with Will Davies
'Prairie in the mountains' in the Bighorn Wildland

Saturday July 22, 2006
BIGHORN WILDLAND
with David Samson
Mountains 3 hours southwest of Edmonton

Saturday, August 19, 2006
BEEHIVE NATURAL AREA
with James Tweedie
Mountain headwaters of the Oldman River

Saturday September 9, 2006
PLATEAU MOUNTAIN ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
with Nigel Douglas
Table top mountain in southern Kananaskis

Saturday September 16, 2006
THE WHALEBACK
with Bob Blaxley
Montane habitat, 2 hours south of Calgary

Sunday September 24, 2006
CHESTER LAKES
with Vivian Pharis
Mountains of Kananaskis Country

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Join the Pembina Institute's Amy Taylor for a look at a new way of measuring "true progress" in Alberta.

The Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) is a new system for measuring the total well-being and sustainability of society; not only for economic factors, but social and environmental factors as well.

Amy Taylor is Director of Ecological Fiscal Reform with the Pembina Institute. She works on tax and subsidy reform and has also done extensive research on environmental resource accounting.

Location: AWA, 455 12th St NW, Calgary
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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EARTH DAY EVENT !

Climb for Wilderness is one of the hottest
events of the year and the count down is on!
Just 30 days to go!

Veteran climbers and runners are already in training
and ready to challenge themselves and other climbers.

Join us at the Calgary Tower, April 22, 2006 for
Alberta Wilderness Association's annual Earth Day Event.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Find out more on
our website <http://www.climbforwilderness.ca>

JOIN US FOR:

RUN FOR WILDERNESS: 8:00AM sharp.
Run one kilometer around the Calgary Tower and
up the stairs to the top.

CLIMB FOR WILDERNESS: 8:30 am and 1:30 pm
Take the challenge by climbing the 802 stairs to
the top of the Calgary Tower as many times
as you can.

TEAM CHALLENGE: any enthusiastic
foursome can make a team - friends, families,
groups, corporations.
Try to beat EnCana Tower Terminators record
of 98 climbs!

ENTERTAINMENT AND EXPO
Join in the exciting festivities.

Expand your mind with a pleasurable jaunt
through our Wild Alberta Expo.

Our wildlife mascots and clowns will delight you.

Local musicians will entertain all day.
The Prairie Mountain Fiddlers will keep
your feet tapping. The Adelpha Belly
Dancing Troupe will keep you revved up.
And the Fountain Park Club get you warmed
up for the Climb with fun exercises at 8:15am.

REGISTER NOW

Register now and collect pledges from your sponsors.
Register online and you can even have your
sponsors give you their pledges online via our
secure online site.

FABULOUS PRIZES for top climbers, runners,
teams and fundraisers.

All climbers and runners receive a T-shirt.

Register early and get one of our beautiful
limited edition pins if you collect \$100.00
or more in pledges!

All climbers who collect \$100 in pledges
will be entered in a draw for an iPod!
Check out the website for details on prizes.

Climb for Wilderness is an Alberta Wilderness Association
annual Earth Day Celebration and fund-raising event held
at the Calgary Tower. With each step you take and each pledge
you acquire you and your supporters will be helping protect Alberta's
wild lands, wild waters and wildlife. This event is a great
opportunity to get some exercise, to learn about environmental
work in Alberta, and to have a lot of fun!

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WILD ALBERTA EXPO CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Blackjack the Hawk, a well-known ambassador for Alberta's wilderness and wildlife, is ready to greet participants at this year's Wild Alberta Expo.

Blackjack will be joined by a diverse array of individuals, groups and organizations whose daily work makes a difference to our environment. The Expo is a showcase of AWA's annual Climb for Wilderness Earth Day event.

"The Wild Alberta Expo is a wonderful opportunity to raise public awareness of those closely involved with Alberta's wild lands, wildlife and conservation," says Edith Weiss, AWA Wild Alberta Expo Coordinator. "They will help you know more about what can be done to create and maintain a healthy environment, to be enjoyed by future generations."

Booths and displays will be open to the public from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday April 22 and will include a Wild Alberta slide show of impressive and inspiring photographs that showcase Alberta's six natural regions. Children receive a special passport that they fill out by visiting the many displays, making them eligible for fun prizes.

"From the sand dunes of the Athabasca Delta to the grasslands of southern Alberta we have a superb natural heritage" says David Samson, AWA Conservation Specialist. "We need to keep learning about it and be good stewards of it. The Expo is a great place to learn more and have fun doing it."

All exhibitors are listed on <http://www.ClimbforWilderness.ca>

For more information, contact:

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David Samson, AWA Conservation Specialist (403) 283-2025

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RUN FOR WILDERNESS April 22, 2006

CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

(ONLY 16 DAYS TO THIS YEARS GREAT RACE)

Some call it an adventure race, a real challenge, a great season warm-up or just a great race filled with plenty of fun. AWA invites you to join us for this year's premier Earth Day Race April 22 at the Calgary Tower.

Runners race around a 1km course and then up the 802 stairs to the top of the tower. This is the fourth year for our annual Run for Wilderness. And we challenge all runners to try and beat some very impressive records.

Our new sponsors, Gord Hobbins of Gord's Running Store, and Brooks have teamed up to provide their expertise and outstanding prizes. Springbok Consulting is providing the race timing and computerized results.

Our Race Coordinator, Robb Hadden is leading a team of eager volunteers to cheer you on to the finish line.

Records for Run for Wilderness are held by Michael Shepley (8:53 minutes), Lesley Farrar (10:38 minutes) and Bob Bartlett the oldest runner at 79.

Visit <http://www.ClimbforWilderness.ca> for more information about Run for Wilderness, prizes, records and sponsors.

Race package pick-up is set for the week of April 17 - 20, 2006 at the AWA office, 455-12 ST NW, Calgary.

For more information or to register by phone contact us at:

(403) 283-2025
awa.c4w@shaw.ca

Register on line at:
<http://shop.albertawilderness.ca/>

We're looking forward to seeing you at the start gate.

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April 7, 2006

Dear Members and Supporters:

We are sending this listserve on behalf of Alberta Wilderness Association and the Coalition for Alberta's Future. This concerns the future of an important landscape in our southern foothills and the future of public involvement and consultation in energy developments.

The general public are encouraged and invited to attend the following EUB Hearing:

Who: Compton Petroleum vs Livingstone Landowners Group and other parties (the Pekisko Group, MD of Pincher Creek, Alberta Wilderness Association, and neighbouring individuals)

Why: To determine whether the Livingstone Landowners Group and other parties (the Pekisko Group, MD of Pincher Creek, Alberta Wilderness Association, and neighbouring individuals) will be granted standing with respect to Compton Petroleum's proposed oil and gas development on 110 sections of land in the "Callum Field" (Livingstone, Porcupine Hills area).

When: Tuesday, April 11, 2006
10:00 AM

Where: Ranchlands Hall in the MD of Ranchlands Administration Buildings, Chain Lakes Provincial Park - junction of Highway 22 and Highway 533.

BACKGROUND

On Tuesday, April 11, 2006, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) will hold a hearing to determine whether the Livingstone Landowners Group and other parties (the Pekisko Group, MD of Pincher Creek, Alberta Wilderness Association, and neighbouring individuals) will be granted standing with respect to Compton Petroleum's proposed oil and gas development on 110 sections of land in the "Callum Field" (Livingstone, Porcupine Hills area).

The outcome of this hearing may very well indicate how or whether the EUB will fully execute its responsibility as land use manager in the Eastern Slopes

Southern Region, to ensure that operators provide "best estimate of the overall extent of the development" and undertake a public consultation program "which results in documentation of both issues identified and resolved" prior to activities being approved.

**The proceedings will begin at 10:00 am at Ranchlands Hall in the MD of Ranchlands Administration Buildings, Chain Lakes Provincial Park at the junction of Highway 22 and Highway 533. **

Please note that the EUB agreed to change the venue (originally set and supported by Compton to be Calgary) to facilitate the attendance of members of the LLG and other interested persons.

The outcome of these proceedings may have serious implications for the effectiveness of community involvement and consultation in the approval process for all energy developments in the area.

That is, whether the concerns and interests of neighbouring landowners and other users about damage to water wells and aquifers, deteriorating land values, exposure to weeds, land degradation and fragmentation due to access creep, road damage, noise, dust, polluted air, and damage to the overall integrity of a rare natural area, will be taken into consideration by the EUB before assessing the socio-economic and environmental costs and benefits of the proposed industry activity.

This is a very extensive development proposal, with potentially serious implications for those who care about the integrity, sustainability, and value of the southern foothills. We encourage anyone who can to please attend. You are encouraged to attend to show your support.

Please remember that this is a quasi-judicial process and court room decorum is appropriate.

For more information,

Alberta Wilderness Association: 403-283-2025, awa@shaw.ca

Ginny Grinevitch, Livingstone Landowners Group: 403-564-4234
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RUN FOR WILDERNESS:

THERE'S NO RACE QUITE LIKE IT!

There are street races, there are fun runs; there are even marathons. But there is no race quite like the Run for Wilderness at the Calgary Tower on Saturday April 22. A one kilometer run around the base of the Tower, followed by a sprint up the 802 stairs to the top, is enough to challenge the toughest of competitors.

This year, Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart will be leading the charge. "The key to this day is getting out and being involved with others in our community," says Alderman Colley-Urquhart. "We live in a beautiful city that leads the country in citizen involvement. I'm delighted to be at the starting line and lead by example."

Age doesn't matter in this race, and this year our oldest runner Ward Neale will be 83 in July. "I'm not a runner so I'll content myself with jogging, but I am a climber!" says Ward. Ward plans to run the race this year for the first time. He has climbed the tower for many years, but never tried the race. He thinks that he is getting to the point where he might not be able to race after this year and wants to give it a try!

Current holder of the fastest female runner record is Leslie Farar, who completed the run in a blistering 10 minutes 38 seconds in 2004. "I would be really happy to see my record broken this year," says Leslie, who will be sitting this year out with her newly born baby. "It would be great to see the ladies out there at this great race." Leslie offers her advice to budding competitors: "It's all over in 10 minutes - don't go out too fast and stay steady; be ready for that last push at end."

Run for Wilderness is co-hosted by AWA and Gord's Running Store. It is part of Alberta Wilderness Association's annual Climb for Wilderness fundraising event at the Calgary Tower.

"Participants collect sponsor money to allow them the unique opportunity to climb the 802 stairs inside the Calgary Tower," says Nigel Douglas, Alberta Wilderness Association Conservation Specialist. "It's a great opportunity to get some exercise, start the race season and learn about wilderness and wildlife conservation work in Alberta."

Run for Wilderness starts at 8:00 am sharp in front of the Calgary Tower on Saturday April 22, 2006. All runners

must register in advance: registration information is available at www.climbforwilderness.ca.

For more information, contact:

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News Release: April 17, 2006

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT THE
CLIMB FOR WILDERNESS

Alberta Wilderness Association's Climb for Wilderness at the Calgary Tower is Calgary's most spectacular Earth Day event. Across Canada, people are gearing up to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday April 22.

Climb for Wilderness is a celebration: a celebration of the stunning environment which we are privileged to enjoy in Alberta, and a showcase for those organizations dedicated to preserving it. The day is filled with a variety of family fun events, including the Climb and Run for Wilderness, the Wild Alberta Expo, with entertainment from musicians, belly dancers and face-painters.

Climb for Wilderness regularly attracts a wide range of participants, from enthusiastic newcomers to dedicated multiple climbers. This year, 1000 people are expected to take part in the Climb, a daunting 802 stairs to the top of the Calgary Tower.

Some of the questions being asked this year are:

- * Can Eldon Karabonik's 2001 record of 30 climbs (or 24,060 stairs!), equaled last year by Luke Way, Finally be beaten this year?
- * Will Phyllis Hart, at the age of 91, break her own record for the oldest climber?
- * Will Michael Shepley's record of 8:53 minutes for the Run for Wilderness (a 1 km run around the block, followed by a race up the 802 stairs) fall this year?

Climb for Wilderness, on Saturday April 22, is a fund-raising event for Alberta Wilderness Association. The day's schedule of events includes:

8:00 am	Run for Wilderness
8:15 am	Team Challenge
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Climb for Wilderness
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Wild Alberta Expo
2:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

Earth Day is celebrated in Canada every April 22nd and features a wide range of environmental activities right across Canada.

For information on Climb for Wilderness, visit
www.climbforwilderness.ca.

For information on Earth Day itself, visit
www.earthday.ca

For more information, contact:

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Action Alert: May 4, 2006

SMALL WINDOW FOR COMMENT ON
KANANASKIS AND GHOST FOREST MANAGEMENT

Spray Lake Sawmills (SLS) is holding an open house to highlight how they propose to manage their FMA land in Kananaskis Country and the Ghost. This could be the last chance to have a say on how this public land is managed for the next fifteen years

THE ISSUE

SLS's Forest Management Agreement (FMA), signed in July 2001, gives the company exclusive logging rights to a 337,448 hectare area which includes 47% of Kananaskis Country, plus land north of the Trans Canada highway in the Ghost Region.

An open house will be held on Thursday May 11 at the Cochrane Ranche House (11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) to look at the company's draft Detailed Forest Management Plan for the area.

It is not clear how the draft plan will be made available to people not attending the open house, nor what opportunities there will be for comment. The comment period will last until June 23, 2006.

BACKGROUND

Spray Lake Sawmills signed a 20 year Forest Management Agreement (FMA) with the Alberta government in July 2001. At the time, AWA objected to the transfer of management of a huge area (more than 3000 square kilometres) of public land to a private forestry company.

The FMA is clear in its requirement for public participation in the planning process: "Spray Lake Sawmills must conduct public reviews of their proposed forest management plans, document public concerns, and outline the ways in which it will address those concerns." Alberta SRD 2001

ACTION

Please consider participating in the open house meeting in Cochrane, or writing to enquire how you can provide your input to the draft Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Open House:

Thursday May 11, 2006

Cochrane Ranche House
11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Write to express your concerns to:

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1. PEKISKO RANGELAND BUS TOUR
Saturday June 24, 2006

Join us for a guided bus tour, looking at the spectacular Livingstone/Porcupine region and the famous Pekisko Rangelands in southwest Alberta.

\$30 - AWA members

\$40 - Non-members

Pre-registration is required for the Bus Tour.

Register online at <http://shop.albertawilderness.ca/>

Or contact us at 403-283-2025, 1-866-313-0713, awa@shaw.ca

<http://events.albertawilderness.ca/E2006/OH060624/OH060624.htm>

2. SUMMER BACKPACKING TRIPS:

BIGHORN WILDLAND

June 26-28, 2006

led by Don Wales

This backpacking trip explores the headwaters of the Littlehorn and Bighorn Creeks in the heart of the Bighorn Wildland Recreation Area.

<http://events.albertawilderness.ca/E2006/OH060626/OH060626.htm>

SOUTH CASTLE WILDLAND

July 17-19 , 2006

led by Reg Ernst

This trip is scheduled to explore the Scarpe Creek

headwaters of South Castle.

<http://events.albertawilderness.ca/E2006/OH060717/OH060717.htm>

WHITE GOAT WILDERNESS

August 14-17, 2006

led by Don Wales

This backpacking trip traverses Nigel and Cataract Pass to explore the headwaters of Cataract Creek on the edge of the White Goat Wilderness area.

<http://events.albertawilderness.ca/E2006/OH060724/OH060724.htm>

The philosophy behind this trip series is to gain a greater appreciation for the wilderness and wildlands we have in Alberta and experience it through minimal impact backpacking and overnight camping.

Although these trips are self catered, the trip coordinator will be in constant contact with participants prior to the trip regarding what equipment to bring, where to rent it (if necessary), food suggestions, fitness preparation, and a detailed description of the trip route and highlights. The trip leaders are intimately familiar with the areas and will supply emergency equipment and first aid as well as provide resources to interpret the natural history of these beautiful areas. To preserve a wilderness experience each of these trips will be limited to 8 participants.

Cost: \$100 - AWA members
\$125 - Non-members

Register online at <http://shop.albertawilderness.ca/>

Or contact us at 403-283-2025, 1-866-313-0713, awa@shaw.ca

3. NEW AUDIO CELEBRATION OF ANDY RUSSELL

Listen to Andy tell a story in this Celebration of Andy Russell, by Brian Bindon from Parks Radio. Listen on-line at

<http://issues.albertawilderness.ca/CW/action.htm>

4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY IN SOUTHERN

ALBERTA: THE HIDDEN RESOURCE

Friday June 16, 2006

A one-day workshop, hosted by the Bow River Basin Council, looking at current knowledge about the state of groundwater in southern Alberta. Cost \$75.

For more information and registration:

<http://www.brbc.ab.ca/Special%20Events.asp>

5. ACTION ALERT: PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR

SPRAY LAKE SAWMILLS FOREST MANAGEMENT

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<http://www.albertawilderness.ca/>

Click on 'Alerts' (available after June 12, 2006)

6. NEWS RELEASE: EUB IGNORES ITS OWN RULES
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AWA Wilderness Network (WiN) Newsletter

<http://www.AlbertaWilderness.ca>

Action Alert: June 12, 2006

CUTTING PLANS FOR CALGARY'S WATERSHED
FORESTS: TIMBER IS NOT THE ONLY INTEREST

Dear WiN Supporter:

Thank you for your continued support of AWA's WiN program. As a participant in this program, we will contact you from time to time when there is a particular opportunity for you to have a say in an issue affecting Alberta's wild lands and wild waters.

Public comments are being requested before June 23, 2006 for the Spray Lake Sawmills Forest Management Agreement (FMA) west of Calgary. If your water comes from the south eastern slopes, or if you recreate in Kananaskis or the Ghost Waiparous area, then this issue directly affects you!

THE ISSUE

A new draft Forest Management Plan for 3370 km² of public forests will have little respect for the watershed, wildlife and recreation values of these forests unless public comments lead to substantial changes. These forests are the source of water for communities across southern Alberta and beyond. The draft plan ignores two key considerations: changing climate and expected continued population growth in southern Alberta.

AWA believes that timber extraction is one of many uses of these forests, but should not be allowed to dominate all other values. AWA is calling for the phasing out of industrial-scale logging south of the Trans-Canada highway in order to secure watersheds, wildlife habitats and recreational opportunities.

BACKGROUND

Spray Lake Sawmills (SLS) signed a 20 year Forest Management Agreement (FMA) with the Alberta government in 2001. The FMA covers 337,448 hectares, including approximately 46% of Kananaskis Country and land in the Ghost Waiparous region.

SLS was obliged to submit a Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) within 5 years of signing the agreement. Once approved this plan will not need to be revised for a further 10 years.

The draft DFMP will be available for public comment until June 23, 2006. This will likely be the last chance Albertans gets to comment on the management of this spectacular area for the next 10 years.

AWA's primary concerns with the plan include:

- * This region is vital as the source of water for Calgary and many other communities across southern Alberta.
- * The Spray lake FMA covers over 300,000 hectares of public land, including nearly half of Kananaskis Country. It is inappropriate to manage such a huge area of public land for timber extraction when it is so valuable for its watershed value, as well as its wildlife habitat and recreational importance.
- * It is extremely difficult for the Albertan public to comment on a 1000+ page plan which took professional foresters five years to produce.
- * The draft plan should undergo a full and open independent review, as suggested in the new Alberta Standards for Forest Management.
- * Climate change is ignored in the draft plan, even though it makes projections on timber growth for the next 200 years.
- * The draft plan does not account for projected population growth in southern Alberta which can be expected to result in increasing demands on forests.
- * The draft plan does not relate to other plans affecting the region, including the grizzly bear recovery plan. There is an urgent need for broader landscape planning in the region before single-use plans such as this are developed.

ACTION

Spray Lake Sawmills is inviting comments on the draft plan until June 23, 2006. It is also important that Alberta Sustainable Resource Development sees copies of your comments.

AWA is currently working on its own submissions concerning the draft plan. Please call Nigel Douglas, AWA Conservation Specialist if you would like more details on the plan.

The draft DFMP can be viewed on-line at <http://www.spraylakesawmills.com/>. Copies can be viewed in the Calgary Forestry Office (8660 Bears paw Dam Road NW, Calgary. Phone 403 297-8806), or in Cochrane library.

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The Hon. David Coutts,

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE
ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

June 26, 2006

Neil McCrank
Chairman
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

Dear Mr. McCrank:

We, the undersigned, are extremely dismayed by the lack of responsibility that the Energy and Utility Board (EUB) displayed with Decision 2006-052. After hearing the concerns of 150 ranchers and landowners in Chain Lakes, you did what we hoped you wouldn't, and ignored the concerns of Albertans thus permitting another well in one of the province's most historic landscapes. You simply disregarded Board policies that call for public debate and environmental planning. And in so doing, you have gone against your own mandate and defied the expressed interests of all Albertans. In short, it was business as usual with the Board.

We, however, worked within your regulatory system and did everything that you asked. When we raised concerns about the piecemeal fragmentation of critical watersheds in the Eastern Slopes by oil and gas companies, you told us to form groups. And so we did: The Pekisko Group, The Livingstone Landowners Group, The South Porcupine Hills Stewardship Association. Then you told us to hold information meetings. We took your advice, held meetings, and hundreds of concerned landowners attended. We talked about water, native grasses and the future of the West. Then you encouraged us to talk to oil and gas companies and again we listened. We even sat down with them and discussed best practices.

But when Compton Petroleum Corporation proposed an 880 well gas project in the Porcupine Hills over 110 sections of the least drilled landscape in the province, we asked the Board for help. You said, don't worry, "The eastern slopes are special." We consulted your guidelines and then respectfully asked you to comply with your 1993 Eastern Slopes policy (IL 93-9). It called for public consultation; area development plans; environmental assessments and no piecemeal fragmentation.

But then you told ranchers, municipalities and conservationists that they weren't directly or adversely affected. In fact you informed families that had lived on the land for three generations that they had "no standing" simply because they didn't live 300 metres from the first exploratory well. We contested your narrow definitions and forced a one-day public hearing in Chain Lakes on April 11, 2006.

But Decision 2006-052 rubber stamped another well and ignored our concerns. As a result, the Pekisko Group, the Livingstone Landowners Group, the South Porcupine Hills Stewardship Association and the Alberta Wilderness Association will advise their membership and supporters of the following truths:

First, the regulatory system in this province has become irreparable and no longer supports the interests of ordinary Albertans or the rights of surface owners.

Second, the EUB refuses to uphold its own guidelines that clearly mandate the protection of the Eastern Slopes which, among other goods, provide and safeguard water for a good part of the Canadian prairie and in particular the cities of Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Saskatoon.

Third, that the current policy of liquidating oil and gas resources as quickly as possible is destroying rural communities; wildlife; hunting and hiking; tourism and historic landscapes along the Cowboy Trail. Together the Board and the government are erasing Alberta's single greatest brand: it's land and heritage.

We repeat: the regulatory system as represented by the EUB is broken, and it now threatens the future of Alberta's water, land, and traditional economies.

The government and the regulator can no longer sit by and do nothing while unplanned and uncontrolled industrial activity threatens our watersheds and rural communities.

What are you going to do to fix this mess?

Signed

Pekisko Group
Livingstone Landowner's Group
South Porcupine Hills Steward Association
Alberta Wilderness Association

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

More details below...

1. Saturday July 15, 2006
YA HA TINDA HIKE
with Will Davies

Ya Ha Tinda ("mountain prairie" in the Stoney language) is one of the last unspoiled areas of natural grass and shrubland in Alberta-- a true montane environment. After hiking through montane prairie and up through aspen and spruce, the Scalp Creek Ridge leads to a magnificent alpine viewpoint on the eastern edge of Banff National Park. Ya-Ha Tinda is approximately 3 hours' drive from Calgary (1.5 hrs west of Sundre).

The hike will be strenuous, with a distance of approximately 15km and an approximate elevation gain of 750m.

Cost: \$20

Pre-registration is required for hikes

2. Saturday July 15, 2006
BIGHORN HIKE
with David Samson

The Bighorn Wildland, nestled alongside the Eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, consists of 4000 sq km of spectacular wilderness. The hike will take place in the South Ram River area which, in July, puts on a magnificent display of wildflowers. The views from the open ridges here are breathtaking.

The hike will be moderate, with an elevation gain of 425m, to a maximum of 2195m.

Cost: \$20

Pre-registration is required for hikes

3. SUMMER BACKPACKING TRIPS:

SOUTH CASTLE WILDLAND

July 17-19 , 2006

led by Reg Ernst

This trip is scheduled to explore the Scarpe Creek headwaters of South Castle.

WHITE GOAT WILDERNESS

August 14-17, 2006

led by Don Wales

This backpacking trip traverses Nigel and Cataract Pass to explore the headwaters of Cataract Creek on the edge of the White Goat Wilderness area.

The philosophy behind this trip series is to gain a greater appreciation for the wilderness and wildlands we have in Alberta and experience it through minimal impact backpacking and overnight camping.

Although these trips are self catered, the trip coordinator will be in constant contact with participants prior to the trip regarding what equipment to bring, where to rent it (if necessary), food suggestions, fitness preparation, and a detailed description of the trip route and highlights. The trip leaders are intimately familiar with the areas and will supply emergency equipment and first aid as well as provide resources to interpret the natural history of these beautiful areas. To preserve a wilderness experience each of these trips will be limited to 8 participants.

Cost: \$100 - AWA members

\$125 - Non-members

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COMMENTS INVITED ON DRAFT

MANAGEMENT PLAN

A draft management plan for the Sheep Valley Protected Areas - Sheep River Provincial Park and Bluerock Wildland Park - was produced by Alberta Community Development in June 2006, and is available for public comment until September 30, 2006.

AWA is broadly satisfied that the draft plan provides a good framework for future management of these wilderness areas. The draft management plan can be viewed online at

http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/enjoying_alberta/parks/featured/kananaskis/management.asp

For more details, please contact Nigel Douglas,
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Our Wild West evening includes fine food, from appetizers to dessert and fabulous auction items, not to mention a shooting gallery, photos with KC the Bear (AWA's mascot) and a lucky bucket brigade.

Don't forget to wear your best western duds!

This year's celebration includes:

A Charity Auction (including live and silent auctions), with a fantastic array of items, from framed artwork to antiques to outdoor gear, an incredible Hellman Prospector canoe and so much more. Jessie Starling and the team from Graham Auctions will have you bidding up a storm!

The Prairie Mountain Fiddlers (16 of them) are back by popular demand to get you in the toe stompin' foot tappin' mood!

An evening of delicious food, fine wines and cocktails.

There are just a few tickets left. You can order your tickets on-line at: <http://www.albertawilderness.ca>

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Tickets: \$100; \$85 (AWA members)

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CHESTER LAKES
with Vivian Pharis
Mountains of Kananaskis Country

Beautiful jade-coloured Chester Lake, at the base of Mount Chester, is one of many gems in Kananaskis Country. Larches around the lake provide a spectacular fall display.

Join biologist and educator Vivian Pharis on a moderate hike to this popular destination. Vivian, who has traveled this area for many years, will share her extensive natural history knowledge.

Cost: \$20

Pre-registration is needed for all hikes

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