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2024 Annual Newsletter





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President's Report

by Bazil Leonard



I have only been invited to the Alberta Legislature building a few times in my life, so I was looking forward to meeting the Hon Todd Loewen and his staff. Susan (*Feddema-Leonard*) and I met up with Tom Thackeray, Vice President of the Willmore Wilderness Foundation outside of the parliament building in Edmonton. Tom had worked in the Alberta legislature for many years and had an office on the bottom floor when he worked for the Hon. Ken Kowalski, the longest-serving member of the Alberta legislature. Tom brings a lot of experience to the Foundation, as he was also the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Culture Community, and Voluntary Services. He is also the Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arts and Heritage, St Albert, a non-profit society, and registered charity.

Tom led us to the meeting room where we met Hon. Loewen, Shannon Marchand and Chief of Staff Patrick Malkin. We wanted to meet with the Minister and his staff to get clarification on the Willmore Wilderness Act. Willmore Wilderness Park is governed under the Willmore Wilderness Act, which promotes hunting, trapping and horse use in a non-motorized area of Alberta's eastern slopes. Our Board of Directors was hoping to get jurisdictional review of the Willmore Wilderness which is also known as Improvement District #25

Willmore Wilderness Park was first called Wilderness Provincial Park and was established in 1959. The region was split between Alberta Municipal Affairs Improvement District (ID) No. 14 and ID No. 16 prior to 1994. On January 02, 1994, parts of Improvement District No. 14 and No. 16 located in Willmore Wilderness Park were amalgamated to form Improvement District No. 25 under Ministerial Order 262/93.

Willmore Wilderness Park is governed under the Willmore Wilderness Act. This legislation prohibits development and motorized vehicles, which apparently negates the need to designate Willmore Wilderness Park as an established Improvement District. I have asked our Editor to print pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Willmore Wilderness Act, which is on Page-15 of the Newsletter. These pages outline the main intent of the Act.

While Willmore Wilderness Park is governed by the Willmore Wilderness Act, the staging areas that allow access into Willmore Wilderness Park, are designated as Provincial Recreational Areas (PRAs). The PRAs are bottle necks into Willmore Wilderness Park. PRAs include the Sulphur Gates PRA, the Berland River PRA, and the Rock Lake PRA, and are governed under the Provincial Parks Act, which is different legislation to the Willmore Wilderness Act.

Pictured here are
Shannon Marchand, Deputy Minister,
Forestry and Parks.
Hon. Todd Loewen,
Minister of Forestry and Parks,
Bazil Leonard, Susan Feddema-Leonard
and Tom Thackeray representing
the Willmore Wilderness Foundation
Photo courtesy of Patrick Malkin

It is my understanding that Alberta Forestry and Parks is going to streamline permitting processes and is trying to reduce the amount of red tape needed to get permits, and various permission for organizations and businesses that work in the park. The Willmore Wilderness Foundation feels that there is a need for many groups to clear trail in the 4600 square kilometer Park. The annual downed timber, noxious weeds and willow encroachment are all big problems which are getting out of control. If we don't use it, we will lose it. We feel that there is a big need to work collaboratively with all non-governmental organizations (NGO's) as well as Alberta Forestry and Parks, and Alberta Municipal Affairs

The Willmore Wilderness Preservation and Historical Foundation was formed in 2002 with the purpose of educating the public, as well as preserving the history of the region. I have asked our editor to put in an excerpt on the formation of Willmore Wilderness Park taken from page 24 and 25 of *People & Peaks of Willmore Wilderness Park: 1800s to mid 1900s*.

It was a very cordial meeting, and we were encouraged by Hon. Todd Loewen. Tom Thackeray and I invited Hon Loewen and his representatives to the Mountain Horsemanship Clinic in Grande Cache in June of 2024.

NORMAN WILLMORE PRESERVES TRADITIONS OF THE EASTERN SLOPES!

Photo:
Norman Willmore,
Mrs. Dot Willmore and
Prime Minister. Diefenbaker.

Photo courtesy of
Joyce Hageman,
who is
Norman Willmore's niece.

Pictured on left page:
2003 Trail Clearing Crew



The following excerpt on the formation of Willmore Wilderness Park was taken from page 24 and 25 of People & Peaks of Willmore Wilderness Park: 1800s to mid 1900s.

During the 1940s changes were affecting the eastern slopes and a visible scar was being perpetrated in the Alberta Rocky Mountains. "In 1944, the Imperial Oil Company explored the area north of Hinton, searching for petroleum. Approximately one hundred men were occupied in this search. In 1948, Imperial Oil constructed the 'oil road' to Muskeg (*which is twenty miles east of present-day Grande Cache*). In order to find sites where their seismic crews could drill, Imperial Oil hired various guides and outfitters in the area."¹

During the 1940s and 1950s, oil and gas leases were awarded in what is now Willmore Wilderness Park. The Hinton and Jasper outfitters and trappers were getting worried about the roads that the oil and gas sector were inflicting on the mountain trails. Outfitter, Tom Vinson stated in a July 19, 2003 interview, "So we pressured Norman Willmore (MLA) to do something about the oil and gas exploration, and he did. He declared the area a wilderness park where trapping, hunting, and fishing would be permitted. That was all—no motor vehicles. That's what we wanted, of course."²

Due to the fact that no oil of any consequence was discovered, the pressure from the oil and gas sector subsided when they let their leases expire. In 1959, Norman Willmore was instrumental in getting legislation passed to protect the area. This

legislation is now known as the Willmore Wilderness Act.

Honourable Norman Willmore was a man who believed in the environment and wanted his constituency to have a voice and he encouraged the trappers to organize into a body that could be heard by government. Norman Willmore was member of the Alberta Legislature for Jasper-Edson and was also Minister of Lands and Forests. He was also the driving force in the formation of the Alberta Trappers Association. This Member of the Legislative Assembly listened and has left a wilderness legacy for future generations.

[1] Diamond Hitch by E.H. Heart – Page 253

[2] History of Hinton by Hazel Hart – Page 344

Wild TV is celebrating their 20th anniversary.
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Canadian Rockies Series, FREE on their website at
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2023 TRAIL CLEARING

Trail Clearing to Walton Creek.

On a normal year, the trail crew could have cut deadfall on the trail from the Cowlick Creek Staging Area to Deadman Creek with no trouble. The damage from the late snow fall, and the fact that a portion of the trail had not been touched since 2016 posed challenges for the chainsaw operators. The thick downed timber made cutting slow. It was laborious work. One chainsaw completely broke down, and the crew had to rely on the second saw.

The trail crew ran into several "Passport to the Peaks" hikers who could not get to the top of Hayden Ridge due to the downed timber. The hikers thanked the trail hands for their hard work. This gratitude was also recognized on Facebook and Instagram posts.

Tom Wanyandie, a 92-year-old Elder said it was the worst he had ever seen. Tom started guiding in the 1950s. Outfitter Bazil Leonard had been outfitting in Willmore Wilderness since 1969 and stated that this year was the worst trail conditions he had encountered.

While other areas in northern Alberta were experiencing wildfires, the Grande Cache area had heavy seasonable rainfall. The mud was very bad due to downpours, and the rotted corduroy bridges were covered in water. The corduroy bridging will have to be

replaced at some point in the near future. There were several bad muskeg bogs in which the horses were forced to lunge through.

The trail rehabilitation work was slow going. We are glad to report that the trail was cleared from Cowlick Creek Staging Area to Cowlick Creek meadows, up and over Hayden Ridge and down to Walton Creek. Outfitter Curtis Hallock told Outfitter Bazil Leonard that the trail beyond that was not as bad and was navigable by horse.

Thanks goes out to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FR/IAA) for supporting this trail clearing initiative.

Trail Clearing to Jackpine Falls

Our second trail clearing trip took us to Jackpine Falls. The Willmore Wilderness Foundation has been clearing trails in the Jackpine Valley for over 20 years. The Jackpine River trail links to the Great Divide trail, Morkill Pass trail, the Jasper Park trail network, and the trail to Grande Cache. These trails were once used by mountain men like Art Allen, Curly Phillips, Roy Hargreaves, Carl Luger, and other legendary trappers, guides, and outfitters.

The Willmore Wilderness Foundation trail crew rode a 11-hour ride from Kvass Flats to the Jackpine River Camp.

The cutting was extremely heavy through both the 2002 Smoky River Burn and the 2007 Jackpine River burn. In one stretch of the trail the chainsaw crews went through 2-½ tanks of gas on what would normally be a 20-minute horseback ride. The trail crews had never seen so much downed timber. Some of the charred trees were over 2-feet in diameter and were difficult to cut. The saws were running hot, and we were using more oil and gas than usual. Sadly, our trail crew was unable to reach the goal of Ptarmigan Lake. We were, however, successful in cutting trail to Jackpine Falls. The Falls are about ½-hour ride from Ptarmigan Lake when the trail is clear.

The trails through the 2002 Smoky River Burn, the 2007 Jackpine River Burn and the 2007 Sheep Creek Valley burn need to be cleared annually. High winds blow the burnt timber down and the area can become difficult to navigate.

If the public travels the trails through the wildfire and charred timber, they should bring a chainsaw, as the trees continually fall. Horse travellers are encouraged to bring extra feed, as the grass is scarce in the Jackpine Valley.

Thanks goes out to Hon Todd Loewen and Alberta Forestry and Parks for the trail support.





Traditional Tales

By Caitlind Delorme

A year has come and gone with so much learned and experienced. Over the winter I worked on Cree-interview translations for the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. I did historical research to build the Foundation's historical database. I can honestly say, being able to speak Cree is such a gift. I truly got lucky with this job, as I get to translate archived interviews of the voices of many elders who shared their memories of days-gone-by. Transcribing interviews brought me back to my childhood, where I can see myself sitting and listening to the elders, that my parents and I got the chance to visit. Overtime they shared stories and laughter. Those are days that I cherish.

The spring melt came, and dad and I needed to get out of the house. We decided to work on hides. We were scraping one of the hides to get rid of the hair, when the lodge pole pine we were perched on snapped about the midpoint. It caused us to fall to the middle of hide, like we were fish in a net. I asked dad if he was okay. He just started to laugh saying he kissed the hide on the way down. It was good weather to make hides, during my days off. There's nothing like laughter to get through the day.

My Dad and I decided we would have to rebuild our hide making station. We got lodgepole pine trees for our new hide frame. We needed to reinforce our structure. We built a fire pit to help dry the hide, and the softening station to make the hide soft. We decided to build a frame for a shelter for rainy days. We worked on hides and looked for medicinal plants. We picked the different plants

we would need over the winter. I love the aromas that are made by all the plants. I couldn't be happier with my dad, being outdoors, and the time I get to learn from him. It's an honor to work alongside my father with all his wisdom and teachings. He is 83 years young and is still going strong. I'm thankful for it every day.

Early in May we had the Larry Nelles Master Horsemanship Clinic at Smoky River Ranch near Grande Cache. Larry taught horsemanship skills. I helped to cook at the event. I also got a chance to work with a two-year-old mare. I enjoyed myself and I participated in different horsemanship skills. I learned that you use different methods for different horses. It was a great event and I look forward to more like it.

I started a new job in November with the Mountain Métis Community Association as an Environmental Assistant. I like my new job. I still work part time with the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. I am enjoying working for both organizations.



Pictured left top: Caitlind Delorme
Administrative and Research Assistant

Pictured left bottom: Clinic Kitchen
that Caitlind worked in, with Allylee Ingersoll
and Elder Leola Moberly

Pictured right:
Marcus Hofer riding the buckshin horse

Larry Nelles

by Wayne Gienger

One of the most surreal moments I have had the privilege to witness was on a drizzling June day in the Smoky River Valley during a horse training clinic hosted by the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. Marcus Hofer is a protégé of the six decades of wisdom that Larry Nelles, Master Horseman, shares with the world. One buckskin gelding who had a knack for bucking, was going to school to learn a better way.

Now what I want to explain to you is how physically, and spiritually connected Larry is to the horse and his student. Marcus is an able, capable, horseman ... so when his horse blew up Marcus valiantly guided his pupil, but the buckskin wasn't having any

of it. When Marcus hit the ground, lightening his mount's load, Larry did too! Larry was so in tune, that when Marcus was spun off of his horse ... Larry fell out of his chair at the exact same time. Larry is so connected to his work, his horses, and the people around him, that he rode in some form of spiritual connection ... tied ... linked ... and bonded! Marcus and Larry both hit the soil at precisely the same time, in a synchronous and unavoidable, unapologetic way! Now that is connection to the craft.

It was my privilege to have borne witness to this historic and higher level of human achievement.

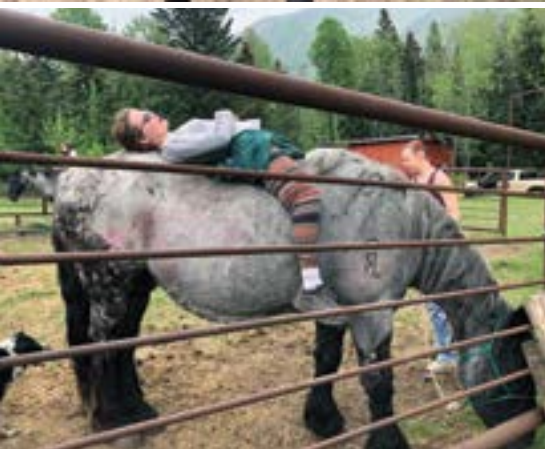


Picture above: Wayne Gienger
Board of Directors
Willmore Wilderness Foundation



**Larry teaches the
importance of
understanding the horse
using the following:**

Integrity
Manners
Respect
Love
Trust
Position
Feeling
Timing
Balance



Kids & Horses Clinic

By: Logan Leonard

Hello Everyone,

We have had a productive year at the Willmore Wilderness Foundation. Trail clearing and horsemanship clinics have both been a success. In addition, we held our first ever Kids & Horses Clinic.

Andonia Reynolds and I hosted the Kids & Horses Clinic. The goal was to help young people build their confidence and to help them gain skills and interest with horses. I'm happy to report that we accomplished that goal! It was amazing to see the growth of confidence with the participants and the participant's eagerness to learn about horses, horse safety and riding skills.

Some of the participants were understandably nervous as it was their first encounter with a horse. Excellent coaching from Andonia helped to build the confidence in youth who expressed concern about letting go and trusting a horse. By the second day we were able to complete a 25-minute trail ride with kids that had only touched a horse for the first time the day before.

Lunches were provided for the Kids & Horses Clinic by Allylee Lamb, Leola Moberly and Caitlind Delorme. The food was delicious, and the meal was a good way to break up the day. The participants would discuss and chat amongst themselves about what they had learned in the morning sessions; their favorite horses and how excited they were for the upcoming lesson. It was a highlight of my summer to be a part of the Kids & Horses Clinic, to pass on some of my experience and

help the participants who attended, to step out of their comfort zones and build confidence. This is something that I hope we can replicate this summer and for years to come.

I believe it is important to pass horsemanship skills onto the next generation and foster interest in not only horses, but also the great outdoors that we are blessed to have here in Canada.

I believe fostering skills and interest will ensure that horses and outdoor areas like Willmore Wilderness Park will exist well into the future.

The Kids & Horses Clinic would not have been possible if not for the funding provided by the Municipal District of Greenview. We are grateful that we were able to obtain the funds that allowed us to run this program. In addition, this clinic would not have been possible without the hard work of the Willmore Wilderness Foundation and their hard-working employees to facilitate and accommodate the Kids and Horses Clinic.

Thank you to everyone involved.
Logan Leonard
Willmore Wilderness Foundation

Pictured top left :
Logan Leonard

Pictured in middle and bottom:
Kids & Horses Participants

Pictures on right page:
Images from the
Larry Nelles
Mountain Horsemanship Clinic

Larry Nelles Mountain Horsemanship

The MD of Greenview, Northern and Regional Economic Development Program (NRED) and the Willmore Wilderness Foundation sponsored several programs at Smoky River Ranch that were led by Master Horseman Larry Nelles. The training was made available to more than a hundred participants and spectators over 17 different days.

The Larry Nelles Horsemanship program began with an Information Session on June 8, 2023, at the Willmore Wilderness Foundation’s Traditional Training Centre in Grande Cache. There was a very good turnout at this event and in all subsequent training days. Most of the participants were teens and young adults. There was an average of 30 to 35 people per day who participated and approximately 50 people in attendance at the end of the clinic. The Mountain Horsemanship course was a tremendous success.

Andonia Reynolds and Logan Leonard also coordinated 6 days of community and youth development programs called Kids & Horses for youth who were 4-7, 8-12, and 13–18 year of age. The Kids & Horses Clinic complemented the

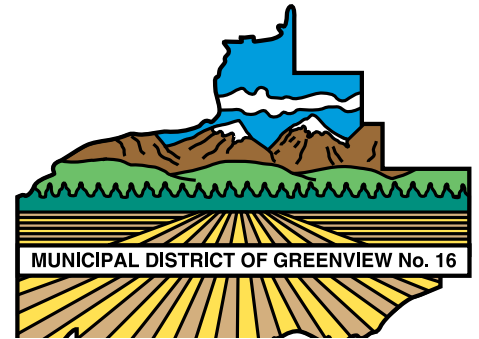
Master Horsemanship program by teaching youth basic equine skills. The program kept the participants in touch with nature, encouraging health and wellness. Healthy meals were provided each day during the Kids & Horses Clinics and the Mountain Horsemanship Clinic. Check out Logan Leonard’s detailed report on the Kid & Horses Clinic

The Larry Nelles Master Horsemanship Clinic and the Kids and Horses Clinic helped build capacity in the guide and outfitting industry, which has operated over the past 200-years. The program supports mountain guides, outfitters, horse trainers and horse owners, so they can better fulfill their mission of delivering safe horse-oriented opportunities to the tourism sector and the public.

Both programs were filmed by a film crew. This footage will be edited into documentaries, as well as into teaching videos. Recognition will also be shown in the credits of the documentary film called the “Spirit Within” which will be aired on Wild TV, RFD TV, and Cowboy Channel Canada. Credits will also be shown in this Newsletter, and in social media.



Above: Curtis Hallock and Bill Leonard

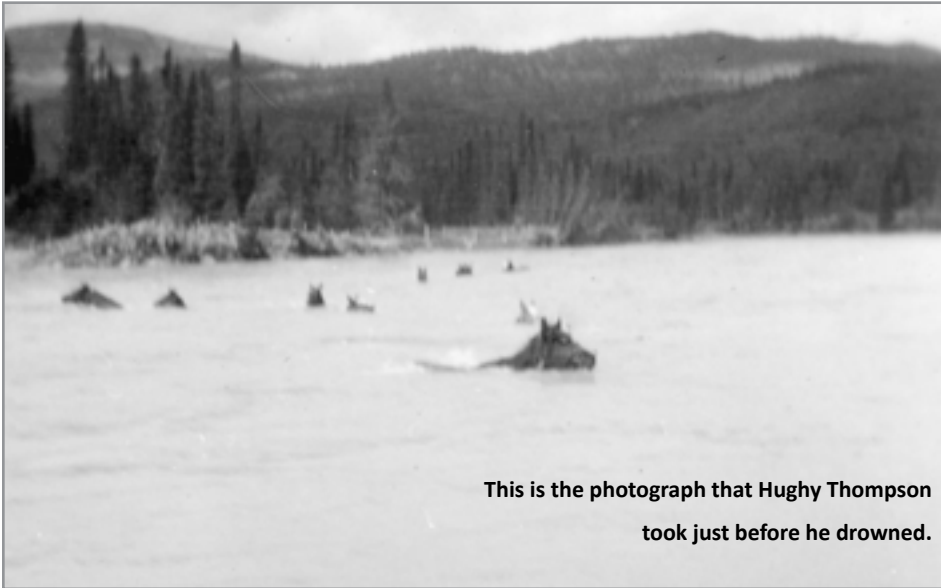


Thanks to the
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Greenview #16 and the
Northern and Regional
Economic Development
Program (NRED) for the
Mountain Horsemanship
program



Smoky River Drowning

By: Susan Feddema-Leonard



This is the photograph that Hughy Thompson took just before he drowned.

Many Willmore Wilderness travellers are unaware of the dangers of crossing the Smoky River at Clark's Crossing. Both hikers, riders and horses have drowned trying to cross both the Smoky River and the Muddy Water River in days-gone-by. These drainages need to be taken seriously and traversed with caution.

The following is an excerpt from an interview I had with Ken Thomson in 2008, at the tender age of 95-year-old. His son drowned in a whirlpool, crossing the Smoky River at Clarks Crossing, which was a boat crossing in yesteryear.

Sue I am sitting here with retired outfitter Ken Thomson, his wife Lily Rolfsen and Millie McKenzie. We are in Rocky Mountain House, and it is June 26, 2008. Millie McKenzie and her late husband, outfitter Ed McKenzie operated an old-time outfit out of Rocky Mountain House. Ed worked for Ken Thomson in the past, and Millie was on one trip with his outfit.

Sue Ken, will you tell me a little about where you were born and where grew up?

Ken I was born on September 8, 1913, in Edmonton. We moved in 1914 to a homestead in Kinuso at Lesser Slave Lake.

Sue What brought you into working with horses and outfits?

Ken I started packing when I was about twenty years old, I guess (*circa 1933*). I worked for different outfitters and was always with horses. My first job was when I worked on a pack outfit for the government as a cook. The Canadian Government was hiring cooks and packers. I soon found out that there was better money in packing.

This one fellow had a couple of suitcases and a lash rope, and he said, "I want you to throw a diamond hitch on this." He had this old bench and put a suitcase on each side. I had to throw a diamond hitch on that to show him that I could throw the hitch. I went out for a second year as

Pictured on right page:

"Young Hughy was taking pictures of the horses as they crossed the river."

Photos courtesy Ken Thomson

Excerpt taken from
People & Peaks of Willmore Wilderness Park
The Legacy Continues

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a packer. I was packing in the north country—the Slave Lake country. I had worked with the odd outfitter, and I wanted to try outfitting in the mountains.

Millie I was talking to Sue about when Ed was working for you north of the Smoky River, when your son Hughy drowned up there. Earl Thomas was on that trip too. Earl used to live here in the Caroline area. He worked for Ken at the same time that Ed did. Earl was actually my brother-in-law, as he married Ed's sister.

Anyway, Ed was in charge of the outfit. I don't know how many geologists there were. I think there were two or three of them with Ed, Earl and Hughy.

It was an all-summer trip, and they started out in early June. It was before we were married, and I was still a kid in school. We were trying to remember what year that was. I think it was 1952.

Ken I think you are right. I'm pretty sure that is when it was—'52, yes.

Millie Ken, you hired Ed to take the trip out for you. The guys went from Rocky Mountain House all the way up to what is now Grande Cache—and beyond. They had to cross the Smoky River, which was pretty dangerous at that time. Young Hughy was taking pictures of the horses as they crossed the river. Ed and the others saw that Hughy had gotten across the river safely on a raft. In fact, Hughy and the geologists floated across the Big Smoky.

Ed and Earl were trying to get the horses into the water, and of course, none of them wanted to cross the fast flowing Smoky. They were having trouble. Hughy decided to go back to the other side of the river to help the pair, since they were having so much

trouble. The current caught his horse and rolled it. He was part way across the icy waters when he lost his horse. Hughy was lost in the rolling current. Earl Thomas tried to save him, as he was the closest one. He tried very hard to rescue Hughy and almost drowned himself. Earl couldn't get a hold of him.

Earl told me that they crossed the Smoky at Clark's Cache, and they couldn't find Hughy after the current pulled him in. I remember that it was a very traumatic time. The body was found on November 17, 1952.

Sue I remember Tom Wanyandie, a Grande Cache Indigenous guide, telling me that they found his body near his home. It was

located downstream near where the Muskeg River flows into the Smoky.

Millie That accident happened two years before Ed and I were married. We were dating at that time.

Ken I used to have to tie Ed to keep him from taking off from camp—back home to Millie. She was a powerful pull.

Millie That was about the time I met Ken, I guess. I have some pictures of that 1952 trip. I have the photographs that Hughy took right before he drowned. Hughy was taking most of the shots with his camera.

Stan Clark's Boat House

By: Susan Feddema-Leonard

Stan Clark had entered the employment of the Canadian Forestry Service, becoming the first Superintendent in 1912. He did most of the pioneer work in establishing the Athabasca Forest. After returning from war in 1918, he purchased the Entrance Ranch and began setting up a large horse and cattle ranch. On one occasion, he guided U.S. Army Major Townsend Whelen to the Smoky River country to hunt. Whelen was excited about his expedition and wrote about the success of this hunt in the 1923 and 1924 Outdoor Life Magazine. As a result, Stan was inundated with requests to take parties out and decided to go into the outfitting business.

Stan Clark would take his hunters from Entrance to Rock Lake, over Eagle's Nest, up Rock Creek to the Sulphur River, to Big Grave, up Kvass Creek and down Wolverine Creek, across Smoky River and up to Sheep Creek. There is a legend that Stan Clark had side-packed a collapsible boat to cross the Big Smoky. The area was a difficult ford for foot and horse travelers. In later years, Clark had a permanent boat crossing with a boathouse, which was located upstream from the confluence of Wolverine Creek on the south side of the Smoky River. The site became known as Clark's Crossing.

This excerpt was taken from People & Peaks of Willmore Wilderness Park: 1800s to mid 1900s



THANK YOU
Hon Todd Loewen and
Alberta Forestry and
Parks for the
trail support.

Alberta

Willmore Wilderness Foundation
Financial Statement
For the Year Ending 2023

WILLMORE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
Statement of Loss and Retained Earnings
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023
REVENUES	
Grants	\$ 332,726
Donations	15,720
Training & Clinics	2,652
Book sales	2,117
DVD Sales	1,611
Membership fees	630
Interest income	359
Contracts	-
	355,815
EXPENSES	
Film and productions costs	329,693
Salaries and wages	87,551
Contract Services	64,256
Training	49,128
Repairs and maintenance	28,653
Office	18,407
Amortization	14,624
Insurance	14,245
Utilities	13,057
Interest on long term debt	9,311
Accounting fees	5,101
Telephone	4,776
Research costs	2,076
Meals and entertainment	2,064
Travel	1,679
Credit card charges	1,419
Advertising and promotion	1,014
Memberships	288
Business taxes and licences	53
	647,395
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	(291,580)
OTHER INCOME	-
NET LOSS	(291,580)
RETAINED EARNINGS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	651,994
	360,414
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS	10,322
RETAINED EARNINGS - END OF YEAR	\$ 370,736



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WILLMORE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT	
Cash	\$ 70,507
Accounts receivable	6,336
Prepaid expenses	-
Due from related parties	-
	<u>76,843</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT <i>(Net of accumulated amortization)</i>	639,558
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	<u>100</u>
	<u>\$ 716,501</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
CURRENT	
Accounts payable	\$ 43,049
Deferred income	<u>145,866</u>
	188,915
LONG TERM DEBT	<u>156,850</u>
	345,765
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>370,736</u>
	<u>\$ 716,501</u>

**Our hearts are broken
with the loss of Emily Fehr,
a mountain woman and
horsewoman.**

**She will be missed.
Our Board of Directors,
staff and crew
are deeply saddened
with her sudden passing.**

**No words can
describe how we feel.
Our prayers go out to her
partner Martin Hallock,
her family and her friends.**



Kids & Horses Participants

Kids & Horses Clinic

It is important to pass
horsemanship skills onto the next
generation.
Thanks to the
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People & Peaks Productions



CONGRATULATIONS goes out to
People & Peaks Productions on two
(2) ROSIE AWARDS Nominations
from 2023 Alberta Media Production
Industries Association (AMPIA).

Bazil Leonard was nominated for Best
Narrator for **Heart of the Rockies:
Episode 3.**

Susan Feddema-Leonard and Heather
Devoe were nominated for Best

Documentary Series for:

Heart of the Rockies: Episode 3. which is a
3-part ½ hour documentary series.

People & Peaks Productions has finished a
three-part ½ hour documentary series called
Ride the Great Divide.

Heart of the Rockies, Ride the Great Divide
and **Alberta Outfitters** will be aired on
Wild TV - Canada's Hunting and Fishing
TV Network, RFD TV Canada, and Cowboy
Channel Canada.

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Yearly Membership is as follows:

- \$25.00 Individual Membership or \$100.00 for five years
- \$35.00 Family Membership or \$140.00 for five years
- Life Time Membership \$500.00
- Corporate Membership \$100.00
- Youth Fees are 1/2 price
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Debit, Interac, PayPal, & Cheques

WILLMORE WILDERNESS PARK ACT

Chapter W-11

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions**1** In this Act,

- (a) “land” means land of the Crown in right of Alberta;
- (b) “Park” means the Willmore Wilderness Park established by this Act.

RSA 1980 cW-10 s1

Willmore Wilderness Park

2(1) All land within the area described in the Schedule is hereby established as a park to be known as “Willmore Wilderness Park”.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may

(3) References in the Schedule or in any order made under subsection (2) to the boundaries of any sections, townships or ranges that are not surveyed are deemed to be references to the boundaries of the sections, townships or ranges that would exist if the land were surveyed under the system of township surveys prescribed by the *Surveys Act*.

RSA 1980 cW-10 s2

Use of Park

3 The Park is dedicated to the use of the people of Alberta for their benefit, education and enjoyment, subject to this Act and the regulations, and shall, by the management, conservation and protection of its natural resources and by the preservation of its natural beauty, be maintained for the enjoyment of future generations.

RSA 1980 cW-10 s3

Industrial activities

4 No person may conduct any industrial activities, including, but not limited to, mining, geological and geophysical explorations, water management, hydro-electric power and pulp and paper mills, saw mills and other forestry related industries, within the Park.

1995 c38 s2

Prohibited dispositions

5(1) No person may be granted, in respect of land within the Park,

- (a) a disposition under the *Public Lands Act* and the regulations under that Act,
- (b) a timber disposition as defined in the *Forests Act*,
- (c) a disposition as defined in the *Mines and Minerals Act*,
- (d) any disposition, licence, permit or approval under any Act or regulation for the purpose of geophysical or geological exploration or for the purposes of water conservation or hydro-electric power, or
- (e) an estate or interest in land under any other Act or regulation.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Crown may

- (a) grant registered fur management licences under the *Wildlife Act* and any dispositions to assist in trapping, and

- (b) grant a disposition, licence, permit or approval under any Act or regulation if it relates to the control of insects or forest diseases or to commercial trail riding, guiding or outfitting operations.

RSA 1980 cW-10 ss4,5,6;1995 c38 s2

Regulations

6 Subject to sections 4 and 5, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, with respect to the Park,

- (a) make regulations varying, substituting, adding to or making inapplicable to it any or all of the provisions of the following Acts or regulations:
 - (i) the *Public Lands Act* and regulations under it;
 - (ii) the *Forests Act* and regulations under it;
 - (iii) the *Wildlife Act* and regulations under it;
 - (iv) any Act or regulation that relates to
 - (A) the prevention or suppression of fire,
 - (B) the removal or destruction of forest growth,
 - (C) the prevention of soil erosion, or
 - (D) the conservation of water or water-power;
- (b) make regulations considered necessary to carry out the purposes for which this Act is enacted.

RSA 1980 cW-10 ss7,8;1995 c38 s2

Schedule

All that parcel of land lying in unsurveyed territory, west of the sixth (6) meridian, in the Province of Alberta, and being within the boundaries more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the north boundary of Jasper National Park with the east boundary of township fifty-one (51), range three (3), thence north along the east boundary of the said range three (3), to the south-east corner of township fifty-three (53), range three (3), thence east along the south boundary of township fifty-three (53) to the south-east corner of township fifty-three (53), range two (2), thence north along the east boundary of the said township fifty-three (53), range two (2), to the north-east corner thereof, thence west along the north boundary of

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