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Prairie Conservation Forum Vision

The biological diversity of native prairie and parkland ecosystems is secure under thoughtful and committed stewardship of all Albertans.

Guiding Principles

1. Management responsibilities for native prairie and parkland fall primarily on public agencies (i.e., Federal, Provincial and Local Governments), First Nations and private landowners. The PCF will only support and facilitate discussions concerning actions that contribute positively to the Vision and Mission of the PCF.
2. The PCF will facilitate networking, information exchange and discussion amongst member organizations and with other jurisdictions outside of Alberta.
3. Partnership activities are based on the belief that the social and economic benefits which are derived from prairie and parkland ecosystems are dependent on the ecological health of these systems. Therefore, management strategies will be promoted that ensure the ongoing health of these ecosystems.
4. The PCF Partnership draws together diverse opinions and approaches to ecosystem management. To best ensure the development of collaborative and effective solutions, the Partnership will interact in a manner that is respectful of that diversity.
5. PCF members will strive to implement PCF programs and activities in their respective organizations in support of the PCF Vision.
6. The Vision can only be achieved by the efforts of many, including the PCF itself and its member organizations, accompanied by effective working relationships with others who share the Vision.
7. The PCF supports the equitable sharing of social and economic costs and the benefits of maintaining native biodiversity and ecological services among all segments of society.

Outcomes

Maintain Large Native Prairie and Parkland Landscapes. The existence of intact and fully functioning native prairie and parkland landscapes in Alberta are the best guarantor of future regional biodiversity and environmental quality.

Conserve Connecting Corridors for Biodiversity. Habitat connectivity is essential to maintain native biodiversity and ecosystem function. The conservation and restoration of important corridors will help to maintain functional native prairie and parkland landscapes.

Protect Isolated Native Habitats. Within fragmented landscapes there exist small, isolated pockets of ecological refugia that may be as important for native biodiversity conservation as larger prairie and parkland landscapes. These need to be identified, studied, and possibly protected.



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*“As I looked about me I felt that the grass was the country, as the water is the sea. The red of the grass made all the great prairie the colour of winestains, or of certain seaweeds when they are first washed up. And there was so much motion in it; the whole country seemed, somehow, to be running.”*

*Willia Cather, My Ántonia*

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Message from the Chair

The Prairie Conservation Forum has had a busy year with a focus on development of the 2016-2020 Prairie Conservation Action Plan. Our members participated in facilitated workshops with the board to help chart the direction and priorities and build upon the previous work we've done. Thank you! Another important piece of work completed to help inform our direction was the report 'the Status of Biodiversity in the Grassland and Parkland Regions of Alberta' commissioned from ABMI, which can be accessed through our publications section on our website.

Our Committees have been very active, including our Education Committee with our Deep Roots program provided to schools to share the value and importance of grasslands with Alberta's school children. Committees on renewable energy and connecting corridors have been established to develop Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for work to help achieve our new PCAP goals and outcomes.



The inaugural Transboundary Grassland Workshop organized and hosted by PCF was held in January in Elkwater, AB with a great turnout of participants from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana. The facilitated session and presentations captured the scope of work as well as the challenges in the various jurisdictions. The group agreed it was important to continue to work together and decided to form a smaller working group to plan further activities. We will report on further activities of this group as it progresses.

The PCF also participated and helped support the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. We had the opportunity to present our Action Plan at one of the concurrent sessions and it was well received. It was a great opportunity for people from various sectors interested and involved in endangered species conservation related initiatives. Very interesting and important research and collaborative work was shared.

PCF is pleased to continue our in kind support to MultiSAR and offers our congratulation to them and Cows and Fish on their increased funding support from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (via SARPAL) Federal Funding to continue their important stewardship work with landowners.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated coordinators, members and supporters who came out to volunteer long hours at our Casino fundraiser. This fundraiser helps our organization remain financially viable and able to undertake and support important grassland conservation initiatives. An extra thank you to our coordinators, Katheryn and Sasha, for their dedicated work on our behalf to keep things moving ahead. I welcome everyone to participate in PCF as there are many opportunities to contribute to grassland conservation and we appreciate your input, ideas and enthusiasm for grasslands.

Karen Raven, 2015-2016 Chair

Message from the Coordinators

The coordinators supported many of the committees in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and took active roles on the PCAP 2016-2020 committee, the education committee, and the transboundary committee. We also helped write documents as requested by the board and committees, and continued to keep the website updated with current events. Both coordinators continued to help plan and organize general meetings, board meetings, and committee meetings. Sasha continued to track PCF's finances and organize casino volunteers, and Katheryn continued to send updates and PCF news out to the membership.

Rather than re-iterating what is in this annual report, we wanted to take the time to thank our PCF members for all the ways you have contributed to the success of the PCF. A big thank you goes out to PCF members for their contributions to the PCF photo book (designed and put together by Katheryn for use as speaker gifts), and the PCAP 2016-2020. Without you contributing photos to these publications, they wouldn't be as beautiful as they turned out to be! We also want to thank everyone that came out and volunteered for the casino. You do make a huge difference to our success and we are grateful you could find the time to help us out. We also want to thank everyone that has participated on committees — we are stronger when we have many voices that come together to determine ways to move forward prairie conservation in Alberta. And last, but definitely not least, we want to thank the PCF board members for all the hard work they do to keep the PCF moving forward with our PCAP goals. They are the ones that develop work plans and see them carried forward. They also form the majority of the various committee memberships. Without their commitment to prairie conservation, and to the PCF itself, we wouldn't be the organization we are today.

Katheryn Taylor and Sasha Harriott

PCF Meetings and Tours

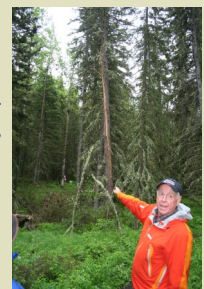
The PCF spring meeting and tour took place at the Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area in Calgary. The meeting included presentations from George Roman, with the City of Calgary, on the City of Calgary Riparian Action Program: From Mapping and Modeling to Program Development; Kathryn Hull, with the Cows and Fish program, on the Cows and Fish Assessment of City of Calgary riparian areas; and from Jenna Cross, with the City of Calgary, on Managing for Biodiversity in Calgary. The tour followed the meeting with a walk in the Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area, led by Jen Ross, and a look at Brown-Lowery Provincial Park, a beautiful old growth forest, led by Travis Sjovald, Alberta Parks, and Peter Spear, a volunteer at Brown-Lowery Provincial Park.



The PCF fall meeting took place in Oyen, with presentations from Morgan Stromsmoe, with Ducks Unlimited, on projects that Ducks Unlimited is working on in the special areas; and from Brian Laing and Bill Dolan, both with Alberta Environment and Parks, about the Onefour and Twin Rivers Heritage Rangelands Natural Areas Initiative. The tour took us to the Bar Diamond Ranch, where we met with Carol Hern and learned about Medicine Wheels and had a fantastic view of the Red Deer River valley. Morgan took us to Remount Community Pasture and showed us a wetland that was fenced off (Prince's Spring), mainly for Northern Leopard Frogs, and a structure for allowing the cattle to get fresh water from the spring without entering the wetland. Lia Brands, an Ord's Kangaroo Rat specialist, met us at the Empress Sand Dunes, where we learned about Ord's kangaroo rats and saw their habitat first hand.



Our Annual General Meeting took place in Airdrie, Alberta in January. At this meeting, all of the PCF working committees provided updates, we held elections to the PCF Board of Directors, did a financial review for members, and held a discussion about wind energy and solar footprint development in Alberta. The PCF board of directors also presented the new PCAP work plan and asked for feedback from the membership. Shannon White, with Alberta Environment and Parks, gave us a presentation about the Biodiversity Management Framework; and Jim Herbers presented the findings of the joint PCF/ABMI report on the 'Status of Biodiversity in the Grassland and Parkland Regions of Alberta'.



For PCF members, PCF meeting notes and presentations can be found on the members only page of the PCF website: www.albertapcf.org.

Education & Communication Committee



The Deep Roots Videoconference continued to be delivered by Alberta Parks to students across Alberta in 2015-2016. The PCF sponsors up to 25 classes to receive the presentation (i.e. pay the teacher's fee of \$100 for the presentation), and all 25 of these sponsored presentations were used in the 2015-2016 school year. The total number of students within these classes was 589, spanning grades one through twelve.

Two brochures were developed, printed, and distributed. 1,000 Alberta Grasslands Event brochures were printed and distributed to Nature Centers in Alberta, the Calgary Stampede MULTISAR booth, and to Chinook tourism. 1,500 general PCF brochures were made available to PCF members for distribution and was available at the Calgary Stampede MULTISAR booth.

The PCF display and Prairie Conservation Action Plans (PCAPs) were taken to the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference in February 2016, and a presentation of the new PCAP was also given. The display and PCAP's were also taken to the transboundary workshop that was sponsored by the PCF in Elkwater in January 2016.

PCAP 2016-2020 Working Group

After receiving feedback from the PCF membership (through the facilitated workshop, PCF AGM breakout sessions, and surveys), the PCAP working group put together the 2016-2020 PCAP, with a final review by the PCF board of directors. The final 2016-2020 PCAP was released in early January, 2016. With the PCAP complete, the working group was disbanded as no longer necessary and implementation of the PCAP moved to become the responsibility of the PCF Board of Directors. The PCAP is available in hard copy (info@albertapcf.org), or online at: <http://www.albertapcf.org/publications/action-plans>.



Transboundary Working Group

The PCF identified the need for transboundary collaboration between Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana with a focus on large landscape conservation in the grasslands natural region. A Transboundary Grasslands Committee was struck over the summer of 2015 led by Ian Dyson. The committee reached out to partners in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana for representatives to join the committee with a goal of organizing a workshop that would bring a focused group of organizations to discuss large landscape conservation, current initiatives and priorities, successes, challenges and gaps from each jurisdiction.

The committee met via many conference calls to craft an action packed workshop agenda. The workshop was held in Elkwater, Alberta on January 19-20, 2016. There were 46 participants with good representation from all three jurisdictions. The agenda consisted of:

- expert panels discussing jurisdictional and environmental boundaries and a panel consisting of representatives from each jurisdiction who gave presentations on initiatives that are taking place in their respective areas;
- a breakout session that had workshop participants fully engaged in discussing and sharing opportunities, successes and short-falls;
- evening social, including dinner and a keynote on Holistic Approaches to Large Landscape Conservation;
- a second breakout session that had participants identifying and mapping the policy, program and context related to their grassland conservation priorities; and
- participants worked small working groups to identify transboundary issues that are not currently being addressed and most opportunistic areas for collaboration and strategies for overcoming obstacles.

In closing the participants were asked to identify what success would look like if some of the ideas from the workshop were advanced; suggestions included addressing conservation gaps and providing support to existing initiatives. In addition to identified outcomes the participants also came up with a list of outputs including: establishing a Core Team and clearly articulating a vision and goal.

Individuals stepped forward at the workshop to volunteer to serve on the Core Team to continue with the momentum generated from the workshop. The Core Team has held regular conference calls with the objective of planning a second workshop and continuing to work towards the outcomes and outputs indicated at the workshop. More detailed information about the Transboundary Grasslands Workshop can be found on the PCF website: <http://www.albertapcf.org/grassland-events/transboundary>



Figure 1: Boundaries of the Transboundary Partnership.

PCF/ABMI Report on the Status of Biodiversity in the Grassland and Parkland Regions of Alberta

The report on the ‘status of biodiversity in the grassland and parkland regions of Alberta’ that the PCF and ABMI collaborated on was completed, printed, and released to the public in 2016. This report addressed Strategy 1 in the 2011-2015 PCAP: completing inventories and assessments of native biodiversity, and will continue to play a role in the 2016-2020 PCAP. Hard copies can be obtained through request at info@albertapcf.org, or by visiting the PCF or ABMI website (see below). The following is an excerpt from the media release of the PCF/ABMI report on the status of biodiversity in the grassland and parkland regions of Alberta.

Media Release

Latest Numbers Show 37% of the Prairie Region of Alberta Remains as Native Vegetation Biggest ecological change: species that require native prairie habitat have lower-than-expected abundance

EDMONTON, February 17, 2016 - As of 2013, 37% of the Prairie Region of Alberta remained as native vegetation according to the latest report by the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI). In other words, the majority of the land base in the Prairie Region has been visibly transformed by human development.

The report, “The Status of Biodiversity in the Grassland and Parkland Regions of Alberta”, presents the latest data on several indicators of environmental health—species, habitat, and human footprint—for the Prairie Region of the province. The region is one of few in North America that contain large tracts of temperate native grassland, an ecosystem type among the most threatened in the world.

The Prairie Conservation Forum (PCF), a non-profit organization with a mandate to promote the conservation of native biodiversity in prairie and parkland environments in Alberta, commissioned the report to provide an inventory and assessment of regional biodiversity for the new 2016-2020 Prairie Conservation Action Plan. The report also highlights results for a sub-region within the Prairie Region identified as the High Value Landscape, an area defined by native vegetation, species at risk and more.

With respect to the Prairie Region, human footprint covered 63.1% as of 2013. By contrast, inside the High Value Landscape, human footprint was less than half, at 30.8%. Agriculture was the dominant footprint type, measuring at 55.2% for the Prairie Region, with transportation and energy trailing far behind at less than 3%. Of note, however, between 1999-2013, the High Value Landscape showed a larger increase in the per cent area of human footprint.

Based on an assessment of 197 species, the corresponding Biodiversity Intactness Index is, on average, 53% for the Prairie Region and 69% for the High Value Landscape. The biggest ecological changes are associated with the lower-than-expected abundance of species that require native prairie habitat, such as the Baird’s Sparrow, Sprague’s Pipit, and many vascular plant species. In the case of species that thrive in agricultural landscapes or disturbed habitat, such as Coyote, Chipping Sparrow, and Foxtail Barley, they were found to be more abundant than expected.

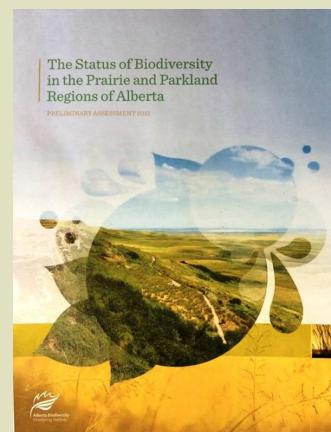
The report also examines the number and abundance of non-native plants, since, given the right conditions, non-native species can become a major ecological concern. In the Prairie Region, an average of nine non-native plant species were detected at each ABMI site. A number of these are crop or forage species associated with agriculture footprint. Two species, the creeping thistle and perennial sow thistle, are listed under the Alberta Weed Control Act.

“The Prairie Conservation Forum was pleased to work with ABMI to commission this report, creating science-based evidence that helps focus our efforts for the next 5 years. This report flags the urgency of retaining the health and resiliency of our remaining high value landscapes. Check out the 2016-2020 Prairie Conservation Action Plan (PCAP) for ways you can get involved in collaborating with our multi-stakeholder group.”

--PCF Board of Directors

With biodiversity in the Prairie Region at 53% intact, there are challenges associated with the management of native prairie species and habitat. The information presented in the report provides a baseline on the current status of species, habitat, and human footprint for the region, which can be used as a foundation for evaluating the sustainability of resource development going forward.

A copy of the report is available on the ABMI’s website: abmi.ca/home/publications, as well as the PCF website: <http://www.albertapcf.org/resources-literature/pcf-resources>.



MULTISAR

MULTISAR is a program focused on multi-species conservation at the landscape level that promotes stewardship through voluntary participation of landholders on both Crown and private lands. The program is a collaborative effort among landholders, the Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Environment and Parks, and the Prairie Conservation Forum.

The Habitat Conservation Program includes the development of detailed Habitat Conservation Strategies (HCS) in the core project area of southern Alberta, as well as the more compact Species at Risk Conservation Plans (SARC Plans) delivered throughout the Grassland Natural Region. In 2015-2016, a new HCS was developed on two ranches totalling approximately 8,600 acres. Associated habitat enhancement projects were also developed to improve the habitat of key wildlife species. A number of habitat projects were developed on HCS properties. These varied from planting of native grass plugs, wildlife-friendly fencing, windbreaks, Japanese and smooth brome control, installation of a pasture pipeline, tree protection and portable watering unit use.



SARC Plans were delivered on a request only basis due to limited funds and staff available for the program. One SARC Plan was developed for Willow Creek Provincial Park (199 acres) while beneficial management recommendations for wildlife habitats were developed on two private ranches totalling approximately 320 acres.

The Education, Outreach and Awareness program was achieved primarily by MULTISAR staff that were able to give presentations and demonstration tours to landowners, wildlife and conservation groups, college students, and the general public. MULTISAR partnered with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to man a booth during the Calgary Stampede that was viewed by over 100,000 people. Communication material included one issue of MULTISAR's newsletter. In total, MULTISAR made over 107 different contacts with more than 1,537 people (and an additional 100,000 people at the Calgary Stampede) including landholders, the general public, academia, industry, media, government and non-government organizations and other sectors.

Under the Research and Monitoring Program, MULTISAR continued implementing its monitoring and evaluation protocol to assess the directionality of habitat improvements and management changes and the effectiveness of its habitat conservation strategies. A subsample of range and riparian sites and wildlife points were revisited on four MULTISAR HCS ranches (10,188 acres), five years after their initial assessment, to determine if management recommendations had been implemented and their impact on species at risk habitat.

MULTISAR began compiling the wildlife observation and vegetation assessment data it has been accumulating since its first Habitat Conservation Strategy. It is hoped that inferences can be made between species at risk occurrences and habitat metrics and that Beneficial Management Practices recommendations can be improved to maximize habitat quality.



Finacial Report

Statement of Operations and Net Assets (Deficiency)

March 31, 2016

| Revenue | 2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Grants | \$ 40,000 | \$ 70,610 |
| Casino | 43,085 | 20,348 |
| Administration—Multisar | 7,692 | 7,692 |
| Miscellaneous revenue | 4,187 | 4,518 |
| Donations | 316 | 1,320 |
| Interest Income | 132 | 128 |
| Total | \$ 95,412 | \$ 104,616 |
| Expenses | | |
| Coordinator contract and expenses | \$ 43,706 | \$ 46,204 |
| Special Projects | 9,718 | 13,561 |
| Meeting expenses | 8,420 | 7,585 |
| Contract Service | 7,273 | 24,050 |
| Donations | 5,500 | 200 |
| Professional Fees | 3,716 | 3,075 |
| Travel | 1,870 | 1,174 |
| Insurance | 1,825 | 1,743 |
| Office | 661 | 269 |
| Total | \$ 82,689 | \$ 97,861 |
| Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses | \$ 12,723 | \$ 6,755 |

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016

| Assets | 2016 | 2015 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash | \$ 310,904 | \$ 260,765 |
| Accounts receivable | — | 34,605 |
| GST receivable | 12,812 | 16,156 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 3,713 | \$ 31,659 |
| Due to Multisar | 11,613 | 13,812 |
| Deferred Revenue | 71,170 | 41,558 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ 77,220 | \$ 64,497 |
| Contingency Reserve | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| Total | \$ 323,716 | \$ 311,526 |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

March 31, 2016

| | Unrestricted | Internally Restricted | Total 2016 | Total 2015 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 64,497 | \$ 160,000 | \$ 224,497 | \$217,742 |
| Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures | \$ 12,723 | — | \$ 12,723 | 6,755 |
| Balance, end of year | \$ 77,220 | \$ 160,000 | \$ 237,220 | \$224,497 |

PCF Board of Directors

Karen Raven — Chair. Karen was raised on a ranch in the Southern Interior of BC where she gained her love of the land. Karen is the Manager of the Land Use Unit in the Environmental Stewardship Branch of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Her work focuses on support to Land Use Framework regional planning initiatives, ecosystem services, agricultural sustainability initiatives, conservation offsets, and biodiversity. Grassland conservation and stewardship on working landscapes are close to her heart and drive her involvement in the Prairie Conservation Forum.

Jordon Christianson — Past-Chair. Jordon was born and raised in the small community of Oyen in eastern Alberta, where his family farmed and ranched. Jordon began his career with the Special Areas Board in 1999, where he has since had a number of roles, including that of an Agricultural Fieldman, a Field Services Administrator (where he was responsible for the approval of industrial activities on public land in the Special Areas), as a Rangeland Agrologist, and his current position as Director of Property Administration, where he oversees the administration of 2.6 million acres of public lands, manages the sales of Tax Recovery Lands, and coordinates other land related municipal functions. Jordon is still very active on the family farm, where much of their land has been seeded back to perennial forages and the operation is now primarily cattle based, consisting of cow/calf and backgrounding calves through the winter. Between the Special Areas Board and the farm, Jordon has established a strong connection to the land and a keen appreciation of native grasslands.

Ron McNeil — Vice-Chair. Ron McNeil, President of LandWise Inc., is a soil and land resource scientist. Ron specializes in environmental studies, with a focus on inventories, ecological classification, habitat assessments, and reclamation. He has extensive experience in Alberta and Saskatchewan, especially in soil surveys and grasslands. Ron worked extensively with the Alberta government to improve the classification and interpretation of ecological information. He was instrumental in developing the link between soils and native plant communities. Ron was scientific advisor to the Grassland Vegetation Inventory (GVI), and has developed and delivered training for ecological range sites, GVI, wetlands, and reclamation.

Nolan Ball — Treasurer. Nolan is currently working as a Rangeland Agrologist in Public Land Management for the Special Areas and has been in this position for the past 3 years. Daily work focuses on helping manage 2.5 million acres of Public land that remains in native grassland and abandoned farmland that has reverted back to a native or modified condition. Prior to this position with the Special Areas, Nolan worked in oil & gas wellsite reclamation for 7 years as a consultant. Most of the work consisted of restoring disturbances from oil & gas production in native prairie environments. Nolan grew up in the Special Areas and moved back to the area following post secondary education in Environmental Sciences. He continues to be part of a family livestock business that ranches on a mixture of tame pastures and native rangeland.

Adam Martinson — Board Member. Adam is an environmental consultant working predominantly with Cenovus Energy as an Environmental Advisor. His work is focused largely on the pre-development planning and environmental assessment of oil and gas developments in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. He has a Masters of Environmental Design, during which he researched prairie rattlesnakes in southern Alberta and the impact and mitigation of road mortality. He recently completed his MBA from the University of Calgary and continues to be involved with wildlife research and conservation efforts on the Canadian prairies.

Brandy Downey — Board Member. Brandy is the Senior Species At Risk Biologist in Lethbridge for Alberta Environment and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Management. Brandy has been a member of the MULTISAR team since 2003 and currently assists AEP and the PCF in managing the program, which works collaboratively with several NGO's, government agencies, and individuals to conserve species at risk in the Grassland Natural Region of Alberta. Unrelated to her work roles, Brandy enjoys hiking and exploring the outdoors with her family.

Ian Dyson — Board Member. Ian has been affiliated with the PCF since its inception in 1989. He works for Alberta Environment and Parks on collaborative approaches to achieve desired environmental outcomes, with a current emphasis on large transboundary landscapes. His professional experience deals with integrated resource management, water management and regional sustainable development plans in Alberta and he has helped build and sustain multi-stakeholder partnerships dealing with approaches to address environmental cumulative effects such as water quality in the Oldman River Basin, transboundary collaboration to sustain ecological health in the Rocky Mountains, and the conservation of prairie and parkland biodiversity.

Marie Tremblay — Board Member. Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Neal Wilson — Board Member. Antelope Creek Ranch.

Ross Owen — Board Member. Eastern Irrigation District.

Norine Ambrose — Board Member. Cows and Fish.



Staff of the PCF

Katheryn Taylor — Coordinator. Katheryn obtained her MSc in biology from the University of Lethbridge in 2003 and has worked on many wildlife and vegetation research projects on the prairies, including work such as 'the effects of cattle grazing on riparian birds' and 'the effects of river damming on riparian birds and vegetation'. She also did some work with the Cows and Fish Program, conducting riparian inventories across Alberta. She has done some teaching and private consulting in the form of environmental impact assessments. Katheryn has been with the PCF since 2007.

Sasha Harriott — Coordinator/Finance. Sasha started out her career in the environmental field as a forest fire fighter. From there she joined the Cows and Fish Program and traveled across Alberta conducting riparian inventories, engaging landowners and promoting healthy riparian areas. She worked with AMEC Earth and Environmental as a Safety and Logistics Coordinator and has been working with the PCF since 2008 and is also the Secretariat for the Crown Managers Partnership. She is the mother of 4 children and enjoys living in the beautiful Crowsnest Pass.

Recognition of PCF Supporters

Funding and support is critical for on the ground action towards prairie and parkland conservation, as well for maintaining the capacity of the PCF coordinators. Funding is also used for printing, meeting venues and meals, transportation and other operational expenses. We would like to thank our funding partners of 2015-2016 for their commitment to prairie and parkland conservation, without them, we wouldn't be the society we are today.

Alberta Environment and Parks (grants for PCF and MULTISAR)
Environment Canada

And a special thanks to individuals that make donations to the PCF out of their own pockets:
Cheryl Fujikawa

We would also like to thank:

Members who incur expenses, without reimbursement, while attending PCF meetings.

Those individuals who made themselves available to serve as tour guides on PCF field trips and those that gave presentations to PCF members at meetings.

Chairpersons of PCF committees who provide valued leadership and committee members who assume a heavier workload to fulfill action recommendations contained in the PCAP.

Members that volunteer at PCF casinos.

We will inevitably have failed to identify the generous contributions of some individuals and organizations in this section. We apologize for any oversight on our part.



PCF Member Organizations

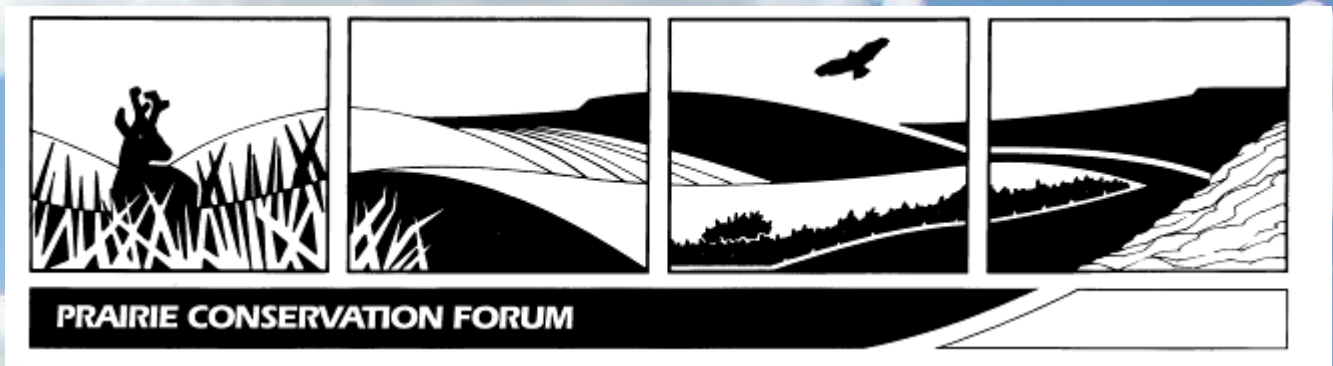
Government (municipal, provincial, federal)

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
Alberta Energy Regulators
Alberta Environment and Parks
Canadian Forces Base, Suffield (Department of National Defence)
Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada
City of Lethbridge, Helen Schuler Nature Centre
Historic Resources Management Branch, ACT
Municipal District of Taber
Special Areas Board
Waterton Lakes National Park (Parks Canada)



Non-Government Organizations/Companies

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| AJM Environmental Inc. | Miistakis Institute |
| Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute | Native Roofs |
| Alberta Conservation Association | Nature Alberta |
| Alberta Native Plant Council | Nature Conservancy of Canada |
| Alberta Wilderness Association | Nature Saskatchewan |
| AltaLink | Oldman Watershed Council |
| Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area | Operation Grasslands Community, Alberta Fish and Game Association |
| Antelope Creek Ranch | Pekisko Group |
| Battle River Watershed Alliance | Red Deer River Watershed Alliance |
| Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Calgary/Banff Chapter) | Round Rock Ranching |
| Cows and Fish — Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society | Salmtec |
| Decisive Edge | Southern Alberta Land Trust Society |
| Ducks Unlimited Canada | Special Areas Advisory Council |
| Eastern Irrigation District | Suncor Energy |
| Foothills Restoration Forum | Tatonga Inc. |
| Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation | TERA Environmental Consultants, a CH2M Hill Company |
| LandWise Inc. | University of Calgary |
| Lethbridge Naturalists Society | Vermilion River Watershed Alliance |
| Matrix Solutions Inc. | Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association |
| Milk River Watershed Council | |



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