

# Holding the Reins 2009

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 the Oldman Watershed Council's Rural Team hosted their 3rd annual *Holding the Reins: Landowners Summit for the Oldman Watershed*. Approximately 125 people attended this year's workshop which was held at the Fort Macleod and District Community Hall.

Highlights of the day include having Shawn Patience, the Mayor of Fort Macleod welcome us, followed by presentations on:



- Landowner and Watershed Stewardship Group Updates – Jeff Porter
- Blackfoot Challenge Tour/ Watershed Legacy Program – Anne Stevick/ Tim Romanow
- Castle Special Place Working Group – Dianne Pachal and Rick Cooke
- Pheasants Forever/Partners in Habitat Development Mark Virginello/ Rick Martin
- Watershed Defender:
  - \* Dwayne Rogness – County of Lethbridge
  - \* Chris Waldner – Turin Hutterian Brethren Colony
  - \* Michael Gerrand – Cows and Fish
  - \* Mark Walter – Springpoint Colony
- How Irrigation Efficiency Has Improved – Ron McMullin, AIPA
- Forestry in the Southern Rockies – Darryl Johnson, Jean Lussier and Axel Anderson
- Seth Wilson – Program Coordinator, Wildlife Committee, The Blackfoot Challenge
- Digital Story Telling Showcase

The day ended off with an excellent dinner and a presentation from our keynote speaker, Roger Hohm discussing, "How Will Agriculture Maintain its Water in Southern Alberta?"

A special thanks to all of our sponsors for the summit:

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- Alberta Beef Producers
- Alberta Environment
- Vulcan County
- Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District
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- Ducks Unlimited Canada
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- County of Lethbridge
- Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA)
- Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

