



Alberta Wilderness Association

Top 10 in 50 years...

#1: Protection of the Eastern Slopes Rocky Mountain Wildlands



- **Ghost Wilderness**
- **Siffleur Wilderness**
- **White Goat Wilderness**
- **Whaleback**

(including some of the few wells in Alberta to ever be turned down for environmental reasons)

- **First Eastern Slopes Policy**
- **Untiring advocacy in numerous Integrated Resource Plans**

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#2: Protection of the Grasslands

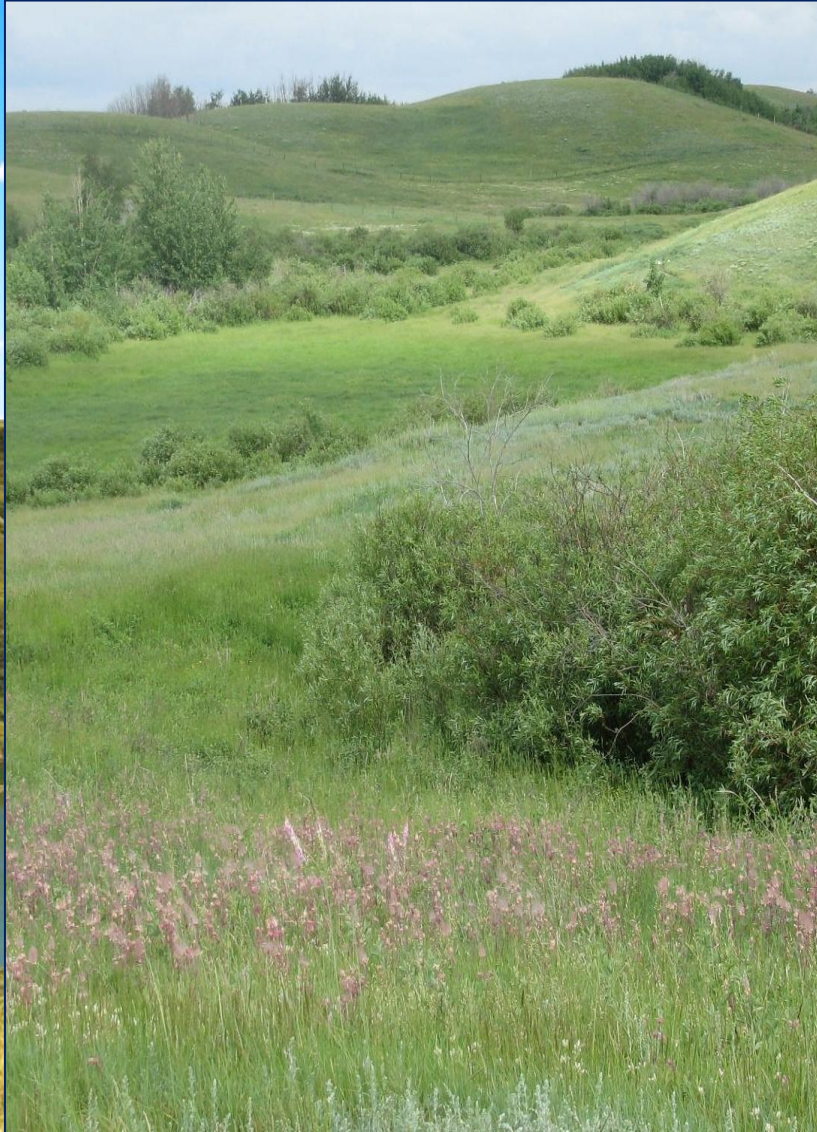


- **Milk River Canyon**
- **Suffield National Wildlife Area**
(and defence of Suffield from 1270 shallow gas wells)
- **“Potatogate” lands**



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#3: Protection of the Aspen Parkland

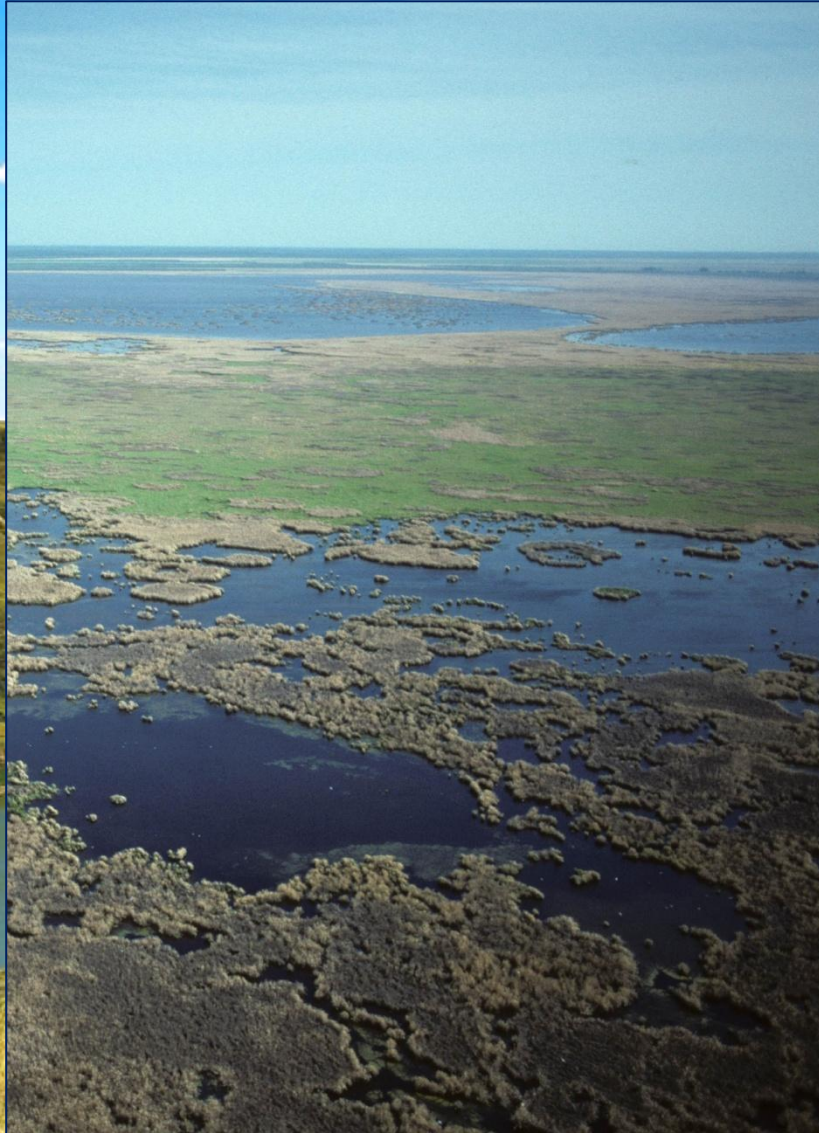


- Rumsey
- David Lake



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#4: Protection of Boreal Forest Wetlands



- **Hay-Zama** as a wildland park and twinning:
Oil and gas activity has ceased – it's now all about some minor restoration and good management



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#5: Defence of Public Lands

**WELCOME
TO YOUR
PUBLIC
LAND**

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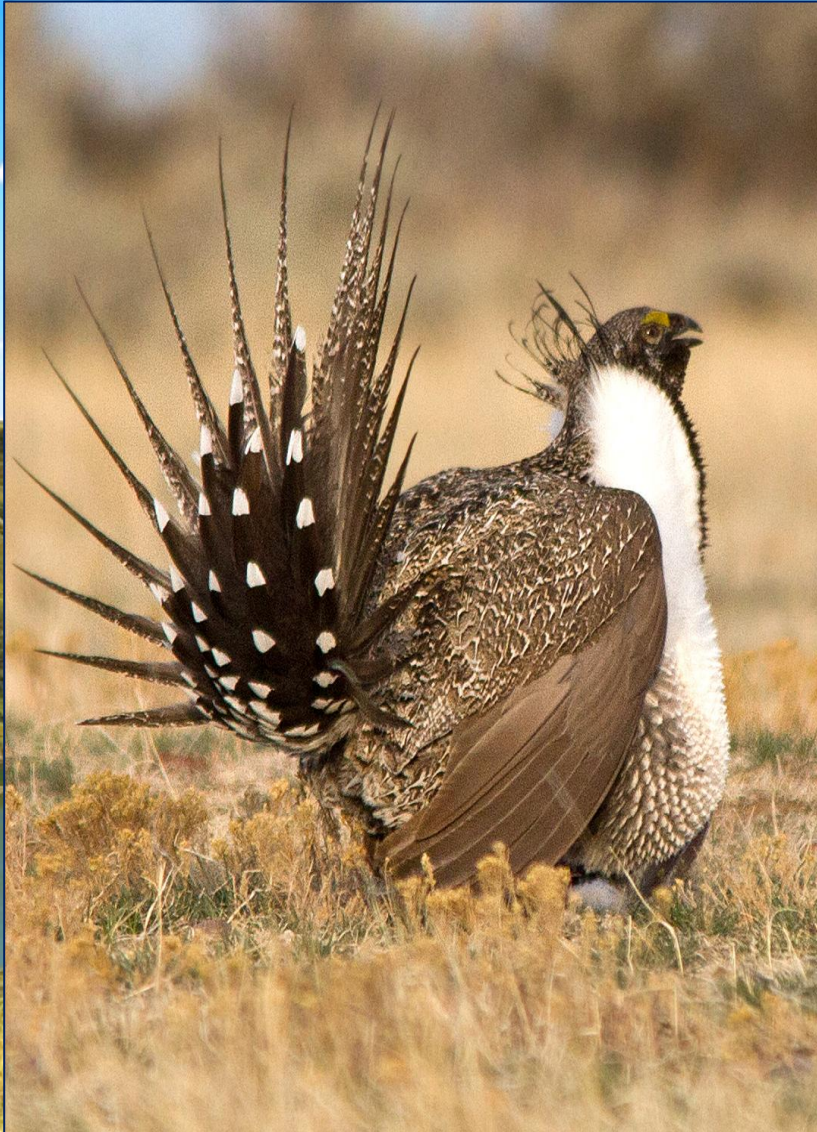
Mount on solid backing and post only on Public Lands

Obtain land ownership maps from County and Municipal District offices

- Defence of **Public Lands**:
Decades of work on this.
- With Alberta Fish and Game we **stopped major lease sales** in the early 1980s – *Public lands we would not have today without such a hard fight and clear victory.*
- Putting a stop to **Potatogate**.
- Participating in the grazing lease disposition review that helped improve management and public access.

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#6: Defence of the Sage-grouse

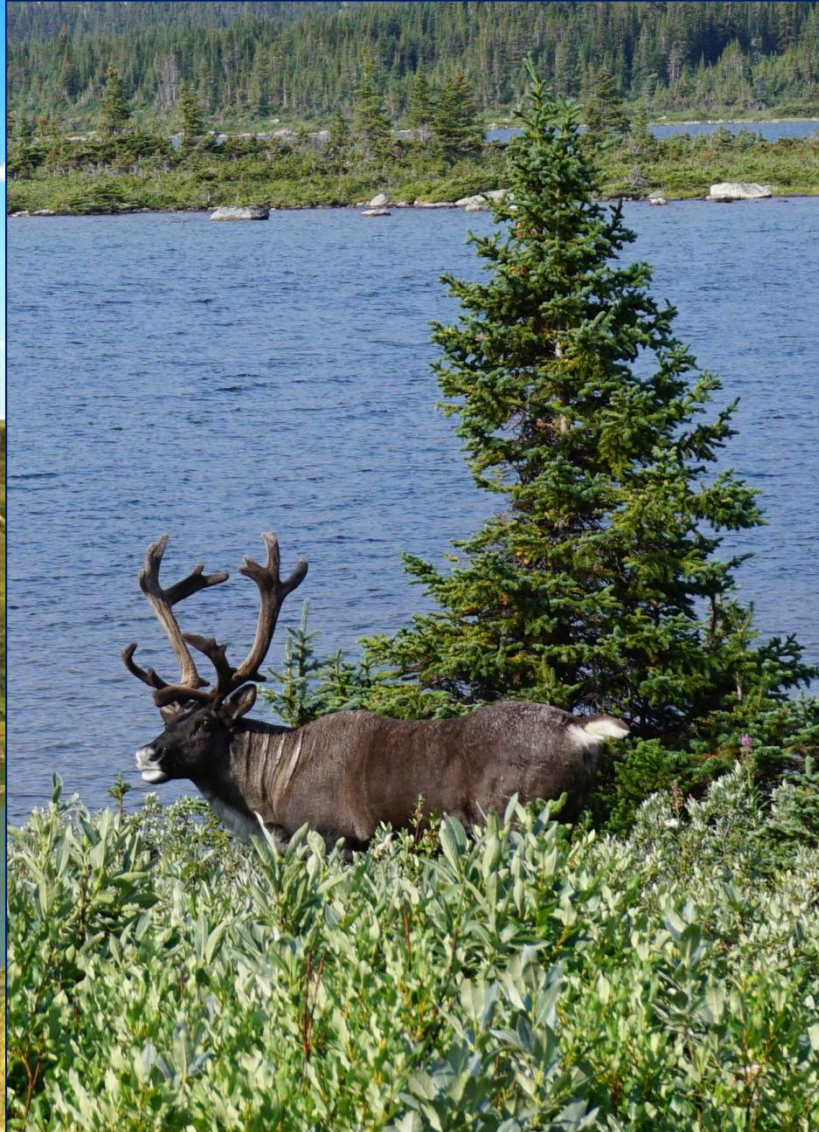


- Success in the courts with EcoJustice
- Critical habitat designated
- Emergency protection order issued
- *Sage-grouse Partnership* working on the future
- New hope with a more-than-doubling of the population in the last year.

(Many involved in this success, not just AWA...)

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#7: Defence of the Caribou



- Success in courts moving toward protection

A long, slow process but, as with the sage-grouse, we are moving the needle and keeping government's feet to the fire



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#8: Defence of the Grizzly Bear



- Getting the spring hunt cancelled after years of pressure and cool campaigns.

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#9: *A good Coal Policy for Alberta*

A COAL DEVELOPMENT
POLICY FOR ALBERTA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

JUNE 15, 1976

- Exposed the fact that the Alberta Coal Policy was about to be rewritten:
Our actions prevented opening up new areas to exploration and development

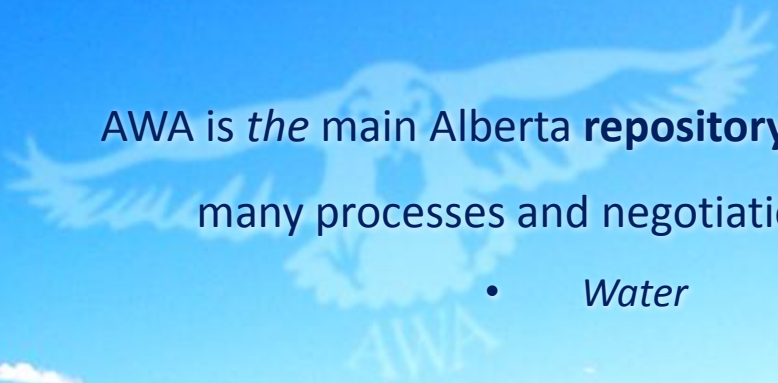
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#10: The Wild Lands Advocate



- The *Wild Lands Advocate* – over 25 years of the BEST conservation magazine in western Canada!

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AWA is *the* main Alberta **repository of expertise** that has proved so helpful in so many processes and negotiations:

- *Water*
- *Fish*
- *Wildlife*
- *Public lands*
- *Protected areas*
- *Forestry*
- *OHVs*



Above all, AWA has an impressive toolkit and we use the right tool for the job.

AWA has been at the forefront with its effective use of litigation (sage-grouse, caribou) but also collaborative processes like Hay-Zama, Milk River Management Committee and the Sage-grouse Partnership.

Ranchers who were suspicious of our motives in the 1980s and 1990s now call us up for help. We have shown leadership in ERCB, NRCB, FEARO/CCEA hearings and a plethora of government processes on land, water and biodiversity.

Almost there...

- Protection of the **Castle Wilderness:**

An election platform of the current Alberta NDP government

- Protection of the **Milk River Ridge grasslands:**

In the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

- **Rumsey Management Plan**

In progress

- **Game Farming**

This long unbalanced fight did at least keep them from becoming shooting parks.

Through constant public pressure and the disease that AWA well demonstrated would occur, the farms are almost all gone now but there is a legacy of Chronic Wasting Disease that will persist long into the future.

Where we want to make more headway...

- **Caribou and sage-grouse:**

Moving from paper protection to more on-the-ground action

- **New Wildlands (Bighorn):**

Back in 1986, AWA was able to gain ministerial support up to the point of having the area recognized as a protected area on government maps, and in an impressive government brochure, before government reneged just prior to full designation.

AWA continues to work for the full protection of this 4000 km² area.