

MD OF RANCHLAND

AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



RANCHLAND PRODUCER PROGRAMS

The MD of Ranchland offers funding assistance to producers for implementing riparian stewardship projects and managing invasive weeds. These programs have been offered for many years and are revised and approved by the Agriculture Service Board (ASB) every year. The ASB is made up of individuals with agriculture knowledge and members are appointed by the municipal council to address agricultural concerns in the community.

The producer weed assistance program offered to the MD of Ranchland producers provides compensation for weed control based on the group the weed belongs to. The agriculture staff have created a comprehensive Integrated Weed Management Plan that groups and prioritizes invasive plant species based on their distribution in the municipality. The riparian assistance program provides compensation to producers who complete approved riparian projects. Riparian areas perform essential functions such as maintaining water quality, carbon cycling, nutrient cycling and providing wildlife habitat.

These programs are a great opportunity for residents of the MD of Ranchland to take advantage of if they have an invasive weed problem or riparian project. If interested in discussing further, please contact Erika at ag3@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131.

Source(s): 1) <https://www.alberta.ca/agricultural-service-boards-program>

2) <https://www.alberta.ca/grazing-and-range-management-riparian-areas>

GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/habitat-stewardship/>

Habitat Stewardship Projects

The Waterton Biosphere Region (WBR) provides financial and technical assistance to landowners undertaking projects within WBR that steward wetland, riparian, and grassland habitats, ensure water quantity and quality, provide habitat corridors, or maintain particular habitat features required by species at risk. Examples of projects include livestock watering improvements, grazing management, tame/native grassland projects, streambank improvements and more. For more details, visit the WBR website.

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WEED TO WATCH

Leafy Spurge

Euphorbia esula

ID characteristics: A perennial plant that reproduces primarily by its extensive root system, and also by seed. Flowers are small, yellowish-green, with no petals. Leaves are about 7 cm long, narrow, and waxy and arranged alternately or spirally around stem.



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

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PRODUCER WEED NIGHT



Join us for an educational evening, reviewing the threat of invasive species and how they may come in with feed bought from across our provincial and international borders.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BRIEF INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES THAT ARE THREAT FROM OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE BORDER AND HOW IMPORTING FEED FROM MONTANA CAN INCREASE THE RISK POTENTIAL

-PRESENTED BY JOSH WAGONER, EARLY DETECTION, RAPID RESPONSE COORDINATOR MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SIGN UP FOR THE PRODUCER WEED ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM

COLD REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS



13 JUNE 2024, 7-8PM






MD OF RANCHLAND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
CHAIN LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK

FREE REGISTRATION!

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ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Waterton Biosphere Reserve

<https://www.watertonbiosphere.com/>

Located in the southwestern corner of Alberta, the Waterton Biosphere Region (WBR) is one of only 19 biosphere reserves in Canada. The WBR area encompasses some of the most spectacular and ecologically diverse landscapes in the Canadian Rockies and prairie grasslands. The MD of Ranchland lies within the reserve and the WBR has many projects the municipality residents can benefit and learn from such as the carnivores and communities project and supporting landowners in conservation and stewardship program. The WBR, MD of Ranchland and other organizations also form the South West Invasives Management group. Check out their website to learn more!



