Alberta Conservation Association 2017/18 Project Summary Report

Project Name: Conservation Site Signs

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Partnerships: N/A

Key Findings

• Signage was developed as required for each Conservation Site or project.

Introduction

Each conservation site has branded signage to recognize our partners, provide wayfinding for users, and notify users of restrictions on the site. Our Information, Education, and Communications Program works with our Land Management, Fisheries, and Wildlife programs to produce signs for conservation sites and their boundaries, fisheries access sites, pheasant release sites, thin-ice areas (warnings), and interpretive trails.

Methods

Digital print files including illustrated aerial site maps and site-specific information are produced throughout the year as required by our Fisheries, Wildlife, and Land Management programs. All signage is coordinated for production and printing to ensure best price, "batch" sizing, and correct site sponsor recognition.

Results

In 2017/18, signs were produced for twenty-two conservation sites: Beaton Wetland, Ironside Pond, East Deadwood, Stainbrook Springs, Drake, Radar Hill, Little Burnt River, Scheerschmidt, Musidora, Musidora 4, North Vilna, Birch Coulee, Lac Emelien, Gouin, Pomrenk Homestead, Edson Creek, Wintergreen, Camp Creek, Tiger Lily, Lac Delorme, and Therin. Including one sign recognizing the donation of Coulson Conservation Site.

We produced signs for eleven Enhanced Fish Stocking Sites: Emerson Lake, Bow City East Pond, Castaway Pond, Enchant Park Pond, Irma Pond, Kinsmen Lake, Lougheed Trout Pond, Mitchell Pond, Nose Creek Pond, Wallace Park Pond, and Wetaskiwin Lions Trout Pond. Riparian Conservation Site signs were produced for NCC, the Butlers, Private Property, Seaborn Seeds, Mark and Laura Luymes, and Lamport's Polled Herefords.

LHP signs were produced for Chris and Kathy Andersen and the Roen Family.

In addition, specialty signs were produced for Angler Surveys, Abrupt Drop Off, Use Dock At Own Risk, No Shooting, Do Not Block Gate, OHVs Are Prohibited, Foot Access Only/With Permission, No Unauthorized Vehicles, No Driving In Fields, No Driving Off Main Trail, Use Respect/Landowner Permission, Use Respect/Foot Access Only, Use Respect/Lease Holder Permission, Gouin Trail Access, and Gouin Permission.

Conclusions

Onsite signage is key to end-user ACA brand recognition, sponsor and landowner recognition, proper site use and restriction notification, and on-the-ground promotion of Report A Poacher and "Use Respect – Ask First" initiatives. Conservation site signs were printed in a timely manner to coincide with seasonal installations and also on-demand needs.

Communications

• Signage produced as required.

