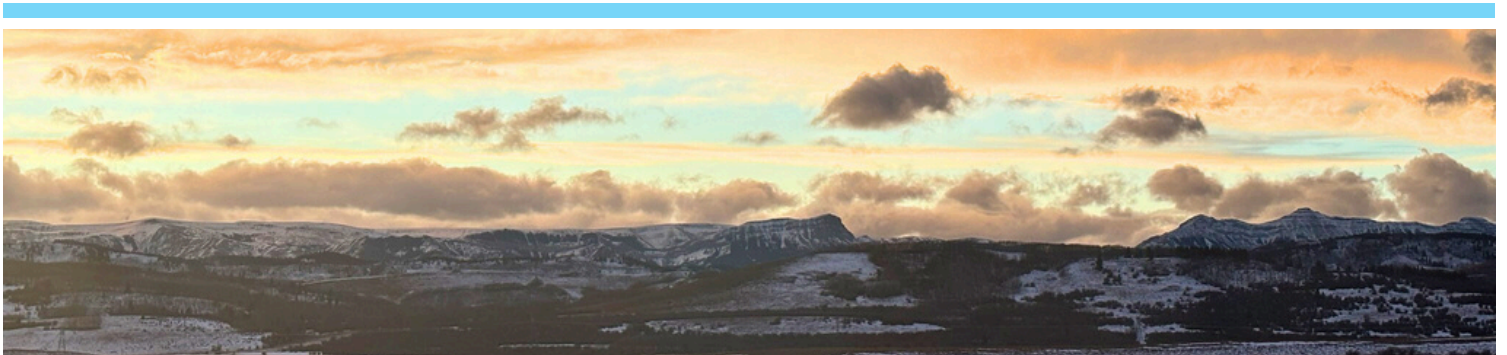


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News, updates, and information for our community.



NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG IN ALBERTA

The Northern Leopard Frog is classified as a "threatened" species in Alberta, indicating it is at serious risk of becoming endangered if current threats are not mitigated. Historically widespread and abundant in Alberta's Grassland, Parkland, and Foothills regions, the frog experienced significant population declines in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Today, its populations remain low and are mostly confined to the Grassland Natural Region. Conservation efforts are ongoing to manage and protect the remaining populations. Northern Leopard Frogs play a crucial role in connecting wetland and grassland ecosystems as they migrate between these habitats for breeding and feeding. The decline of Northern Leopard Frogs in Alberta is attributed to several factors, including habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation due to wetland drainage, changes in hydrology, pollution, poor grazing practices, and land conversion.

To discuss further, please contact Erika at ag3@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131.

Source(s): 1) [https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/37dd866c-adc2-41d3-aca6-](https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/37dd866c-adc2-41d3-aca6-2f09e96c103c/resource/dc4aa8ee-2b87-4c64-88de-8701641dcdafa/download/sarbrochure-northernleopardfrog-nov2007.pdf)

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GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://cflsa.ca/grants/>

Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life

The Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life was established by local rancher William "Bill" Long and named in memory of his uncle, Henry Stewart Varley. The Varley family ranches southeast of Pincher Creek in the community of Fishburn for a century. The purpose of this fund is to provide support for a high quality of life throughout rural Southwestern Alberta, through organizations, projects, and initiatives that enhance rural communities. Grant applications to this fund are accepted twice yearly.

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

WEED TO WATCH

Common Burdock

Arctium minus

ID characteristics: a biennial plant that grows 2 to 7 feet tall. It has large, heart-shaped basal leaves with a whitish underside and smaller stem leaves. The plant features thistle-like, pinkish-purple flowers surrounded by spiny bracts with hooks.



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

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ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

MULTISAR - Multiple Species at Risk

<https://multisar.ca/>

MULTISAR (Multiple Species at Risk) is a collaborative program focused on conserving species at risk through habitat stewardship while supporting viable ranching operations in Alberta's native grasslands. They work with various partners, including ranchers, conservation organizations, and government agencies, to promote sustainable practices. The program has successfully stewarded over 382,000 acres in southern Alberta

