

Alberta Range Stewardship Course

“Resiliency and Drought”

July 5-6th, 2023

Cottonwood Ranch, Near Medicine Hat, Alberta

July 5, 2023

9:00 am Registration- Coffee & Muffins

9:30 am Welcome & Introductions

Morning topics:

- History, Principles and Practices & Drought - Ross Adams
- Carrying Capacity & Stocking Rates & Mock Ranch Plan - Tracy Kupchenko
- Species at Risk talk – Sandi Robertson
- Rancher host: Kyle Forbes – intro

12:00 pm Hot Lunch - Soup & Sandwich

1:00 pm Field Site: come prepared for being outdoors. Site A: Grassland

- Rancher intro – Management, native grass in pilot ecosystem services program
- Native Plant ID
- Range Health Assessment and Plant Communities

5:00 pm Cocktails- Cash Bar

5:30 pm Roast Beef Supper

6:45 pm Rancher Speaker- Gordy Forbes

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July 6, 2023

7:00 am Hot Breakfast

8:15 am Field Site: come prepared for being outdoors. Site B: Riparian

- Ranch management, watering, feeding and other considerations in riparian areas
- Riparian Health Assessment
- Native Plant ID

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Mock Ranch Plan Presentations/Discussion

1:45 pm Ecological Goods & Services pilot – Lindsaye Murfin

2:45 pm Closing Thoughts/Course Evaluations

3:00 pm Depart for home