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Alberta Wilderness Association

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Dear Nigel,

Through AWA's Wilderness and Wildlife Defenders program, we work to keep you up to date with opportunities to have a say in the decisions that are made directly affecting wilderness in the province.

One more example is an upcoming management plan for the Milk River in southwestern Alberta. Public comment is being solicited for the plan's Terms of Reference, both through an open house on March 4, and an on-line comments form.

- Nigel Douglas, AWA Conservation Specialist

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THE ISSUE

The Milk River Watershed Council Canada is putting together an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the Milk River. A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Plan is now available for public comment.

BACKGROUND

AWA is broadly supportive of the plan's ToR, though there are some ways that it could be strengthened. Specific comments include:

- The Milk River Watershed has some of Alberta's last remaining native grasslands, but the ToR barely mentions this. Protection of remaining native grasslands should be a priority.
- The ToR should also talk about possible impacts of future climatic change.
- One objective for the plan is to develop "Water Conservation Objectives for the Milk River (including minimum and maximum flows)." These objectives must be expanded to include objectives for seasonal flows as well as maximum and minimum.

TAKE ACTION NOW

- [Click here](#) to see AWA's comments on the draft ToR.
- [Click here](#) to see the draft ToR document or to send your own input to the draft ToR.
- A public open house will also be held to discuss the draft ToR:

Thursday March 4, at the Heritage Hall, **Milk River** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Please also send me a copy of your comments to awa.nd@shaw.ca
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