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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 11:21:05 AM
Subject: SAPAA's 2024 Annual Protected Areas Site Inspection Report

Dear Hubert Taube:

Thank you for your emails and for the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association (SAPAA) 2024 Protected Areas Site Inspection Report sent to the Honourable Rebecca Schulz and me. As Minister of Forestry and Parks, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I acknowledge the dedication and long-standing service of both SAPAA and the volunteer stewards of Alberta's protected areas. After reviewing your report, I am pleased to see the majority of sites appear to be in good to excellent condition. However, I also recognize that some sites require management of issues and conditions.

The information provided in the report will help supplement ongoing assessments conducted by ministry staff. While the former formal Volunteer Stewardship Program is no longer active, Forestry and Parks remains committed to fostering informal collaboration and maintaining working relationships with organizations like SAPAA.

I understand you are continuing to meet with ministry staff to seek areas of alignment and identify opportunities for collaboration. Should you require further information, please contact Chad Willms, Land, Ecosystems and Conservation Manager, at [EMAIL].

I appreciate the ongoing efforts your organization is making for the betterment of Alberta's protected area system.

Sincerely,

Honourable Todd Loewen, Minister, Forestry and Parks

cc: Honourable Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Chad
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