

You are driving through the “geography of hope”



But the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains are more than just a hopeful view. They make or secure:

- drinking water for southern Alberta,
- the west’s last carpet of native grasses
- Alberta’s best carbon sink (a climate change fighter)
- the highest number of wildlife outside of a North American city
- Alberta beef, the best in the world
- your children’s heritage

We can keep this special natural capital working forever or spend it away.

The Threat

Win Energy wants to develop scores of wells and a sweet gas plant along the Cowboy Trail. Compton Petroleum has proposed a Wyoming-style unconventional gas project that would industrialize the Porcupine Hills with access roads, pipelines and compressor stations. Firestone Ventures has staked out the Porcupine Hills for *in situ* uranium mining. And there is more to come.

The Foothills Initiative

Local residents have a better vision. We want a time-out and proper land use planning. We call our plan The Foothills Initiative. But we need your support. If you cherish this landscape please write or contact your MLA. Or simply sign the letter on the back and send it to Premier Ralph Klein.

Livingstone Landowners Group
The Pekisko Group

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Send Letters to:

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Hon. Greg Melchin, Minister of Energy
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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in support of the goals of the Foothills Initiative. The landscape of the Eastern Slopes is more than just a nice view. It is a source of clean water, a carbon sink that mitigates global warming, a home to innumerable wildlife, and it produces Alberta beef, the best in the world. These are all natural advantages for Alberta that are sustainable forever provided we don't throw it away.

The Foothills Initiative believes that we need to evaluate carefully any move to explore and develop underground resources in this area. Specifically, we want:

- A time-out for all exploration and development leases in the area, (they did it in Montana so why not here?)
- Comprehensive scientific impact studies for the Eastern Slopes including the cumulative effect of all development,
- Scientific research on the native fescue grasslands and their role as a watershed,
- Proper land-use planning with a method of zoning that keeps drilling out of our important watersheds and heritage grazing lands.

When our Alberta children grow up I want them to be able to enjoy the same clean water, the same panoramic vistas, and the same Alberta beef that you and I now enjoy.

In this centennial year I believe that the Government should be looking ahead to ensure that future generations can be proud of the steps their ancestors (you and I) took to give them the same benefits of clean water, clean air, and the unspoiled vistas of the Eastern Slopes that we enjoy today.

Signed

Print Name (required)

Address (required)