

GRASSLAND AND RANGELAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (GREP) 2022/23

The Grassland and Rangeland Enhancement Program supported 18 projects in 2022/23, providing a total of \$276,660 in funding to improve pasture management, enhance water availability, reduce wildlife conflicts and support sustainable cattle grazing practices across the region.

Project Area	Project Description	Amount
Region-wide	East Kootenay Invasive Species Council Rancher Sprayer Program to address invasive plants, including an invasive plant education component.	\$75,460
Bull River	Manual removal of invasive plant species to support organic certification requirements.	\$3,430
Bull River	Installation of drill steel corral to help deter vandalism.	\$6,750
Columbia Lake	Fence repair and replacement to keep cattle out of logged areas and support re-establishment of pasture.	\$26,198
Cranbrook	Cranbrook Community Forest Invasive Plant Plan.	\$3,000
Cranbrook	Zero Ground Disturbance (ZGD) cattle guard fabrication. ZGD cattle guards are an innovation by the Kootenay Livestock Association that allow installation without machinery. They can be installed by hand to meet immediate cattle containment needs, such as during wildfire response.	\$7,500
Fort Steele	Replacement of gate with a ZGD cattle guard to improve cattle containment in high-use recreational area.	\$4,500
Fort Steele	Installation of metal cattle guard.	\$5,232
Grasmere	ZGD cattle guard installation to contain cattle within the correct pasture and prevent access to a rafting take-out location.	\$4,072
Koocanusa	Off-site well and trough installation to protect stream riparian areas and reduce grizzly bear predation.	\$21,814
Newgate	Cooperative project between GREP, Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program, Canfor and a local rancher to assess the effectiveness of logging cut-block seeding in reducing the introduction and spread of invasive plant species on disturbed ground.	\$8,666
Newgate - Teepee Creek	Fence repair and replacement along a busy Forest Service Road.	\$8,850
Premier Lake	Fence repair and replacement to prevent cattle access to the lake environment.	\$18,885
Skookumchuk	Fence repair and replacement to keep cattle away from the Kootenay River and Highways 3/95.	\$15,340
Skookumchuk	Nine-kilometre waterline extension to support use of tenured pasture. Waterlines and associated troughs will also provide a water source for wildfire crews.	\$31,916
Ta Ta Creek	Extension of fence line to keep cattle out of Forest Recreation Site.	\$3,055
Wardner	Water lane installation to two kettle ponds with riparian areas impacted by cattle and wildlife. Water lanes will contain cattle while allowing controlled access to water.	\$27,500
Wilmer	Water hole refurbishment to increase water volume for cattle and reduce cattle access to wetlands.	\$4,492
	TOTAL	\$276,660

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