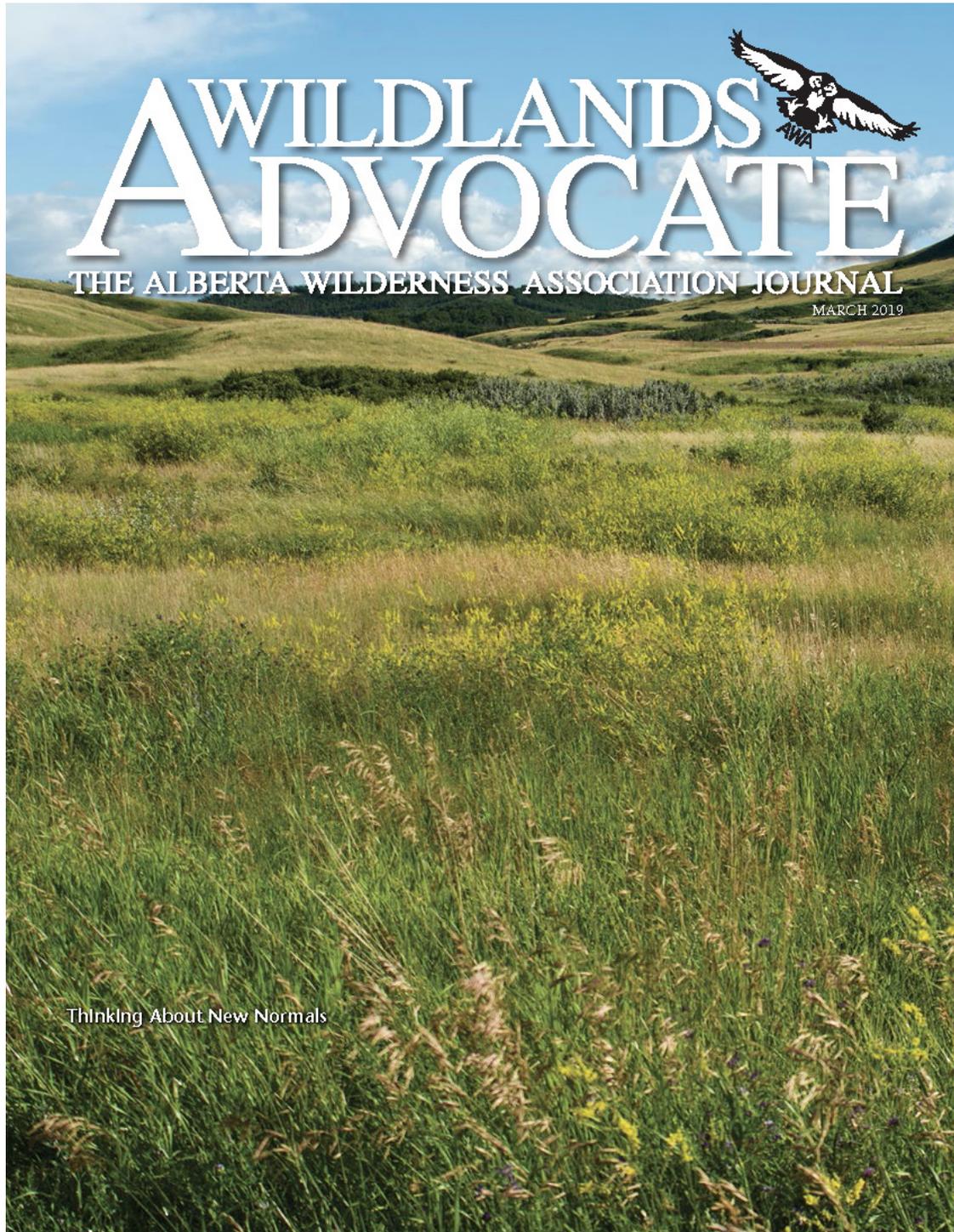


March Wild Lands Advocate Now Online

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The spring issue of *Wild Lands Advocate* is now online and should be in

your pre-email inbox shortly. Perhaps the most important piece of information in this issue concerns AWA's Climb for Wilderness. Our annual climb will be held this Saturday, April 27th, at the Bow Building (500 Centre St. SE). The event takes place from 8am until 11:30 am, with the Climb starting at 8:30 am.

If you haven't registered to climb yet you can do so online at <https://climbforwilderness.ca>. You also can register beginning at 8am on the day of the event at the Bow Building.

And, if rather than climbing 1,204 stairs yourself, you'd like to sponsor an individual climber (such as Ian Urquhart...nudge, nudge) or a climbing team to climb for you check out the respective participant lists at: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/search.aspx?EID=275633&Lang=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fclimbforwilderness.ca%2fwp%2f&searchState=individualSearch>

Along with the rest of the AWA staff and volunteers I hope I get the chance to meet and thank you for supporting AWA on Saturday.

With respect to this issue of the Advocate I thought that "thinking about new normals" was a good theme for spring. As the year unfolds, what do we want to work towards with respect to issues such as:

- politics,
- climate change,
- interacting with other groups,
- species at risk,
- human use in the boreal, and
- holding industry responsible for reclaiming the lands they

exploit.

Another piece from our Features section looks at a situation we hope will not become a new normal. This is a case where, through a restrictive covenant, a family tried to ensure that the purchaser of their land would ensure they would be protected and preserved for environmental and conservation purposes. Little did the family know that those lands would be used as a stage for filming a television series.

We also offer you a look back at Dr. Michael Sullivan's Martha Kostuch annual lecture, AWA's annual awards presentations, updates that will take you to our boreal and grassland regions, and the provincial election water forum AWA sponsored for the candidates in Calgary-Mountain View. All four candidates who attended the forum treated water concerns very seriously; we look forward to working with Kathleen Ganley, our new MLA, to ensure this vital resource is managed well.

-Ian Urquhart, Editor

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