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Ms. Bertha Ford
c/o Stewards of Alberta's Protected Area Association

Dear Bertha,

Subject: Stewards of Alberta's Protected Area Association Lifetime Achievement Award

On behalf of Alberta Forestry and Parks, please accept my sincere congratulations on receiving the SAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award.

This recognition is a fitting tribute to your longstanding commitment to Alberta's protected areas and to the spirit of stewardship that you have demonstrated over many years. Your dedication to the Kootenay Plains Ecological Reserve, its wildlife and its landscapes reflects a deep and enduring commitment to conservation. From hiking trails and removing garbage to reporting illegal camping and caring for the Kootenay Plains bluebird boxes, you have given an extraordinary amount of your time and energy to protecting this special landscape.

The care and energy you have invested in this special place are an inspiring example of the important role that volunteer stewards play in protecting Alberta's natural heritage. Contributions such as yours help ensure these landscapes and the values they represent can be appreciated and enjoyed for generations to come.

Congratulations, Bertha, on this very well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your many years of service, your perseverance and, above all, your dedication to caring for Alberta's natural places.

With sincere appreciation,

Brad Jones

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