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We are happy to announce that OWC has made the shortlist for the 2025 Emerald Awards for environmental excellence in the community group/non-profit category!

The Emerald Awards showcase organizations, projects, and individuals across

Alberta who are working to address environmental challenges and build a more resilient, sustainable future. We are honoured to be recognized, along with the other amazing businesses, groups, and individuals who have made the shortlist this year.

Learn more about the Emerald Awards here:

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This week, we said farewell to a wonderful steward of the watershed and colleague, Maria. During her nearly two years with OWC, she filled a few different roles, but primarily served as one of our amazing Watershed Stewardship Assistants—making a difference on the ground, in classrooms, and in the field across the watershed.

We wish her the best as she pursues a new educational opportunity in BC. Thank you, Maria!



# Blogs

Our newest blog is up—it's the spring forecast!

"Spring is making its way to our watershed, with warmer days and more birds chirping. It is also the time of year when we start to look into the water forecast. The Oldman watershed's drought stage has lowered to level 1 as precipitation has increased, which helped keep most of our reservoirs with good water levels. Water advisories are in place, but the Water Sharing Agreements will likely not be activated this year. While our reservoirs are in better shape than last year, more snow will be critical for our watershed's water supply, and using water wisely remains essential!"

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Missed a blog? Catch up on the latest:

[Natural Infrastructure: Money In The \(Stream\) Bank](#)

[Bumble Bees in Winter](#)

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### **Volunteer for spring planting days!**

With the beautiful weather here, now is the perfect time to make a difference on the ground and meet like-minded folks who care about our watershed. Join us for our upcoming planting event on April 16, where we will make a tangible, on-the-ground impact.

Willow staking is a powerful restoration activity that involves planting willow stakes to strengthen the health and resilience of our watershed. This hands-on experience not only prevents soil erosion and enhances water quality, but also nurtures wildlife habitats, providing essential shade and nourishment.

Next event:

- Where: Mt. Sentinel Ranch, Chain Lakes
- When: Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Start time: 10:00 a.m.
- End time: Approximately 4:00 p.m.

Future planting opportunities are scheduled for June 2 and June 6, 2025.

Please note, participants should be 16 years of age or older due to the physical nature of this activity, which includes using shovels and taking on robust tasks.

To register as a volunteer for this event:

**Register As A  
Volunteer**



**Waterton Lakes National Park**

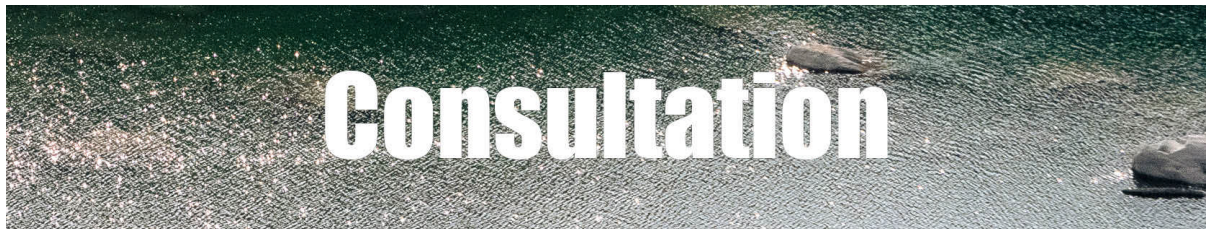
Waterton Lakes National Park has posted a range of volunteer opportunities for the entire upcoming season. From removing invasive plants, to helping with wildlife monitoring and education programs, these roles offer a hands-on chance to learn about local ecology and support park conservation. Find your perfect fit and help protect the unique natural and cultural heritage of Waterton Lakes National Park here:

**Volunteer**

## **GreenYQL**

Environment Lethbridge has launched a new website, "GreenYQL: Gateway to Sustainability in Lethbridge," designed to spotlight community events and projects, connect residents with green programs, and provide a reliable source of environmental and sustainability information. On the site, you can explore local recycling and composting tips, energy conservation efforts, and initiatives for community gardens—all aimed at building a greener, healthier city. See what's happening in Lethbridge, share your own ideas, and discover how you can get involved.

[Green YQL](#)



## **Waterton Biosphere Region Carnivore Compensation Survey**

Waterton Biosphere Region's Carnivore Compensation Survey is collecting baseline data on livestock owners' experiences, perceptions, and satisfaction with Alberta's predator compensation program. The findings will reveal which parts of the program work well, which need improvement, and how best to support ranchers while encouraging healthy carnivore populations. If you're a rancher in southwestern Alberta, please share your insights.

Take the survey here:

[Survey](#)

## **Forest Management Plan Feedback**

West Fraser Cochrane has completed a draft Forest Management Plan for the C5 Forest Management Unit, which includes part of the Oldman watershed headwaters. This plan details how forests will be managed to balance environmental, economic, and community interests, including a proposed

harvest schedule and specific targets for water quality, biodiversity, and local resource use. West Fraser is seeking public input on the planned tree harvest sequence and their objectives for meeting environmental and societal needs.

To learn more or offer feedback, visit:

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## Donor Spotlight

We would like to give a warm thank you to two of our donors:

**Robert MacKinnon**

**United Irrigation District**

Thank you for your support!

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