

MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



SHARING THE LANDSCAPE WITH BEARS AND LARGE CARNIVORES

In the south west corner of the province, ranchers share the landscape with a variety of large carnivores, including wolves, cougars, black bears, and grizzly bears. These wildlife species make their home here, but sometimes cause conflict with people. Impacts such as depredation of livestock or pets, consumption and spoilage of grain, silage, or crops, damage to beehives, grain bins, or buildings, and concern for human safety can all result from large carnivore conflicts. However, with proper management, it is possible for people and large carnivores to coexist harmoniously on the land.

The Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association works with landowners to encourage coexistence through the Carnivores and Communities Program. By reducing attractants for large carnivores, reducing economic impact on landowners, and enhancing resident safety, consequences of conflicts can be reduced or avoided.

For more information on large carnivore conflicts or the Carnivores and Communities Program, contact Erin at erin@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131.

GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://oldmanwatershed.ca/project/watershed-legacy-program>

Oldman Watershed Council Watershed Legacy Program

Funds producer projects for sustainable land & watershed management at 50% cost share. Aims to enhance natural resources & the rural way of life. Covers several categories, such as restoration, invasive species, nutrient management, water quality, outreach/education, & more. If interested, contact Erin at erin@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131



WEED TO WATCH

Field Scabious

Knautia arvensis

ID characteristics: stems hairy with little to no branching, leaves hairy and deeply lobed, flowers light purple and solitary, seed head domed and bristly.



Udo Schmidt, 2012



AISC 2023

10th Annual General Meeting and Conference

Olds, AB | March 7-8, 2023



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ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Rural Routes to Climate Solutions

<https://rr2cs.ca/>



RR2CS provides opportunities for rural Albertans to learn more about the benefits of climate solutions. They build connections and share information to empower rural citizens to make informed decisions on how best to modify their farming, ranching and daily living practices to mitigate and respond to a changing climate landscape. They especially do this through events and media (eg. podcast, blog). For more information, visit the website above.

