# ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION2019YEAR IN2020REVIEW



#### THANK YOU FOR 55 INCREDIBLE YEARS!

THIS YEAR OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS DONATED \$481,000 AND >2400 VOLUNTEER HOURS WHICH SUPPORTED OUR WORK ON...



WE'VE RAISED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ACTION AGAINST THE CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF 164 SITES FROM THE ALBERTA PARKS SYSTEM, THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS AND CANCELLATION OF THE 1976 COAL POLICY.



WE'RE WORKING HARD ON HABITAT CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR WOODLAND CARIBOU, HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THE SANDHILL CRANE HUNT, AND SPOKEN UP FOR GRIZZLY BEAR REHABILITATION.

### · WILD WATERS 🛧

WE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE FEDERAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR BULL TROUT, EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF OILSANDS, AND OPPOSED THE RED DEER RIVER WATER DIVERSION PIPELINE.



# 2019-2020 NEWS + CAMPAIGNS

#### **PUBLIC LAND SALES**

PROPOSED SALES OF PUBLIC LANDS IN MACKENZIE COUNTY AND NEAR TABER, AB. DESPITE PUBLIC CONCERN AND EVIDENCE THAT THE QUARTER CONTAINS NATIVE PRAIRIE, THE LANDS NEAR TABER SELL.

#### **ADVENTURES FOR WILDERNESS**

AWA'S NEWEST EVENT SERIES, ADVENTURES FOR WILDERNESS, COMES TO LIFE. BOARD, STAFF AND MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE ALBERTA'S WILDERNESS THROUGH OUTDOOR AND ONLINE ADVENTURES.

#### **ALBERTA PARKS**

FOLLOWING THE GOA'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE 164 SITES FROM THE PROVINCIAL PARKS SYSTEM, AWA LAUNCHES A CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT ALBERTA'S PARKS.

#### **APETOWUN CREEK**

AWA VISITS TO MONITOR COURT-ORDERED RESTORATION EFFORTS FOR ATHABASCA RAINBOW TROUT FOLLOWING THE CATASTROPHIC 2013 OBED MOUNTAIN COAL MINE SPILL.

#### **BIGHORN REPORT**

DATA (2012–2017) FROM THE BIGHORN'S HUMMINGBIRD TRAIL SYSTEM SHOW THAT OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE HAS DAMAGED THE HEALTH OF LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS. NOVEMBER 2019 MARCH 2020

January 2020 값 값 값 값 IN 2019, AWA RECEIVED 4 STAR AND 'A' RATINGS FROM CHARITY INTELLIGENCE.CA

FEBRUARY 2020

JULY 2020

THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE WILD LANDS ADVOCATE, DEDICATED TO STORIES FROM THE 164 SITES, WAS SENT TO 89 MLAS

JULY 2020



# 2019–2020 OUTREACH AND EVENTS

## THIS YEAR 3,786 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN 76 PROGRAMS



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## ADVENTURES FOR WILDERNESS

HELD ACROSS ALBERTA FROM JAN-SEPT 438 PARTICIPANTS 612 SPONSORS

ICE FISHING, XCOUNTRY SKIING, BEE BOX BUILDING, HIKING, GARDEN TOURS, BACKPACKING, PARK CLEANUPS, TRIVIA NIGHTS AND MANY MORE ACTIVITIES!



- DR SUSAN KUTZ | HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY WILDLIFE
- MARCUS BECKER | MAMMAL MONITORING

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**ADVENTURES** 

- DIANDRA BRUISED HEAD | CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE IN THE KAINAI FIRST NATION
- MEGAN EVANS | BEES AND BEE BOX BUILDING
- U OF C ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENT SHOWCASE

## COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

- AEN WATER CAUCUS
- CARIBOU ENGOS

- COAL POLICY WORKING GROUP
- FISH AND FORESTS FORUM
- GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION NETWORK
- MILK RIVER MANAGEMENT SOCIETY
- PRAIRIE CONSERVATION FORUM

