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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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*"There was only the enormous, empty prairie, with grasses blowing in waves of light and shadow across it, and the great blue sky above it, and birds flying up from it and singing with joy because the sun was rising. And on the whole enormous prairie there was no sign that any other human being had ever been there."*

*~Laura Ingalls Wilder, Little House on the Prairie*

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## *Message from the Chair*

I am writing this report in February staring at the start of another spring with the geese already sending small flocks out to search for open water, or at least somewhere new to eat from where they wintered. The past year was an interesting one around here at Antelope Creek Ranch. When spring arrived, it wasn't warm, but we also didn't receive any moisture. The native prairie, and even the tame grasses in dryland settings, stayed dormant and waited for the right growing conditions. When the rain came in June, the growth was not from the grasses we normally see as large production vegetation, which I found very interesting. The prairie has adapted to use what is available to it when it becomes available.

In the same way, the PCF is figuring out how to adapt in this strange world we live in coming out of covid with a combination of virtual and in-person meetings. Funding sources have changed during the last few years as government priorities have changed. Like the prairie, this past year has challenged/blessed us by presenting PCF with the opportunity to move towards goals in the latest PCAP by providing a large funding grant from ECCC. Please read the committee summaries in this report to see what was accomplished through this past year.

The PCF can only do what it does with committed volunteers. I must thank former Board members Brian Peers, Mark Kavanagh, Lindsye Murfin, Brandy Downey, Mickenzie Plemmel and Bryanne Aylward for all the hard work they did while on the board. We are happy to have some new board members joining us in the coming year as well, Nolan Ball with Special Areas and Everett Hanna with the Lethbridge College.

Neal Wilson  
PCF Chair 2022-2023



## *PCF Meetings and Tours*

The PCF June meeting was a short online meeting as attendance for an in-person meeting was low. The webinar was held on June 23, 2022 and focussed mainly on a member profile from Norine Ambrose with Cows and Fish on the work they do, and on member updates.

The fall meeting was held in-person on September 22, 2022 at the Maycroft hall, with the tour taking us to the Waldron Ranch afterwards. Presentations from member organizations included 'Badgers; more than just big holes' by Nikki Heim with the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society and 'The vast and valuable potential of natural products from prairie plant species' by Roy Golsteyn with the University of Lethbridge. Updates were provided on all PCF committees as well as by members on work their organizations are doing. The afternoon was spent touring a small section of the Waldron Ranch led by Ranch Manager, Mike Roberts. The rainy weather restricted access to some sites, but we were still able to stop along the roadside and have discussions around grazing enclosures, dugout and wetland management, riparian management strategies, invasive weeds and more.

The AGM was held in-person on January 19, 2023 in Okotoks. We went through the financial update, PCF committee updates, board elections and member updates. Presentations were given by Emily Purvis with Cows and Fish and by Jane Lancaster with the Grassland Restoration Forum. Emily's presentation took us through some of the basics of riparian areas and management and Jane's presentation focused on her personal journey to reclaim abandoned cultivation to native cover.

The online meetings were recorded and can be found on the PCF website: [www.albertapcf.org](http://www.albertapcf.org). Meeting notes for in-person meetings can also be found on the PCF website.



## *Transboundary Grasslands Partnership*

The Transboundary Grasslands Partnership (TGP) started in 2016 and has been focused on working collaboratively to sustain healthy transboundary native biodiversity and supporting grasslands ecosystems and communities. The partnership realizes its biggest strength through continued communication across jurisdictions and with all partners including all levels of government in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana, non-government organizations, landowners, Tribes and First Nations and academia.

This year, the TGP Core Team committed to strengthening its path forward and spent time in facilitated planning sessions resulting in a revised strategic plan. The TGP will focus on achieving better grasslands conservation outcomes by communicating, connecting and collaborating across the Transboundary Grassland Partnership geography. The core team meets quarterly and is using the new strategic plan to guide and develop annual work plans.

In November 2022, the TGP held its annual workshop in Medicine Hat, Alberta. This hybrid event welcomed both online and in-person participants to two full days of presentations and networking opportunities under the theme of "A New Chapter in Grasslands Conservation". Day 1 consisted of presentations and discussions at a broad scale with the final day comprised of local, producer and First Nations presentations about conservation efforts on the ground.

The TGP Workshop rotates through the geographic project area and in 2023 the workshop will be held in Saskatchewan.

## *Alberta Range Stewardship Course*

The PCF collaboratively delivers an annual Range Stewardship Course for ranchers and land stewards that is provincial in focus and local in delivery. Plans were in place and the committee was set to deliver a course set in the beautiful St. Mary's River Dam area but due to low registration numbers, the 2022 course was canceled. The course contains key range management principles and information that includes presentations and discussion around regional and local issues. Participants can look forward to a field portion of the course where they are led through range and riparian health assessments and focus on plant identification. Plans are underway for the 2023 Range Stewardship Course.



# Change Analysis: State of the Prairie

The State of the Prairie Committee was preparing to complete case studies on 1-2 areas in the grassland natural region to show how the data can be used by different users. It was brought to the committee's attention, however, that Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada (AAFC) had revised the data that was originally used in the State of the Prairie Technical Report, and in particular, the 1990 data. This prompted a closer look at differences between the original version of the data (used in the technical report), and the revised version of the data (in the case of the 1990 data, version 6). The committee found that although no significant changes were seen at a higher level (% native remaining in grassland/parkland), there were some significant changes seen at smaller levels (such as municipality). This put plans for case studies on hold while the committee decided the best course of action to move forward. The committee decided that the data analysis for the original technical report should be re-done with the latest versions of the AAFC's data, and that revisions to the technical report would also be made once complete. In addition to using the latest versions of the AAFC data for 1990 and 2010, the committee is also going to add in data from 2000 and 2020. Work on both the data analyses and technical report will be targeted for completion in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

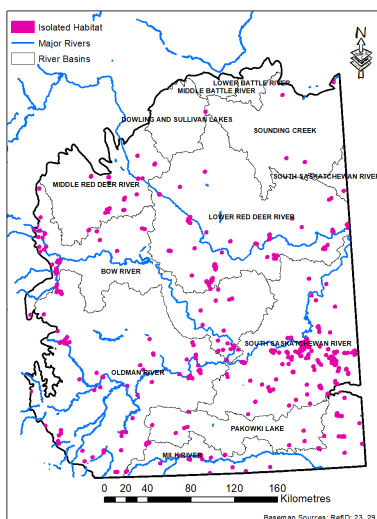
## Isolated Native Habitats Committee

In 2021-2022, the PCF isolated native habitats committee set out to define what an isolated native prairie habitat in Alberta might be. This literature review was completed at the beginning of 2022 and a definition formulated that prioritizes grassland obligate species and species at risk under various provincial or national wildlife or species at risk legislation. This report can be found on the PCF website (<https://www.albertapcf.org/isolated-habitats>).

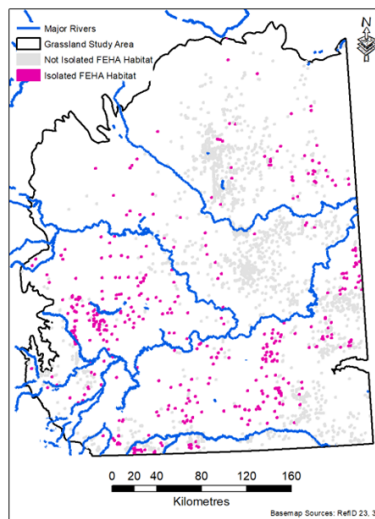
In 2022-2023, the committee hired a contractor to develop a standardized framework for the creation of digital map products that identify isolated habitats for priority species. This framework is a guide to the PCF and future mappers retained by the PCF on how to map isolated habitats as well as help in keeping track of projects. The framework details the overall management of projects and data, as well as decisions required to design an isolated mapping project, including defining mapping objectives, acquiring, and processing source datasets, mapping/modelling isolated habitats, and producing output deliverables. This framework can also be found on the PCF website.

In addition to the framework, three prairie species (Northern leopard frog, long-billed curlew, and ferruginous hawk) were run through the framework and their isolated habitats mapped. In 2023-2024, additional species will be mapped and two page information sheets produced for each species that highlight general information about the species and their habitats, how their isolated habitats were determined, a map of where that species isolated habitats are, and a short summary identifying issues/concerns/limitations and rationale used when determining isolation for each species.

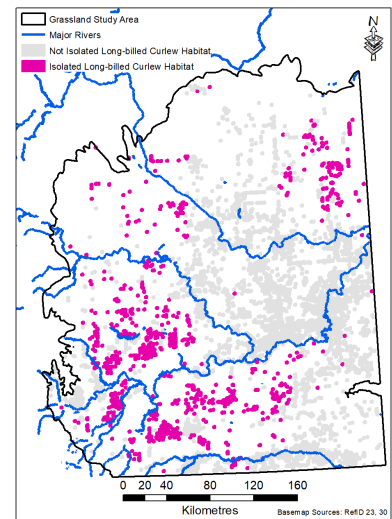
*Isolated Home Range for Northern Leopard Frogs*



*Isolated Nest Groups for Ferruginous Hawks*



*Isolated Brood Territory for Long-billed Curlew*



# Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

The 13th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference (PCESC) was successfully held at the Calgary Zoo from February 21-23, 2023. The conference was sold out, with 250 participants attending.

The theme of the conference was: Prairie Collaboration, Connection, and Conservation (PC3). Plenary sessions included:

- Role of Conservation Breeding and Release of At-Risk Prairie Species—Insights from the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo; Colleen Baird, Graham Dixon-MacCallum, James Glacier, Caitlin Slade, Rebecca Stanton, Kristina Stephens, Dario Fernandez-Bellon, Dr. Doug Whiteside, Patrick Thompson. Calgary Zoo.
- Sand Dune Habitat Restoration and Ord's Kangaroo Rat Recovery; Sandi Robertson, Alberta Fish and Wildlife.
- Central Grasslands Roadmap—Canadian and Indigenous Perspectives on Central Grasslands Roadmap; Miles Anderson (rancher), Christian Artuso and Carolyn Callaghan (Canadian Wildlife Service), Alvin First-Rider (Blood Tribe Land Management), Kate Hewitt (Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources), Cheyenne Ironman (Sioux Valley Dakota Nation), Ruiping Lou and Cliff Wallis (Alberta Wilderness Association).
- The Kanai Iinnii Rematriation Project—Restoring the Plains Bison as an Ecological and Cultural Keystone; Justin Bruised Head, Blood Tribe Land Management.
- Ranchers Panel Discussion—Providing the Necessary Resources to Ranchers to Help Support Prairie Conservation; Stratton Peake (Flying U Cattle Company), John Ross (Ross Ranch), Sheldon Atwood (Tomahawk Ranch), Kim Wachtler (Burke Creek Ranch), Roger Thomson (TR Cattle Corp).

Concurrent Sessions were on: Collaborations; Endangered Species Conservation; Decision Making; Restoration; Community Dynamics; Landowner Engagement; Case Studies; Biodiversity and Agriculture; Planning and Incentives; Fire's Role on the Prairies; Connecting People; and Conservation Tools.



The keynote speaker for the banquet was Dr. Leroy Little Bear, with the University of Lethbridge.

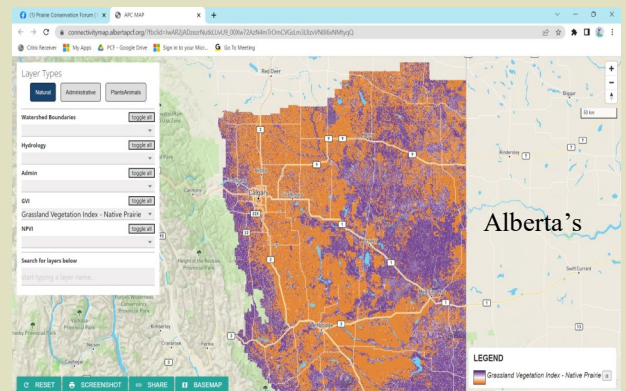
Young Professional Stewardship Grants went to: Michael Skinner, Manitoba, for his project 'Planting the seed: teaching prairie restoration to the public; Jordan Rustad, Saskatchewan, for work with the Last Mountain Bird Observatory and the motis tracking station, and Brielle Riedlinger, Alberta for her project on the 'Impact of grazing management on the grassland songbird and plant communities'.

The Prairie Conservation Awards went to: Paul Jones for Alberta, Renny Grilz for Saskatchewan, and Janet Moore for Manitoba.

## Connecting Corridors Committee

The PCF Connecting Corridors committee continues working on making information more easily available for planners when making decisions that may impact connectivity on the grasslands. A mapping tool and centralized location for geospatial information was created and is now available on the PCF website. The tool will help guide users, including land use planners, to recognize high value connectivity areas that should be avoided or show where appropriate mitigative measures can be used in development considerations. Over the past year the tool has gone through review by a panel of connectivity experts. Upon completion of the review a set of guidelines and recommendations for user guide will be produced and used to promote the mapping tool.

Collaboration continues with the University of Toronto's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Grant (NSERC) and fellow collaborators including: Nature Conservancy Canada, Miistakis, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute, Blood Tribe Land Management. The goal of collaboration is to enable governmental and non-governmental organizations to implement connectivity considerations as part of their overall land management planning processes by removing barriers to the integration of existing connectivity models into planning processes. The planned knowledge transfer activities focus on providing guidance and training with three associated goals: (1) facilitating scenario modeling, (2) building in-house capacity related to connectivity planning, and (3) clarifying interpretation of general-use connectivity maps and planning outcomes.





# MULTISAR

MULTISAR (multiple species at risk) 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. MULTISAR defines species at risk as those with a provincial general status of *At Risk*, *May Be At Risk* or *Sensitive*. The program is a collaborative effort among landholders, the Alberta Conservation Association, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas, the Prairie Conservation Forum, Cows and Fish, Canadian Cattle Association, Alberta Beef Producers, the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The habitat conservation program includes the development of detailed habitat conservation strategies (HCSs) in the Milk River and South Saskatchewan watersheds of southern Alberta, as well as the more compact species at risk conservation plans (SARC plans) and habitat management plans (HMPs) delivered throughout the Grassland Natural Region.

In 2022–2023, a new HCS was developed for eight ranches totaling approximately 44 012 acres. MULTISAR also completed three HMPs on 1601 acres of land within our priority areas. Sixty eight habitat enhancement projects were developed to improve the habitat of key wildlife species on HCS and HMP properties. These include the installation and implementation of artificial habitat structures, wildlife-friendly fencing, portable electric fencing, portable and upland watering units, riparian protection, shrub planting, and grazing management tools.

No SARC assessments were completed in 2022-2023, ergo no SARC plans were developed. No beneficial management plan (BMP) assessments were delivered this year as no landholders were contacted or referred to MULTISAR. MULTISAR will continue to provide SARC plans and BMP assessments on request and promote them as a tool for habitat improvements for species of interest.



MULTISAR was able to resume a nearly pre-pandemic level of event participation following two years of limited outreach activities during the COVID-19 restrictions. The Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women was held in July 2022 in Oyen, Alberta with 45 attendees present for the two-day event. MULTISAR also presented to 855 individuals through eight presentations/display from June 2022 to March 2023. One issue of MULTISAR's *Grassland Gazette* newsletter was produced and distributed to 110 contacts. Additional publications distributed include *At Home on the Range: Living with Alberta's Prairie Species at Risk*, and various MULTISAR factsheets and handouts with 160 and 489 copies being distributed, respectively. Social media continues to be a means to share information related to MULTISAR. In 2022-2023 MULTISAR posted 38, 40, and 36 times on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, respectively, to promote public engagement. Other media MULTISAR contributed to included two blog posts for 'Let's Go Outdoors' and two interviews for the Conservation Magazine produced by the Alberta Conservation Association. MULTISAR maintained direct contact with landholders, other organizations, and government agencies throughout the year with over 567 conversations (email, text, phone calls, or in-person presentations). MULTISAR also took on a large roll assisting the Prairie Conservation Forum with organizing the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference which was held in Calgary, Alberta in February 2023. The conference was at capacity with 250 attendees and three MULTISAR partner landholders attended the conference and participated in the ranchers panel plenary session.

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 HCSs. In 2022 five MULTISAR HCS ranches were reassessed. Roughly 29 habitat enhancement projects on participating HCS ranches were monitored in 2022 to determine whether enhancements were achieving their objectives. Enhancements monitored include restoration sites, shrub/forb/grass plantings, artificial nesting platforms, watering sites, tree and shrub protection, and grazing management tools. To date MULTISAR has implemented 384 habitat enhancements.

MULTISAR continues to compile wildlife observation and vegetation assessment data that it has been accumulating since its first HCS. In 2023-2024, MULTISAR will also continue to focus on determining inferences between species at risk occurrences and habitat metrics.

MULTISAR will strive to promote beneficial management practices recommendations to improve and maximize habitat quality for species at risk.

# Financial Report

## Statement of Operations and Net Assets (Deficiency)

March 31, 2023

Revenue	2023	2022
Environment and Climate Change Canada	\$ 50,794	\$ 67,358
Alberta Environment and Parks	10,000	10,000
Administration—Multisar	7,692	7,692
Casino	6,346	8,321
Donations	150	422
Interest Income	89	158
Range Stewardship Workshop	—	4,539
Transboundary Grasslands Workshop	—	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,341</b>	<b>\$ 98,535</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Special Projects	\$ 58,294	\$ 55,905
Coordinator contract and expenses	56,441	41,351
Meeting Expense	5,791	5,788
Professional Fees	3,300	3,150
Insurance	1,452	2,116
Office	1,404	1,591
Website	311	403
Honorariums	—	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,993</b>	<b>115,304</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$(51,652)</b>	<b>\$(16,769)</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2023

Assets	2023	2022
Cash	\$ 201,191	\$ 217,770
Grant receivable	—	19,288
Funds held in trust—2023 PCESC Conference	131,581	15,622
GST receivable	10,484	10,213
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Due to Multisar	\$ 8,841	\$ 11,663
Funds held in trust — 2023 PCESC Conference	131,581	15,622
Deferred Revenue	100,233	81,355
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 2,601	\$ 4,253
Contingency Reserve	100,000	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 343,256</b>	<b>\$ 262,893</b>

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

March 31, 2023

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 4,253	\$ 150,000	\$ 154,253	\$ 171,022
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	(15,652)	—	(51,652)	(16,769)
Transfer from reserves	50,652	(50,000)	—	—
Balance, end of year	\$ 2,601	\$ 100,000	\$ 102,601	\$ 154,253



# PCF Board of Directors

**Neal Wilson — Chair.** Neal Wilson grew up in southern Saskatchewan and attended the U of S receiving his degree in Agriculture in 1995. He worked for various ranches in Southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He then worked for the Prairie Conservation Action Plan, Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation and The Nature Conservancy of Canada working with landowners to develop grazing plans with the strategy of helping them conserve their native prairie. He has managed with Antelope Creek Ranch with his wife Shannon for the past 14 years.

**Mark Kavanagh — Vice-Chair.** Consultant.

**Brian Peers — Treasurer.** Brian Peers works for the M.D. of Taber in his role as the Director of Municipal Lands Planning and Development where he manages the municipalities' inventory of owned lands, primarily native prairie as well as oversees the planning, development, and economic development functions at the MD of Taber. Brian received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Montana in Wildlife Biology.

**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.

**Christyann Olson — Board Member.** Christyann was the Executive Director for the Alberta Wilderness Association for 22 years and has recently retired. She is passionate about our society's responsibility to ensure the health and legacy of wilderness for generations to come. Christyann takes every possible opportunity to enjoy Alberta's wilderness and share her enthusiasm with others. Although her roots are in the Crowsnest Pass, Christyann has lived in and explored much of Alberta including many of its wild places by foot, canoe, and occasionally by horse.

**Lindsye Murfin — Board Member.** Lindsye is the general manager of the Western Stock Growers' Association, a beef industry producer advocacy group with a focus on policy, land use and property rights. She is driven by her passion for the success and sustainability of the agriculture industry with a particular interest in leveraging the environmental benefits of agricultural systems. Two of her favourite things are logic and common sense. Lindsye has strong roots in both crop and livestock agriculture and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Outside of working, she finds joy in spending time with her family in the outdoors and is an avid foodie who has yet to meet a caramel dessert she can refuse.

**Peg Strankman — Board Member.** Raised on a mixed cattle and grain operation in Special Areas, Alberta, Peg Strankman has worked toward landscape resilience in a variety of roles. She enjoys the challenge of communicating rural and urban values between the solitudes. Supporting initiatives bringing the value of ecological services and biodiversity to rural livestock producers domestically and internationally occupy her time.

**Len Wolstenholme — Board Member.** Len is Senior Advisor, External Relations for the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. His role is to advise and assist the executive and leadership teams to develop and sustain positive and effective relationships with municipal, provincial and federal government decision-makers and decision-influencers, and with other conservation NGO's. He currently guides his organization's efforts to develop and nurture First Nations outreach and reconciliation. He and his organization are committed to the preservation and recovery of plant and animal species at risk and Len leads development and negotiation of major government grants for both species at risk and capital projects.

**Rylee Hewitt — Board Member.** Southern Alberta Land Trust Society. Rylee was born and raised on the Rafter T Ranch in southeast Alberta. She holds a diploma in Renewable Resource Management from Lethbridge College, and a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Studies from the University of Lethbridge. Rylee's main role with SALTS is to oversee the stewardship and monitoring of SALT's conservation easements. She has been involved with private land conservation for nearly 10 years. Rylee has a commercial black angus cow/calf operation near Buffalo, Alberta, where she ranches with her husband and two children.

**Bryanne Aylward — Board Member.**

**Alvin First Rider — Board Member.** Blood Tribe Land Management.

**Megan Jensen — Board Member.** Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**Benjamin Misener — Board Member.** Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

**Mickenzie Plemel — Board Member.** Academia.



## *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 2022-2023 for their commitment to prairie and parkland conservation as without them, we wouldn't be the society we are today.

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Ian Dyson

Linda Cerney

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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 Coordinators*

**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. She is currently one of the coordinators for the MULTISAR program. 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 also worked with AMEC Earth and Environmental as a Safety and Logistics Coordinator. She is the mother of 4 children and enjoys living in the beautiful Crowsnest Pass. Sasha has been working with the PCF since 2008.



# *PCF Member Organizations*

## **Government (municipal, provincial, federal)**

Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and the Status of Women  
Alberta Environment and Parks  
Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada  
City of Lethbridge, Helen Schuler Nature Centre  
Municipal District of Taber  
Municipal District of Willow Creek  
Special Areas Board  
Waterton Lakes National Park (Parks Canada)

## **Non-Government Organizations/Companies**

AJM Environmental Inc.  
Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute  
Alberta Conservation Association  
Alberta Environmental Farm Plan  
Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association  
Alberta Native Plant Council  
Alberta Wilderness Association  
  
Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area  
Antelope Creek Ranch  
Barbwire Consulting  
Battle River Watershed Alliance  
Blood Tribe Land Management  
Boundary Creek Landowners Association  
Bow River Basin Council  
Calgary Zoo/Wilder Institute  
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Calgary/Banff Chapter)  
Cows and Fish — Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society  
Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Grasslands Restoration Forum  
Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation  
Great Plains Conservation Network  
LandWise Inc.  
Lentz Farms  
Lethbridge College



Milk River Watershed Council  
Miistakis Institute  
Nature Alberta  
Nature Conservancy of Canada  
Nature Saskatchewan  
Oldman Watershed Council  
Operation Grasslands Community, Alberta Fish and Game Association  
Rangeland Conservation Service Ltd.  
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance  
Round Rock Ranching  
Safari Club International (Calgary)  
Salmtec  
Southern Alberta Land Trust Society  
Sweetgrass Bison  
Trace Associates Inc.  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
University of Lethbridge  
Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association  
Western Stockgrowers Association  
Wildlife Society (Alberta Chapter)  
WL Heritage Connections





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