



Southern Interior Land Trust

Lot A DL 493 Bighorn Grassland – Grand Forks Pcl 2



For All Living Things



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What is special about this place?

Lot A DL 493 is 35 hectares (86 acres) of open, south-facing bunchgrass grassland that merges into bedrock outcrops on its upper slope. Lot A is just 2 km east of Grand Forks, British Columbia. It borders SILT's 109-hectare DL 492 Bighorn Grassland property.

Lot A is year-round habitat for a healthy herd of 200-300 California bighorn sheep. Rams and ewes of all ages use the land. It is also excellent spring range for mule deer and white-tailed deer. Several species-at-risk occur, including rattlesnake, gophersnake, spadefoot toad, tiger salamander and badger.

The Grand Forks (Gilpin) sheep herd has provided decades of first-class hunting and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

What are the benefits of acquisition?

- Lot A adds to SILT's adjacent DL 492 conservation parcel, securing a bigger area of bighorn sheep, deer and other wildlife habitat;
- Public access for non-motorized hunting and wildlife viewing will increase;
- A good-quality natural habitat area will be protected and managed forever for its wildlife and ecosystem values;
- Climate change impacts will be reduced by protecting grassland soils and by storing carbon;
- A low elevation movement corridor for bighorn sheep, deer and other wildlife will be secured.



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Bighorn sheep on SILT's adjacent DL 492

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