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Office of the Mayor

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Mr. Barry Kalinski
Reeve, M.D. of Bonnyville
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Dear Reeve Kalinski:

On behalf of Lac La Biche County, I am writing to request your assistance regarding the Olympic Lake Heifer Project, managed by the Lakeland Forage Association (LFA).

As you may be aware, the Lakeland Forage Association manages a grazing lease of approximately 2,000 acres on Olympic Lake which is within Lac La Biche County. This land has been used for two projects: the Northern Range Enhancement Project (NREP) and the Olympic Lake Heifer Project.

While we appreciate the efforts and research initiatives that have occurred over the past decade, our primary concern revolves around the current land management system. Specifically, we are troubled by the disproportionate allocation of producers allowed to utilize these lands and currently only one Lac La Biche County resident holds a position despite the land's location being within our County. The lack of turnover among grandfathered permitted users from other municipalities under the Northern Range Enhancement Project pasture system exacerbates this imbalance.

Lac La Biche County believes that a fair rotation system is essential to ensuring equitable access for all ranchers and farmers. To this end, we request your assistance in pursuing a fair system for this grazing lease located within our municipality. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Reutov
Mayor, Lac La Biche County

cc: Lac La Biche County Council
Lakeland Agricultural Research Association (LARA)
Agricultural Service Board, Lac La Biche County
Manny Deol, Chief Administrative Officer, Lac La Biche County