



A Voice for Wilderness

2022 Annual Report

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The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is Canada's voice for wilderness. The Southern Alberta Chapter is a non-profit conservation organization working to promote thriving, healthy, and diverse lands and waters in our province.

Since 1967, we've led efforts to protect public lands and areas including Banff National Park, Kananaskis, the Whaleback and the Castle Wildland and Provincial Park. Our chapter is also a leader in environmental education, offering award-winning programs to help build the next generation of environmental stewards.

CPAWS Southern Alberta gratefully acknowledges that we work in the traditional territories of the original stewards of the land and water: The Siksikaitsitapi (Blackfoot Confederacy), comprised of the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Piikani First Nations; the Tsuut'ina First Nation; the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations; the Ktunaxa Nation; and the Métis Nation of Alberta. Today, southern Alberta is home to Indigenous people from all over North America.

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The Whole River

Message from Katie Morrison, Executive Director

I spend a lot of time in the water, watching it trickle from seeps in the forest floor, slowly making its way to the stream — sometimes flowing and pooling, other times crashing and rushing towards its destination, all the while supporting both aquatic and terrestrial life. I feel alive and at home in our mountain streams and prairie rivers.

It makes me think of a quote from actor and martial artist Bruce Lee: “Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall find a way around or through it...Now, water can flow, or it can crash. Be water, my friend.”

Lee reminds us that to persist we need to be open to adaptation and change. But I would say that we should not just be the water, but be the whole river. Sometimes we need to be the boulders — solid, holding strong to our mission, providing structure for the water to pool around, creating pockets of calm. We also need to be the river bottom — a strong foundation, yet complex and able to shift to accommodate the diversity of people, skills and abilities that allow us to work together and make an impact. And often we do need to be the water itself, persistently moving forward, creating connection, flowing, changing, crashing, responsive to our environment and to new paths and opportunities.

This past year at CPAWS Southern Alberta we have been the whole river.

Regardless of what is happening around us, we have been committed to our mission to safeguard, connect, and expand Alberta’s parks and wilderness — and to do so in a way that includes all Albertans, supports communities, and advances reconciliation.

Working alongside a diversity of Albertans, we navigated constantly changing government directions to create a wave of support for our mountains and streams and pushed the provincial government to halt almost all new coal exploration and development, at least temporarily, in Alberta’s Rocky Mountains. We joined 54 other organizations and businesses in the release of a community-led coal policy showing a permanent, realistic way forward. We’ve continued to defend Alberta’s parks and monitor and provide input on provincial and national park management, raised concerns about forestry and land-use proposals, including the risk to water and native prairie from the single largest irrigation expansion in the province’s history, and worked with the Native Trout Collaborative on communicating the important role of our province’s at-risk native trout and the threats to their survival.

We also celebrated 25 years of environmental education and engagement. Anchored by our core programs, we are striving to become more inclusive to all learners and to not only recognize but incorporate Indigenous Ways of Knowing into our work. We are updating existing programs and expanding our community education offerings to be more representative and include diverse perspectives, including with the Land-based Learning series and programs designed specifically for New Canadians. With the launch of the ChangeMakers platform (read more on page 20) and the continuation of the Canadian Wilderness Stewardship Program, we aspire to connect passionate people and encourage everyone to engage in meaningful conservation advocacy and action.

Finally, we have worked internally to ensure that, through all of this, we are operating efficiently, with integrity, and supporting our staff, partners, donors, and members.

Which brings me back to another piece of wisdom from Mr. Lee: “Water may flow swiftly or it may flow slowly, but its purpose is inexorable, its destiny sure.”

Like water, like the whole river, progress towards stronger conservation outcomes in Alberta sometimes comes quickly and sometimes takes years of hard, slow, dedicated effort, but by working together and keeping our purpose in mind, I am sure we will succeed.



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Progress in Time

Message from Jon Mee, Board Chair

Today, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society's Southern Alberta Chapter is an established leader in conservation and conservation education. But it wasn't an overnight success.

Over the past year, our conservation staff have delivered exceptional value to our members, funders and donors. When the southeastern slopes of the Rockies came under threat after the government rescinded the 1976 Coal Policy, we worked with Albertans to successfully mount a campaign that resulted in the reinstatement of the Coal Policy. Our chapter continues to push for stronger protection of our drinking water and our shared natural heritage in the southeastern slopes.

My involvement with CPAWS Southern Alberta began in 2016 when I volunteered to help review a report on forestry in the southeastern slopes. At the time, Katie Morrison (who was the conservation director at the time – now the executive director) had been working extensively on a suite of issues related to forestry, roads, and other land uses in the region. The Forestry Report was just one piece of our chapter's involvement and advocacy. Our conservation team has worked to build trust and strong relationships with local communities and stakeholders, learning about the history and biology

of the region, and advocating on behalf of Albertan's interests. It's because of this long-term, deep, and genuine involvement in the region that our conservation team was able to mount such an effective campaign to halt expansion of coal mining and reinstate the 1976 coal policy.

My day job, when I'm not volunteering for the CPAWS Southern Alberta board of directors, is as a professor at Mount Royal University. I am an educator at heart, and I am immensely gratified to be involved in both my work and volunteer life with people and institutions that share my commitment to education. This year, CPAWS Southern Alberta's education program celebrated its 25th anniversary. The program has won numerous awards and has reached over 165,000 Albertans since its inception. By working with groups such as Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, Adaptable Outdoors, and Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers from Treaty 7, CPAWS Southern Alberta will continue to be a leader in conservation for all Albertans.

It wasn't an overnight success.

Please join me in supporting CPAWS Southern Alberta – for the long haul.

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Achieving Our Mission



Ensuring parks, protected areas, and wild lands are managed for ecological integrity

Provincial and national parks, protected areas, and wild lands must be managed to prioritize conservation. These areas represent a diversity of habitats and regions, from Dinosaur Provincial Park to Banff National Park, and we want to ensure they continue to provide invaluable habitat and support biodiversity for generations to come.



Ensuring public lands are managed to prioritize conservation values and maintain ecological function

60% of our province is public land, much of it outside of protected areas, meaning effective conservation in southern Alberta relies on ensuring important natural areas are managed to maintain and improve the health of our lands, waters and wildlife. Critically, this relies upon responsible decisions about how the land is used and what activities are allowed to occur where — this includes work on forest management, managing the industrial footprint, responsible recreation, recovery of species at risk, and land-use planning.



Advancing the creation of new protected areas

We believe conservation solutions should be developed proactively, and this can mean advancing the creation of new protected areas that support connectivity across the landscape of southern Alberta.





Providing environmental education for all Albertans

An informed, caring, and engaged public, who appreciates nature, is the foundation of support for conservation and the stewardship of Alberta's parks and wilderness. We will build upon our award-winning education programming to further establish ourselves as a leader in conservation education for youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12, New Canadians, seniors, corporations, community groups, university students, and the general public.



Strengthening and growing relationships and support for conservation

The development of strong and trusting relationships is integral to successful conservation in our province. Building these relationships allows us to understand the conservation values of Albertans and share knowledge for conservation of southern Alberta's parks and public lands. Working with Indigenous communities, governments, scientists, communities, recreation groups, industry, and other interested Albertans strengthens our collective conservation work to achieve better outcomes for nature and people.



Operating with integrity

We pride ourselves on being an organization that operates with professionalism, accountability, and transparency. We operate with purpose, adhering to our mission and vision and guiding principles, and following our strategic plan. This includes having a well respected, engaged, and supported staff and board; upholding our long-standing reputation in the community.

Protecting Alberta's landscape for all.

Our mission is to safeguard, connect, and expand Alberta's parks and wilderness. We work toward these goals through education, engagement, and collaboration with Albertans of all backgrounds. We envision a landscape with a growing abundance of parks, protected areas and wilderness, where nature thrives because of the conservation efforts of and for all Albertans.

Thriving ecosystems support biodiversity, provide natural solutions for climate change impacts, and promote a healthy, wild Alberta. Not only do healthy ecosystems benefit our landscape, but they benefit us. They provide us with clean water, support our communities and economy, supply us with food, protect us from natural disasters, and allow us to recreate and enjoy Alberta's landscape. When nature thrives, we thrive. Join us in bringing Albertans together to fight for a resilient landscape.





Walking Towards Reconciliation

By Pookaakiwun (Sierra Shade)

This year, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to continue our Indigenous-led Nature Walks. These walks, which were hosted in both Mohkinstsis (Calgary) and Sik-Ooh-Kotoki (Lethbridge) in Treaty 7 Territory were an opportunity for Indigenous voices within conservation to be heard in spaces that honor the land and oral knowledge.

Throughout our walks in places like Nose Hill and Fish Creek Park, and led by elders from the Blackfoot Confederacy – including Elder Mary Ellen Little Mustache, Elder Pablo Russell, and Api'soomaahka – the attendees were able to experience land-based learning through investigating native flora and fauna, exploring creation stories, playing Indigenous games and eating delicious, traditional foods.

As a CPAWS Southern Alberta guide, I have witnessed the innumerable positive relationships and meaningful conversations that have transpired as a result of the safe, inclusive environment created through these walks. As a member of the Kainai Nation myself, and an educator in the conservation space, I see the importance of these walks as allowing for culturally-sensitive information to be shared from genuine sources who have the right to impart it. This allows for the narrative of

Indigenous knowledge to be self-determined – and avoids pan-Indianism. In each case, I believe that the participants walked away with a much greater understanding of the Blackfoot people, their ways of Knowing and Being on the land, and a new perspective of their own responsibility to the land.

While the elders who led each walk came from different backgrounds, with varying knowledge and expertise, each ultimately had the same message – and it's the one I will leave you with: to care for yourself and the environment around you.



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Stopping Mining Effluent in its Tracks

By Kat Graves

Early this year, Environment and Climate Change Canada released a Proposed Approach for Coal Mining Effluent Regulations (CMER) that would outline how effluent for all existing and future coal mines in Canada would be managed, by creating standards for the wastewater expelled from mine sites.

For those unfamiliar, mining effluent is a form of waste that is released through water, often consisting of environmentally deleterious substances like selenium, cyanide and lead discharged as a by-product of the mining process.

Our first review of the document revealed that, due to fierce lobbying by the coal industry and provincial governments in Canada, the proposed regulations had been weakened since the previous draft released in 2020. When we first notified the public of this, we didn't anticipate the swell of support that arose. Perhaps we should have. After all, industrial waste doesn't stop at provincial borders. Once it enters a system, like the Lake Winnipeg Watershed – which extends from the Rocky Mountain glaciers in Alberta to the Saskatchewan River Delta, Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba, the Hudson Bay in Ontario and, finally, the Atlantic Ocean – it persists.

What's more, substances commonly found in mining effluent like selenium have been linked to deformities, including missing gill plates, in the at-risk westslope cutthroat trout.

In fact, in 2014 a report for Environment Canada by Dennis Lemley, a renowned selenium expert, stated that selenium pollution emanating from a string of coal mines in British Columbia could lead to reproductive failure and "a total population collapse" of the species. And in fact, in 2020, the adult population of genetically unique westslope cutthroat trout in the Fording River downstream of the coal mines dropped by 93 per cent compared to 2017 levels.

Yet in the most recent CMER draft, Environment and Climate Change Canada actually increased the proposed allowable concentration of toxic substances in effluent from the previously drafted version when the coal industry and the Governments of Alberta and BC told them the regulations were too hard for industry to meet.

Our supporters rallied. With the help of the Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia Chapters of CPAWS, we sent approximately 2,500 letters to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada demanding that regulations serve the interests of the environment, aquatic species and the health of our watersheds – not the profits of the coal industry.

The message was loud and clear: Environmental regulations must be created to protect the environment. They should not be shaped by what industry thinks is economically and technologically feasible, especially when there is an extraordinarily high risk to lands, waters and wildlife. If a company cannot meet environmentally safe water quality standards, they should not be allowed to operate or build new mines.

We have since heard that the drafting of the regulations has been put on hold until spring of 2023 and that Environment Canada will not be moving forward with putting the proposed regulations to vote this fall.

For us, this is yet another powerful testament to collective action, and we thank our supporters for the critical role they played in making this happen. Like so much environmental work, however, we suspect the fight isn't over and we'll be sure to keep our supporters updated in the coming year.

Photo Credit: Paul Samycia
[westslope cutthroat trout missing gill plate]



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Hope for Alberta's Native Trout

By Amber Toner, Guest Writer

As a born and raised southern Albertan, I have always loved and appreciated our Eastern Slopes, and their watersheds. This was influenced by my upbringing on a small acreage in rural southern Alberta, located on the Sheep River: a childhood spent watching the wind blow through wheat fields like waves on the ocean, stepping through cold, crystal clear rivers with bare feet and a fishing rod, and eating wild game my dad had harvested after a successful hunting trip.

Now, as an adult, I have witnessed these areas, so significant since my adolescence, fall victim to environmental stressors like climate change, development, industry and recreation. This has become especially evident as I spend more time fly fishing for Alberta's native trout species that call the Eastern Slopes home.

Fly fishing has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. It's my connection to the outdoor world and to those fond memories as a kid. As the years have passed, I have grown concerned for our dwindling native trout populations. In response, I began researching things like fish handling practices and environmental concerns, and then sharing my findings with others through social media.

During my advocacy to help preserve these places, I stumbled upon the excellent work of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter and found that I shared similar thoughts and beliefs with an organization that spends its time doing right by these areas – areas that we are so fortunate to have in our backyard. CPAWS Southern Alberta is a voice for places that don't have one. I wanted to help be that voice as well.

One of the initiatives that I am most excited to see established is the Native Trout Recovery Collaborative.

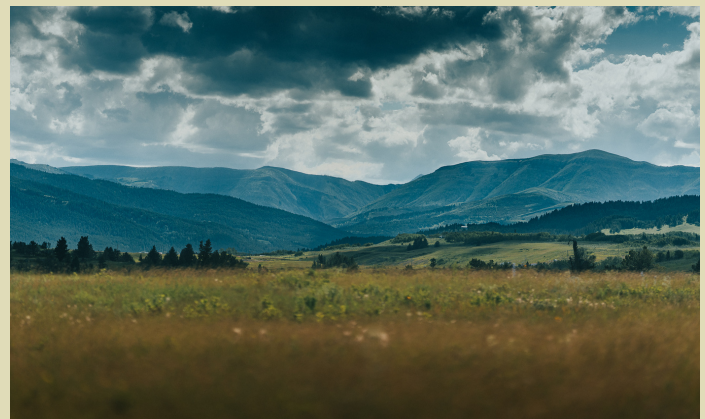


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This is a collaboration of many great organizations, including CPAWS Southern Alberta, Trout Unlimited Canada, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Conservation Association, Cows and Fish, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and FRI Research. The goal of this collaborative is to help recover and sustain Alberta's native trout populations – which consist of the Athabasca rainbow trout, westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout.

The recovery efforts are done through education initiatives, building public awareness, as well as on-the-ground habitat restoration efforts. Some of us may not realize that native trout are an essential part of our ecosystem. They are also a fundamental part of Alberta's history and a clear indicator of the health of southern Alberta's watersheds.

To prosper, native trout require clean, cold, clear and connected waterways – as well as native insects and invertebrates, various river habitats such as gravel beds and pools, and rocks and woody underwater structures. There are many factors contributing to the dramatic population declines of native trout and the healthy habitats that they require, which is why having this collaboration in place is vital to the population's sustainability.

As an angler, there are ways I can directly help native trout like cleaning, draining and drying my waders and boots to avoid the spread of invasive species and diseases.



I can implement proper fish handling practices and know how to properly identify Alberta's trout species, and make sure that I, and others, understand the various angling regulations in Alberta. These are just small things that help the big picture. After all, a collection of small steps results in significant progress.

Hope is on the horizon for Alberta's native trout species. With the efforts of the collaborative, and all Albertans, I feel confident that one day I will step barefoot again into that cold, crystal clear water from my childhood, fly rod in hand, catching and releasing a sustained and thriving population of native trout.



Celebrating 25 Years of Outdoor Education in Alberta

By Jaclyn Angotti

CPAWS Southern Alberta's Education story harkens back to 1997 and began with two simple programs rooted in an ethic of environmentalism: Grizzly Bears Forever and Endangered Species. When I started with CPAWS in 2015, these, alongside the newer Water Rangers were still our most popular programs and remain at the heart of our offerings.

Today, our team has an incredible suite of 10 programs with many versions based on grade and audience, resulting in nearly 100 unique syllabi! All of these programs have one goal in common: to inspire love, connection, and care for nature. Our education team works tirelessly toward this goal – online, in classrooms, in schoolyards, local parks, community spaces, and wilderness areas. From families with babies and tots to school kids to teachers to seniors, our programs are intended for all; and over the past 25 years we've engaged over 165,000 Albertans, together.

We could not have reached this goal without our members, donors, and partners – in fact, we couldn't even have gotten into the classroom without them. The love for the well-being and growth of Alberta's students – no matter their age – is inspiring. Our supporters care about our shared landscape and future and want to inspire and empower others to care too. We are so grateful.



I am truly excited for our shared future together. We are working every day to build bridges and break down barriers to access environmental and outdoor education. This includes fundraising to ensure families and students who can't cover program fees have access to nature programs. Thank you to all our donors and financial partners that support us in providing affordable or free programming to rural communities, New Canadians, youth, and low-income communities. Inclusion in outdoor education also means providing supplies and warm gear; coming to schoolyards and local community spaces in addition to wilderness spaces; working with groups to offer any accommodations they might need; and so much more.

The community tells us what the needs are and how we can help. Our team is working hard to ensure our programs, activities, the language we use, and our communications are representative of Albertans and elevate the amazing diverse voices in our community

My hope is that in the next 25 years we see nature returned to its essence – a safe, accessible, inclusive place for everyone to play, connect, and be well. We ALL belong in nature. We ARE all nature. I invite you on this journey with CPAWS Southern Alberta to keep growing with us. Let's raise our (proverbial) glasses to the next 25 years together outdoors!



1997

Environmental Education Program Begins

The only CPAWS chapter with this unique program.

2008

Won the Alberta Emerald Award for Education

Given to leaders raising the bar in addressing environmental issues.

2015

Education Program Milestone

Engaged 100,000 students.



2016

Won Award Of Excellence For Outstanding Non-Profit Organization

For environmental education from the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication.

2022

Celebrated a Quarter Century of Our Education Program

Gathered with our community to celebrate our collective success in delivering 25 years of environmental education!



The CPAWS Education Experience

Our education programs are rooted in an ethic of environmental stewardship. So, whether it's curriculum-based programs in the classroom or hands-on learning through guided hikes up Yamnuska Mountain, snowshoe tours in Kananaskis Country or water sampling at Fish Creek Provincial Park, we want to help participants from all walks of life learn about the gifts that nature has to offer – and how we can give back.

Our team firmly believes that everyone can benefit from nature-based learning, but we also know that not all Albertans have equal access to it. That's why a critical component of our work is breaking down barriers for traditionally excluded communities, including rural schools, 2SLGBQIA+ youth, BIPOC folks, New Canadians and ability-diverse individuals. Everyone deserves the chance to experience outdoor education, and we are committed to ensuring that happens.

Book an experience for yourself, your classroom or your organization today on our website! [cpaws-southernalberta.org/book-an-experience]



Support Environmental Ed

All students belong in nature

We're excited to see what the next quarter century has in store, but we need your help to do so. Our education team delivers programming for reduced and subsidized rates, or for free. We believe that outdoor learning, environmental literacy and science-based education have the power to change our world for the better – and when we understand the value of Southern Alberta's wild spaces and species, we act to protect them.



Help fund a future for outdoor education in Alberta!



2022 Highlights

March, 2022 | 1976 Coal Policy Reinstated

After nearly two years of collective public concern regarding the fate of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, the Government of Alberta relented — announcing that all coal exploration and development will be halted across the Eastern Slopes in all four coal categories, including categories that were previously open to coal development in the 1976 Coal Policy, until the completion of regional land use planning.

June, 2022 | Release of A Coal Policy for Alberta – 2022 and Beyond

Written in the form of a provincial government policy, and drawing on the extensive public input to the Coal Policy Committee, this document provides a detailed policy path to clearly and conclusively address the concerns of Albertans related to new coal exploration and development in Alberta and its impacts on lands, waters, treaty rights, and sustainable economic activities.



The three pillars of A Coal Policy for Alberta are:

1. No new coal exploration and no new coal mines;
2. Assess the adequacy of the current mine financial security program; and
3. Ensure timely and effective remediation of lands disturbed by coal exploration and mining activities.

Learn more at acoalpolicyforalberta.com

August, 2022 | 25th Anniversary of Education Program

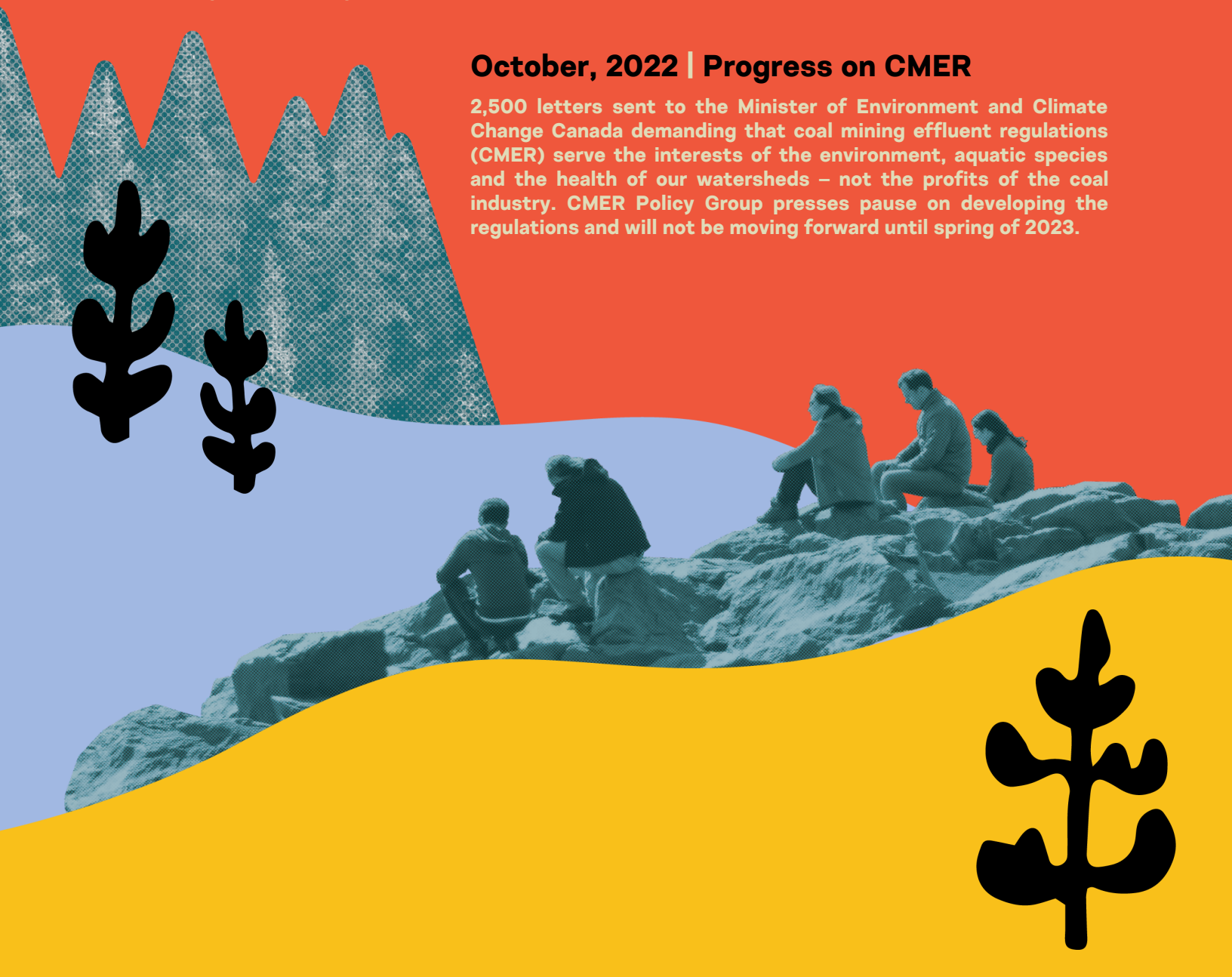
CPAWS Southern Alberta celebrates 25 years of inspiring students, seniors, faith groups, New Canadians and communities across our province — and more than 165,000 Albertans reached through our programming! To learn more about our award-winning education program or to book an experience, head to our website! [cpaws-southernalberta.org/education]

September, 2022 | Education Team Launches ChangeMakers

ChangeMakers is an online community who believes that ecojustice and climate solutions take root globally when we cultivate eco-action and nature connection locally. Designed to engage and empower nations and neighbourhoods alike, the platform celebrates nature wins and champions the natural world as a place where all belong. [wearechangemakers.ca]

October, 2022 | Progress on CMER

2,500 letters sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada demanding that coal mining effluent regulations (CMER) serve the interests of the environment, aquatic species and the health of our watersheds – not the profits of the coal industry. CMER Policy Group presses pause on developing the regulations and will not be moving forward until spring of 2023.





The Road Ahead

By Katie Morrison

We've accomplished a lot together over the past year and we'll continue to build on that momentum going forward. Conservation is a core value for Albertans. A recent poll, commissioned by CPAWS Southern and Northern Alberta chapters, shows that the majority of Albertans support setting aside more land in Alberta to protect wildlife habitat to prevent further decline of wildlife populations (77%), to be left as wilderness where human activities are minimal (76%), and for provincial parks with a focus on recreation and leisure (73%).

Industrial activities and land management pressure have put nature, wildlife, and communities at risk around the world, and Alberta is not immune. We have a lot of work to do on coal, forestry, sustainable recreation, and species at risk. But we also have the love of and connection to the lands and waters, and the infamous Alberta determination, to protect the places we love and find solutions to the most challenging conservation issues.

A full 85% of Albertans support Alberta committing to a target of 30% protected lands by 2030 – this majority support spans across political affiliation, age, urban and rural Albertans. And more than half of Albertans support Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas as a just way

of moving forward on protection and elevation of Indigenous rights.

At CPAWS Southern Alberta we recognize that decolonization and social justice are the future of conservation and commit to a healthy, resilient, wild Alberta for all. If we want to protect Alberta's landscape, we need to see inclusive conservation efforts and commit to reducing barriers and amplifying diverse voices in conservation.

We can all ensure that our province's decision makers hear the voices of all Albertans standing up for conservation of our lands and waters.

I'm committed to continuing all this important work with our partners, members, and supporters. Thank you for being part of the solution and stay engaged over the coming year to keep moving forward.

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position | Year End March 31, 2022

2022**2021**

ASSETS

CURRENT

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 835,841	\$ 715,611
Accounts Receivable	54,139	56,059
Goods and Services Tax Recoverable	4,307	4,048
Prepaid Expenses	3,621	3,650
Due from CPAWS National	14,807	93,807
	<u>912,715</u>	<u>873,175</u>

TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	9,890	10,924
	<u>\$ 922,605</u>	<u>\$ 884,099</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 39,748	\$ 82,634
Deferred Contributions	121,086	198,904
	<u>160,834</u>	<u>281,538</u>

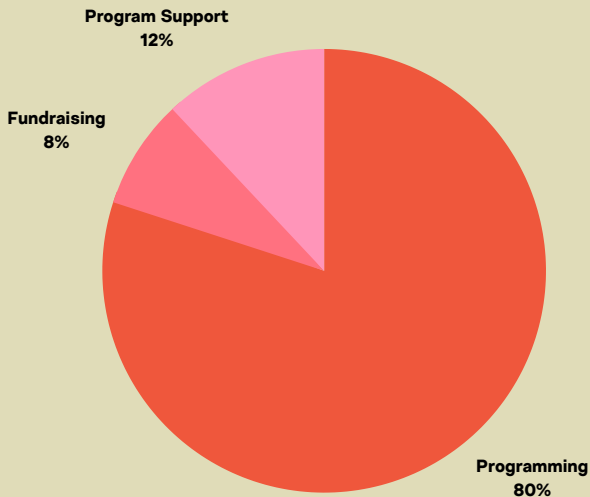
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	-	2,479
	<u>\$ 160,834</u>	<u>\$ 284,017</u>

NET ASSETS

INVESTED IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	9,890	8,445
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	491,881	411,637
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	260,000	180,000
	<u>761,711</u>	<u>600,082</u>
	<u>\$ 922,605</u>	<u>\$ 884,099</u>

How Your Donations Support our Work



Programming includes our conservation, education and engagement work!

CPAWS Southern Alberta is unique amongst non-profits and strongly positioned with a healthy range of diverse funding sources to match our range of programming.

With support from industry, foundations, government, and individuals we have been able to build a healthy operating reserve.

Having a reserve helps us to weather storms like the Covid-19 pandemic, while maintaining program quality, delivery, and campaign initiatives. A reserve allows us to be nimble and able to react to needs and opportunities as they arise, rather than being completely dependent on project specific funding. If there's work that needs doing, we can do it.

With the current challenges we're facing, and looking into 2023, we've identified the need to strengthen our reach across southern Alberta, expanding our conservation and education programs to continue protecting southern Alberta's landscapes and natural heritage.

Although an operational reserve provides some security and flexibility, we can't do this without your generous support.

We hope you'll renew your support and continue to stand with us in protecting Alberta's majestic, invaluable wilderness. With your help, we can do this work together.

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Our Supporters

CPAWS Southern Alberta would like to thank all of our individual donors and the following organizations for their generous support, which has been instrumental in the success of our programs.



Are you ready to get involved?

The wilderness of our province is healthier and more robust because of more than half a century of work by the staff, board members, donors, volunteers and supporters of CPAWS Southern Alberta — and there are so many ways you can get involved in continuing this legacy of stewardship. Because none of what we do is possible without you.

Your support fuels our day-to-day work and inspires us to continue advocating for the conservation of Alberta's wild spaces and species. From all of us here at CPAWS Southern Alberta, thank you. Thank you for your steadfast commitment to giving back to nature, and to protecting and preserving the biodiversity that makes our province such a remarkable place.

Our work is far from over, however, and we need your support more than ever. From the ongoing impacts of the coal exploration footprint in the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains, to the mining effluent being released into our waterways, the dwindling populations of at-risk native trout, and the barriers to access that many in our province still experience when it comes to environmental education and nature connection — there's much left to be done.



How to Take Action



01. Speak Up

Whether it's making a phone call, writing a letter, signing a petition, or simply liking and sharing a social media post, every single action counts!



02. Give

As a non-profit, our work is funded in-part by people just like you. Consider giving a one-time contribution — or amplify your impact by committing to a monthly donation to help keep our work going.



03. Volunteer

We're always looking for people who are passionate about conservation to join our volunteer team. Apply on our website today! [cpaws-southernalberta.org/volunteer]



04. Learn

If you want to learn more about wilderness, wildlife, conservation and environmental education news in Alberta — and how you can help — sign up for our mailing list. [cpaws-southernalberta.org/subscribe]



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