

Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project
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Date: _____.

I am writing to express great concern with respect to the Springbank Dry Dam project which was recently posted on the CEAA website.

As a resident of _____, I feel impacted by this proposed project.

I understand that the footprint of the Springbank dry dam project to be enormous, in excess of 6,800 acres or 27.5 square kilometers. If this dry dam project gets built, it will result in the loss of an enormous amount of heritage ranching land in southern Alberta. The history of the settlement of this land is an important part of the history and legacy of this part of Alberta. This heritage is a valuable cultural resource must be protected.

In addition, the land inside and surrounding the dry dam project footprint is inhabited by many species of wildlife, including eagles and grizzly bears. The construction of such a massive project will have a damaging impact on these species and their environment.

Bull trout and west slope cutthroat trout habitat is known to exist in or around the area where the diversion structure is to be built on the Elbow River. I am concerned that this habitat will be damaged or destroyed by the construction and operation.

The project description indicates that the traditional territory and reserve lands of First Nations is also impacted. The protection of First Nations Treaty and traditional rights is a federal responsibility as I understand it.

I understand that these species of fish and wildlife, along with many others that inhabit the Springbank dry dam project area, are protected by federal environmental laws and regulations. Given the size, scope and impact of the Springbank Dry Dam project, and its potential harmful impact on the wildlife and aquatic life we ask that a federal government review through the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency be carried out.

Thank you for considering my comments. I can be reached at _____.

Sincerely, _____.