



Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

“The mission of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society is to foster excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education among wildlife professionals in Canada”

March 18, 2015

Premier Brad Wall
Room 226, 2405 Legislative Drive,
Regina Saskatchewan,
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Dear Premier Wall;

The **Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society (CSTWS)** is a professional organization representing wildlife professionals, managers and researchers in all the Canadian provinces and territories.

The *Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society* is committed to maintaining a world where humans and wildlife co-exist. It has direct linkages with the international parent body of *The Wildlife Society* whose mission is to represent and serve the professional community of scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, and others who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and its habitats worldwide.

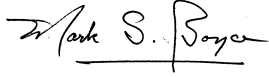
CSTWS recognizes the value of the PFRA lands as some of the last large protected grasslands in North America. It is critically important to preserve these grasslands as part of Saskatchewan's Representatives Area Network of ecologically important lands in the province. These lands also help meet Canada's commitments to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature by preserving these native grasslands in natural conditions. Over 30 species at risk are found on these pastures, the pastures are critical in maintaining these species.

We feel the maintenance of the landscape and biodiversity, plus maintaining public benefits of grazing, recreation, and heritage sites is best done with legislative protection, continued public ownership, and maintaining the public benefits with public dollars. It is estimated that the annual benefits to producers and society from these pastures is \$55 million dollars with an operating costs of \$22 million. This is an excellent investment for the Province of Saskatchewan.

We remain hopeful as the Premier of Saskatchewan you will consider the importance and benefits of PFRA lands can continue to be realized by the generations of Canadians to come.

Respectively yours;

Mark Boyce

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President, CSTWS

Jim Allen

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Chair, Conservation Affairs Committee