

**Dear Wilderness Defender,**

AWA is asking you to help urge the federal and provincial governments to ensure the Onefour Research Farm receives protected area status.

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Protect Onefour

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The federal government recently announced its plan to close the Onefour Research Station in southeastern Alberta. Onefour is home to at least 23 federally listed species at risk, including such notables as the only known site of Eastern Yellow-bellied Racers in Alberta and the largest of only two Soapweed populations in Canada. Onefour has long been used for livestock grazing research and has been a significant source of information on managing semi-arid native grasslands in the northern Great Plains.

No date has been given for the closure of the Onefour as a research station, however this could occur in as little as 12 months time. Although a small portion of Onefour is federal land, the majority is provincial land under long-term lease to the Canadian government. Once the research station has been closed, the federal government may choose to surrender their lease on the land to the province of Alberta. Under either provincial or federal management, formal protection must be put in place for the conservation of these critical grasslands.

We need your help to convince the federal and provincial governments to designate protection for Onefour as either a National Wildlife Area or provincial Heritage Rangeland Natural Area.

For more background information on this project, please see:

- The [briefing notes](#) that AWA has prepared on the Onefour Research Farm closure.
- [AWA's letter](#) to Premier Redford and Prime Minister Harper.

What do we want you to do?

Call, write or email the Premier of Alberta, Alison Redford and the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper and urge them to ensure protected area status for the Onefour Research Farm. Contact info is included below.

For your reference we have placed sample letters on the AWA website:

- [Sample letter to Premier Redford](#)
- [Sample letter to Prime Minister Harper](#)

Please remember to send a copy of your letter(s) to AWA colson@abwild.ca

Please send your letters and correspondence to:

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- The Honourable Diana McQueen
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- The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
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