

Municipal District of Willow Creek

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Dear Livestock Producer.

The MD of Willow Creek, in partnership with the Waterton Biosphere Reserve, offers reimbursement of funds paid to West Coast Reductions for the removal of cattle and horse carcasses within a target area of the municipality.

Removal of dead cattle and horses from the defined carnivore conflict area will reduce the habituation of large carnivores to dead livestock. Large carnivores are attracted to dead pits and scavenged livestock. Once dead livestock is recognized as a food source by large carnivores, predation of live animals is more likely. When predators are attracted to dead livestock near farm and ranch buildings, the safety of the inhabitants is compromised.

The project will refund paid receipts from livestock producers that use West Coast Reductions to remove dead livestock from the project area. Intensive Livestock Operations permitted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board will not be eligible for refunds. Only expenditures for horse and cattle carcasses will be eligible. All other classes of livestock will be ineligible for refund.

Contact information for the rendering company.

Southern Alberta Processing (SAPC) A Division of West Coast Reduction Ltd. Phone: 403-328-1336

Fax: 403-327-8461

The project area is defined as:

All lands within the Municipal boundaries of the MD of Willow Creek that lie west of the east boundary of Range 29 West of the 4th Meridian. The Carnivore Conflict area map may be viewed at www.mdwillowcreek.com.

The project has been budgeted a set amount of funds. When the funds are depleted, an update will be posted on the M.D. of Willow Creek website.

For further information contact the MD Agriculture Fieldman as below.

Thank you,

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