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Ms. Bertha Ford
c/o the Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association (SAPAA)
RE: SAPAA Lifetime Achievement Award

Dear Ms. Ford,

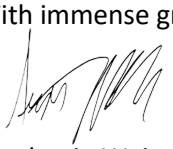
Nature Alberta is a non-profit organization dedicated to being a strong voice and active champion for the greater appreciation and conservation of nature in Alberta. We support a network of over 50 nature organizations (including SAPAA), connect families to nature, and publish *Nature Alberta Magazine* for free online to make nature accessible to all. Our programs and initiatives encourage people to form meaningful connections with nature and empower them to conserve our wild species and spaces. We are a community connected by a love of nature. You are an exemplary member of our incredible community!

On behalf of Nature Alberta Board, staff, and volunteers, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on being the inaugural recipient of SAPAA's lifetime achievement award. Reading your biography, I was inspired to hear of your care for the Kootenay Plains Ecological Reserve by submitting over 100 site inspection reports! Equally impressive was your dedication and efforts to install and maintain bluebird boxes on the site.

Your decades long commitment to Alberta's natural history and resources is commendable and an inspiration. As sites such as Kootenay Plains come under increasing pressure, role models such as yourself will help inspire and recruit volunteers to keep Albertan's committed to environmental protection.

Thank you for enriching our community through your lifetime of dedicated contributions, protecting our wild species and spaces. And once again, congratulations on this well-deserved award.

With immense gratitude,



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