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Mr. Frank Potter  
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Dear Mr. Potter:

Thank you for your email request to meet and provide an opportunity to learn more about the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association's (SAPAA's) work. On January 30, 2025, I understand you met with Forestry and Parks staff who oversee the management of the sites covered in your recent report.

Environment and Protected Areas recognizes how valuable citizen science is to our work. The department continues to seek ways to share the knowledge gained through citizen science efforts and projects that contribute to our understanding of landscape health and biodiversity. The "Citizen Science Principles of Good Practice" document, available at [open.alberta.ca](http://open.alberta.ca), offers common guidance to consider when designing, implementing, and evaluating citizen science initiatives to support the growing citizen science community in Alberta.

Your members' passion, dedication, and commitment to conservation have been essential in helping public lands over the years. I am encouraged by SAPAA's dedication to citizen science and appreciate you sharing the recent report.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz  
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Honourable Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks  
Jonathan Thompson, Chief Scientist, Environment and Protected Areas  
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