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Southwest Forests News Conference

Tuesday October 25, 2011

What? News Conference
Launch of new Southwest Forests report

When? Tuesday October 25, 2011
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Where? AWA office, 455 – 12th Street NW, Calgary

Who? Alberta Wilderness Association
Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition
Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Ghost Watershed Alliance Society
Stop Castle Logging
Beaver Mines Store

Citizens and associations from communities throughout southwestern Alberta have joined together to document serious concerns with current industrial-scale logging practices, and present an alternative vision for the management of Alberta's southwestern forests. A new report, *Sustainable Forests, Sustainable Communities: The Future of Alberta's Southwestern Forests*, contains a series of recommendations for a new model of forest management in Alberta, based on ecosystems, guided by independent scientific expertise and augmented by local community participation and benefit.

Signatories to the new report include:

Alberta Wilderness Association

Beaver Mines store

Bert Riggall Environmental Foundation

Bow Valley Naturalists

Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Castle Crown Wilderness Coalition

Crowsnest Conservation Society

Full Circle Adventures

Ghost Watershed Alliance Society

Livingstone Landowners Group

Southern Alberta Group for the Environment

Stop the Castle Logging Group

Trail of the Great Bear

Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

Representatives of a number of these groups will be present to discuss their perspectives and recommendations for future forest management in southwest Alberta.

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