



Foothills County ASB Update



Check this out:

Bow River Basin Council

The Bow River Basin Council is an independent, non-profit society formally established in 2000 with roots dating back to the mid-1980s. It brings together diverse stakeholders to collaborate on sustainable, science-based solutions for watershed management in the Bow River Basin. They promote education, stewardship, and integrated planning. They publish the State of The Watershed Report, assessing the health of the Bow River.

For more information go to
Bow River Basin Council



Disappearing Grasslands

Grasslands are found all around the world and are exactly what you think they are; land that is mostly covered in grass. Alberta's grasslands fall within the North American Grasslands or Great plains. This extends from Mexico through the United States into Alberta and Saskatchewan. Canadian native grasslands are approximately ¼ of their original size and rapidly declining. Calls for conservation are increasing, as native grasslands are the most at-risk and the least protected ecosystems globally. Within the Alberta grasslands, they have uses as pasture, aiding in carbon sequestration and are home to many endangered species. These grasslands are home to 75% of Alberta's species at risk. The ferruginous hawk is North America's largest hawk and a breeding pair during the nesting season can catch almost 500 small mammals. This species has been labelled as threatened due to habitat loss and declining food sources. Alberta's grasslands are a vital ecosystem that supports biodiversity, Stores carbon and provides a unique environment for species at risk. Despite their importance these landscapes continue to shrink. They truly hold so much more than just grass.

References

- 1) GrasslandsDatasetSummaryReport_Final2024.pdf
- 2) Grasslands - Alberta Wilderness Association
- 3) factsheet_grasslands_en

Invasive Species Highlight

Leafy Spurge- Euphorbia esula

Leafy spurge was introduced into Canada as an ornamental or as crop seed contamination from Asia and Europe. This perennial is a noxious weed that must be controlled in Alberta. It has a hairless stem with long, narrow leaves that alternate or spiral. The stem contains milky latex. Flowers are small, yellow-green and look like 2 hearts connected.

Like the look of leafy spurge but not the damage? Many garden centers carry a domesticated type of spurge called cushion spurge (*Euphorbia polychrome*). Make sure to check the scientific name before purchasing.



ASB Rentals

From cattle scale to tree planter, ASB has it all available for you to rent. To see a complete list of rentals available, check out our website: ASB Rental Brochure-2023.pdf



STOCKMANSHIP SCHOOLS

with Jordie Waters



JUNE 17 & 18, 2025
LAZY J CATTLE COMPANY
JUMPING POUND



SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2025
MT. SENTINEL RANCH
CHAIN LAKES



TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Foundational theory on proper stockmanship
- Teaching cattle to take pressure
- Gathering in pastures
- Hands-On learning

Jordie was raised on a mixed operation in southern Alberta. Jordie has attended various courses on stockmanship, livestock marketing, soil and forage. Since 2006 Jordie has taken numerous courses with Hand 'n Hand Livestock Solutions with Whit Hibbard and Dawn Hnatow. Jordie spent 12 years sorting cattle in auction markets before moving to the southern United States to operate a cow/calf program.

FFGA MEMBER: \$450 / NON-MEMBER: \$490

For more information contact Kayla at Foothills Forage & Grazing Association:

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Clean, Drain Dry!!!

From paddle board to boat, anyone transporting watercraft entering the east or south borders must report to a watercraft inspection station. If the nearest station is closed, an inspection must happen within 7 days or before launching into Alberta's waters. Under the Fisheries (Alberta) Act, fines have increased. Bypassing an inspection station that is open while transporting a watercraft can result in a \$4,200 fine. Failure to pull the plug may result in a \$600 fine. For more information, go to Watercraft inspections | Alberta.ca.

Roadside Spraying and Brush Mowing



Throughout the County, you will see the spray trucks and mowers are out and about. This helps to increase visibility on roadways, reduce snow drift and aids in controlling weeds. When sharing the road, please slow down, be patient and ensure to pass when safe. Please keep ditches clear of debris.



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Join us at this **FREE**
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Presented by Land Stewardship Centre

HOSTED BY: Foothills County
DATE: September 25, 2025
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
LOCATION: Davisburg Community Hall, Foothills, AB

PREREGISTER TODAY AT:
<https://shorturl.at/YbdRg>

At this workshop you will learn about stewardship and how to:

- Better manage and improve your property
- Evaluate your acreage
- Map your property assets and plan your activities
- Access funding to help with a stewardship project and learn about eligible projects
- And more

