



Alberta Wilderness Association

*"Defending Wild Alberta through Awareness and Action"*

## **Cliff Wallis appointed to the Order of Canada**

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, announced 85 new appointments to the Order of Canada, including Alberta Wilderness Association board member Clifford Wallis, who is also FSC Canada's chair of the board of directors.

The Order of Canada is one of our country's highest honours. Since its creation in 1967, the Order of Canada has recognized people across all sectors of society who have made extraordinary and sustained contributions to our nation.

Cliff Wallis was given this award for his dedication to advancing nature conservation and restoration in Alberta, as an esteemed biologist and naturalist.

Deborah Donnelly, Executive Director of the Alberta Wilderness Association shares her hearty congratulations, "all of us at Alberta Wilderness Association are extremely pleased to see Cliff Wallis get the recognition he so rightly deserves. AWA cannot thank Cliff enough for his tireless efforts in protecting Alberta's wild places."

Cliff has served on the AWA Board as a Director, first elected in 1981, and as AWA President on two separate occasions between 1991 and 2003. Cliff also serves on advisory or governing bodies of International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Great (formerly Northern) Plains Conservation Network, Milk River Management Society, National Grasslands Task Force, Transboundary Grassland Partnership, and the North America Regional Support Group for the International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists.

In addition to his work for AWA, Cliff also serves FSC Canada's chair of the board of directors.

"On behalf of everyone at FSC Canada, I would like to congratulate Cliff on this well deserved award," says FSC President, Francois Dufresne. "Cliff's passionate advocacy for healthy, resilient forests and thriving ecosystems is an inspiration. As Chair of our Board of Directors, Cliff's deep knowledge, humour and collaborative approach, has helped guide our work and provide strategic direction for the coming years."

Congratulations Cliff.