



NEWS RELEASE

"Seeding Forage Crops on Frozen Ground to be Trialed in Columbia Valley"

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Frost seeding is a method to improve pasture and hay fields by broadcasting seed on frozen ground or snow. As the ground freezes and thaws, it opens and closes the ground, which allows the seed to be incorporated into the soil. Frost Seeding has been trialed in Northern British Columbia and elsewhere in the world with promising results for pasture rejuvenation – but new trials will assess the practice in the context of the Columbia Valley.

On December 3, Julie Robinson (Peace River Forage Association of BC) and Bill Wilson (Forage Friendly Enterprises Ltd) will be in Radium Hot Springs to discuss best practices for success and demonstrate how to frost seed. The event will be a great opportunity for ranchers to get some hands-on experience, think about seeding rates and see the trial being seeded. Julie has worked with forages (with PRFA of BC and Ministry of Agriculture) for over 20 years and Bill for 30 years (managing a ranch and working with PRFA of BC).

"This event is an excellent opportunity for our local ranching community to learn from experienced folks," says Rachael Roussin of the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors. "Julie and Bill both bring a wealth of experience and advice on pasture and forage crop management and we hope to glean as much as we can in the upcoming workshop. We have been trying to get Julie into the Kootenays for a couple of years, so we are thrilled that they are making the long trip!"

The Frost Seeding Workshop is part of a national initiative on evaluating best management practices and soil carbon sequestration by the Canadian Grassland and Forage Association, with the BC trials coordinated by the BC Forage Council.

"There is significant potential for perennial forages to contribute to mitigating climate change through soil carbon sequestration – and we need to start measuring how different practices are related to soil carbon. We are excited to be partnering with BC ranchers on this work, and contribute to the national work being done by the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association," said Serena Black, BCFC Manager.

Local coordination efforts by the Windermere and District Farmers Institute and the Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors make this event a true collaborative Agri-event that can't be missed! The Kootenay projects are funded in part by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Government of British Columbia through programs delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, December 3

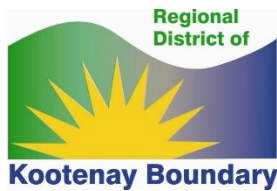
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Upper Ranch, 6755 Highway 95, Radium Hot Spring (3 km north of the 4 way stop in Radium)

Weather: rain, shine or snow. Please dress accordingly.

FREE Please register at www.kbfa.ca/events or call Rachael Roussin at 778-771-5851.

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Join us for a workshop with
the Peace River Forage Association
of BC & Forage Friendly Enterprises!

Date: Tuesday, December 3

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (MST)

Location: Upper Ranch, Radium Hot Springs
6755 Hwy 95 (3 km N. of the 4-way stop in Radium)

No cost - Register at: www.kbfa.ca/events

Contact: 778-771-5851

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