

Letters to the editor

Natural world needs protection

The arguments in B. Brace's Letter to the Editor ("Who will govern oil industry?" p. 8, Oct. 1 *Mountain View Gazette*) against environmental and other groups cannot go unchallenged.

First, "groups" such as the Pembina Institute, the Council of Canadians, Sierra Club etc. are not corporate entities created to make money; they are composed of informed, educated people who care about the issues they raised and who are supported by millions of other informed individuals who share the same values.

On the other hand, provincial and federal government officials do not always represent the people who elected them, but because of our party-based

electoral system, follow their party's policies, regardless of their constituents' wishes. Often they are elected by a minority of voters because people are so fed up with the games politicians play, they don't bother to vote.

Furthermore, political parties are often influenced by corporations and lobbyists who promise financial and other support (not always legally, as in some of the cases being investigated by Elections Canada). Depending on our governments alone to keep industry in line is like letting the wolves guard the sheep.

Corporations are, by law, required to make a profit for their shareholders, without regard to the social well-being of the community. To assume that

they have our best interests at heart is to be dangerously naive. Yes, the oil and gas industry provides jobs, but experience in other counties has shown that there are far more jobs to be made in the Green energy industry.

Finally, the "environment" isn't some nebulous corporate entity - it's the natural world we depend on for our existence. It's the future of our children, the source of our food, water and medicine, the air we breathe and all the amazing creatures and beautiful sights and sounds that nourish our hearts and souls.

*Colette Belanger
Sundre*

Is the vulnerable population at risk?

The intensity of oil and gas extraction projects are negatively impacting the vulnerable sector's health. People at higher risk of oil and gas related impacts are pregnant mothers, unborn babies, small children, the elderly and people already living with regulated health conditions.

Neighbours suffering from respiratory or heart conditions have been recommended by oil and gas companies to leave their homes during oil and

gas extraction procedures. Intensive oil and gas extractions last up to four years in some neighbourhoods in the Mountain View community.

Is this the kind of community you want to live in, raise your family and livestock? Do you want to live in an unregulated oil and gas community? What do you have without your health? Are you willing as a community to risk the health of the healthy?

How will our local leaders address

these issues? How will our leaders care for Mountain View County's health care and how will our air quality be regulated for every family in the rural area? How will air quality be regulated for pregnant mothers, the elderly, small children and people with health issues? Who is going to regulate

and protect our health? What level of priority is health for our local representatives? How will our local representative care for the voices under the oil and gas money?

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300 - 400 lb avg	1.70 - 1.92
400 - 500 lb avg	1.67 - 1.92
500 - 600 lb avg	1.30 - 1.81
600 - 700 lb avg	1.20 - 1.64
700 - 800 lb avg	1.20 - 1.57
800 - 900 lb avg	1.20 - 1.51
900 - 1000 lb avg	1.00 - 1.36
1000 + lb avg	1.00 - 1.20

Heifers

0 - 300 lb avg	1.10 - 1.75
300 - 400 lb avg	1.20 - 1.74
400 - 500 lb avg	1.38 - 1.65
500 - 600 lb avg	1.28 - 1.57
600 - 700 lb avg	1.20 - 1.46
700 - 800 lb avg	1.20 - 1.42
800 - 900 lb avg	1.20 - 1.37
900 - 1000 lb avg	1.02 - 1.22
1000 + lb avg	1.00 - 1.15

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