

MD OF RANCHLAND

AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



RIPARIAN AREA MANAGEMENT

Riparian areas, the ecosystems adjacent to rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands, play a vital role in maintaining water quality, preventing soil erosion, and preserving biodiversity. Riparian areas are highly productive and provide reliable sources of forage, shelter, wildlife, and water. They act as natural buffers, serving as an insurance policy during droughts or floods. These areas are integral to a healthy, functioning landscape and are key components of the extensive drainage basins within every watershed. Proper management of these zones is essential. For ranchers, riparian management fencing is an invaluable tool to balance productivity with environmental sustainability. By adopting riparian management practices, landowners can enhance the long-term health of water ecosystems, improve pasture and soil quality, and promote better animal health.

To discuss potential funding assistance for riparian area projects, please contact Erika at ag3@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131.

Source(s): 1) <https://cowsandfish.org/what-is-riparian/>
2) <https://www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program>

GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://abpdaily.com/alberta-vbplus-incentive/>

Alberta VBP+ Incentive

The Alberta VBP+ Incentive program allows eligible cattle producers to apply for rebates to facilitate further adoption of best management practices on-farm. By doing so, farmers and ranchers will improve on-farm practices and strengthen public trust.

Approved eligible expenses and equipment costs are funded at 50 percent to a maximum program payment of \$2,500 or \$5,000 depending on the application stream.

Contact Erika at 403-646-3131 or ag3@ranchland66.com with any questions.

WEED TO WATCH

White Cockle






Silene latifolia ssp. alba

ID characteristics: flowers are white with 5 notched petals and only open in the evening. They are numerous, fragrant and arranged in spreading clusters. Stems are hairy, 30 to 120 cm tall. Leaves are opposite, hairy and lance with pointed tips. Often confused with bladder campion.



Source: <https://abinvasives.ca/fact-sheet/white-cockle/>


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Ladies Livestock Lessons


January 17th, 2025
Acme Community Centre
139 Allison St Acme, AB T0M 0A0



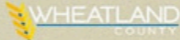
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<https://www.redbowag.com/ladieslivestocklessons>




Topics Include:
 Neonatal Management,
 Solar Watering Systems,
 Pasture Pollination, and
 More!




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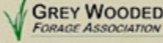
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ROCKY VIEW
COUNTY



Mountain View
COUNTY



GREY WOODED FORAGE ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Grasslands Restoration Forum

<https://grasslandrestorationforum.ca/>

The Grassland Restoration Forum (GRF) promotes the conservation and restoration of native grasslands in Alberta through education, outreach and research to improve reclamation practice and foster stewardship. The GRF began in 2006 as a collaboration between members of provincial agencies, the ranching community, conservation organizations, First Nations, industry, plant ecologists and reclamation practitioners.

