

# Alberta Wilderness Association 2020 - 2021 Year in Review



Thank you for  56 years...

*Defending Wild Alberta through Awareness  
and Action by inspiring people to care.*

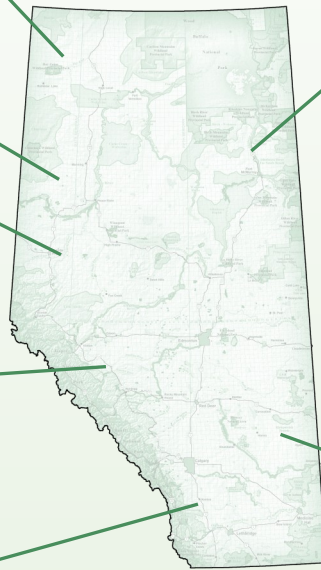
This year our members and supporters:

Live in 227 Alberta communities with 500 more across Canada and around the world

Donated \$527,000

AWA has 82 active volunteers who contributed over 1,230 volunteer hours

In 2021 AWA received five stars and an "A" rating from *Charity Intelligence*



Who supported our work on:



## Wildlife

- Habitat and conservation measures for woodland caribou, limber and whitebark pine, native trout management, and recovery plans.



## Wild Spaces

- Creating awareness of changes to protected areas management and need to be vigilant with government plans and changes
- Proposing greater Indigenous Peoples engagement in planning and development of protected areas
- Opposing public lands sales
- Investigating government plans for crown lands
- Successfully challenged Grassy Mountain Coal Mine proposal



## Wild Waters

- Chair AEN Water Caucus
- Oppose Red Deer River Water Diversion Pipeline
- Member Board of Directors, Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
- Commented on Integrated Water Management Plans
- Alberta Water Council
- Efforts to reduce oilsands expansion and environmental impacts

# Alberta Wilderness Association 2020 – 2021 News & Campaigns



## July 2020–August 2021 Adventures for Wilderness

- Successful program sees 36 adventures with 370 participants

- Celebrated ten years organizing quarterly forums for colleagues

## September 2020–June 2021 Fish and Forests Forum



## September 2020–July 2021 Caribou Task Forces

- 2019 lawsuit instrumental in strengthening government conservation agreement
- Active participation in 3 caribou sub-regional task forces

- Strong stand against proposals that harm native fish species
- Critical Habitat Order for bull trout
- Alberta Bull Trout Recovery Plan
- Grassy Mountain denied – adverse impacts on westslope cutthroat trout cited



## March 2021–June 2021 Native Trout



## June 2021–August 2021 Alberta Parks and Public Lands

- Constant vigil on government plans and changes in management
- Expressed serious concerns with K-Country passes and lack of accountability for revenues generated
- Epic bike tour by AWA Program Specialist to 82 parks slated for closure
- Support for expansion of *Kitaskino Nuwenéné Wildland Park*

- AWA is inaugural member of the Ronald Lake Bison Herd Cooperative Management Board

## September 2021 Ronald Lake Bison Herd

# Alberta Wilderness Association 2020 - 2021 Outreach & Events



- This year, approximately 2,150 people participated in 56 events.
- The Wild Lands Advocate published 3 issues and was delivered to 2,200 members and supporters, with many more accessing the magazine on line.

## Adventures for Wilderness

36 Adventures, 370 participants, 435 sponsors



## Talks Program

Kevin Van Tighem: *Telling Our Own Stories*

Chief James Ahnassay: *A Conversation*



Linda Duncan: *A Pioneer for Environmental Protection*

Coal "Town Hall" series

- AWA's website had 140,942 unique visitors
- We gained 2,604 new subscribers across our 6 social media channels.

## Collaborative Initiatives

Friends of Grassy Mountain Coalition

Coal Policy Working Group

Grasslands Roadmap

Great Plains Conservation Network

Milk River Management Society



Prairie Conservation Forum

AEN Water Caucus

Caribou ENGOS

National Parks Group

Nature Canada provincial leads