

**Title of Project: 2 Day Quality Forage Seminar Jan. 25-26, 2000****Report Title:** Final Report**Report Covering Period:** Jan. 1 to March 31, 2000**Organization(s):** Peace River Forage Association of BC**Contact Person:** Bill Wilson, Treasurer**Address:** Box 265, Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 4G7**Telephone:** 250-782-2866**Fax:** 250-782-3166**Email:** [billwilson@pris.bc.ca](mailto:billwilson@pris.bc.ca)**Objectives:**

- Host a forage seminar for members and livestock producers.
- Bring in resource people to share how wildlife problems have been handled in other areas (Saskatchewan, Alberta and Oregon).
- Expand the forage seminar into a two day event:
  - Jan. 25: focusing on managing forage, water systems, endophytes in straw
  - Jan. 26: forum to discuss wildlife issue with all stakeholders.

**Accomplishments:**

- Great attendance at the event, over 150 people over the 2 days.
- Great interest in the event by industry, producers and other stakeholders.
- Excellent facilitation and quality discussion.

**Tasks in progress:**

- Continued dialog between these speakers or resource people and members of PRRD Wildlife Committee.

**Extension and demonstration:**

- 5 newspaper articles written in Peace Prospects page of Northern Horizon and at least 2 in Forage First newsletter.
- Funding/ sponsors acknowledged in news articles, on posters and verbally at seminar.
- Follow-up by CCM and Secretary on requests for information from the seminar.

**Finances:**

Total expenses:	\$7,402.62
Total income from all sources except PRAD:	\$3,745.00
Deficit made up by PRFA of BC:	\$ 157.62
Amount received from PRAD to date:	\$3,150.00
<b>PRAD holdback requested:</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

**Variances from original work plan, schedule or budget:** none**Summary comments, conclusions:**

- Seminar helped spark increment of progress on resolving regional wildlife issues.
- Seminar inspired Ministry of Environment staff to organize a provincial forum this fall.
- Participants found out we are not the only ones dealing with livestock-wildlife forage conflicts and there are approaches used in other areas that may be useful here.

**Attachments:** Winter Seminar Statement of Income & Expenses Jan. 25-26, 2000