



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION CANADA

Mission Statement:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Canada (RMEFC) works to identify and conserve critical habitats, restore or reintroduce populations of elk and other large mammals, as well as related wild species to their native ranges.

With a substantial volunteer base in Alberta of over 2,000, RMEFC works on a peer-to-peer basis to educate people in rural and urban settings about their role in conserving wildlife habitat. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Canada also leverages its effectiveness through extensive partnerships with existing and new conservation minded organizations and individuals to accomplish its goals. The projects supported through RMEFC are designed to protect and conserve wildlife and wild habitat for future generations of wildlife and Albertans.

Using revenue generated by the sale of the four Special Licenses granted by the Government of Alberta, RMEFC has established a permanent Restricted Fund to provide a continuing source of funding for Alberta's wildlife heritage.

The Board of Directors of RMEFC allocates Restricted Account funds to separate conservation strategies. One strategy is the funding of conservation projects for wildlife management, habitat enhancement and research projects, which are reviewed and recommended by the Alberta Project Advisory Committee (APAC). APAC reviews conservation project proposals in January or February of each year. The committee includes key wildlife or habitat professionals from government, non-government and private sectors. Proposals are provided to committee members in advance of their meeting for consideration according to criteria and guidelines. At the APAC meeting, members confirm the review and screening, assign priorities and forward recommendations to RMEFC.

A second conservation strategy funded by the Trust Account involves RMEFC Board review and approval of staff recommendations for Alberta land acquisitions and conservation easements negotiated with landowners. Potential parcels are identified in discussion with wildlife management agencies for their significance as critical winter range, calving grounds, important migration corridors or related values as wildlife habitat for a variety of species. Partnerships are sought with other land trusts and like-minded wildlife conservation organizations to maximize potential return and eliminate competing bids for critical habitat.



MEMBER PROFILE

A third conservation strategy is designed for projects that maximize and enhance Conservation Education in Alberta. The funding for these projects is not intended to replace agency / organization maintenance and operations budgets or assist with the construction of buildings of any kind. Funding partners must be identified / committed to the proposed project and the level of public interest and visibility must be determined.

Faced with increasing obstacles, wildlife conservation demands a spirited team effort. Thanks to thousands of enthusiastic Elk Foundation members working together, North America's wildlife enjoys a more secure future. When you sign up as an Elk Foundation member, you join a group of dedicated folks leaving a lasting wildlife legacy. Annual supporting memberships start at \$35.00 and increase up to Lifetime Memberships. All memberships are available for purchase at the website listed below.

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