

MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



PROTECTING NATIVE TROUT IN THE EASTERN SLOPES

Native trout, key aquatic organisms in Alberta's Rockies, have now become threatened due to human impacts on their habitat. The fish require clean, clear, cold, and connected waterways to survive and thrive. Two threatened species are found in this area: Bull Trout, Alberta's provincial fish, and Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

There are a few ways we can recover these trout species, including improving water quality, deconstructing human caused barriers to trout movement, targeted restoration measures in priority river basins, and outreach/education.

What can you do? For OHV users, follow designated trails and signage indicating trout habitat. For industry personnel, participate in the Watercourse Crossing Program to assess for trout inhibition and remediation. To find more information visit www.alberta.ca/native-trout-recovery.aspx.

GRANTS TO APPLY FOR

www.afsc.ca/income-stabilization/agrirecovery/

AgriRecovery: 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance Initiative

Funds administered through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) to help cover feed and water access costs for livestock. Cattle and bison will be eligible for up to \$200/head. Other livestock will have different rates. Visit the website for more information.



WEED TO WATCH

Spotted Knapweed

Centaurea stoebe

ID characteristics: deeply lobed leaves, slender stems and branches, purple flowers, egg-shaped flower heads, black tipped bracts (modified leaves on flower heads).




Environmental Farm Plan & CAP Workshop Series



Locations & Date

MD Willow Creek Municipal Building - October 28, 2021

Registration Information:

- Visit www.foothillsforage.com/events to register for each workshop
- Workshop will begin at 10:00am and wrap up around 3:00pm. Lunch will be included. You will have a chance to work on either your EFP or CAP application with technicians.
- Please bring -
 - Laptop or tablet
 - Information on your water sources & water bodies
 - If you are renewing your EFP and you have your old binder please bring it as this can be helpful





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ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Oldman Watershed Council

www.oldmanwatershed.ca

OWC works for practical solutions to environmental challenges in the Oldman watershed. Their main goals are to share knowledge, strengthen stakeholder partnerships, provide forum for science-based discussion, promote community action, and develop integrated land and water plans. They are responsible for the OWC Watershed Legacy Program grant, which funds various environmental projects throughout the watershed. For more information visit the website or contact Erin at erin@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131.

