

Eastern Slopes Forestry Teacher PD - October 15-17, 2026

Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16	Saturday, October 17
Calgary	Sundre to Rocky Mountain House	Rocky Mountain House to Calgary
DoubleTree Hilton North Calgary 9:15 am - Bus Departs <i>Personal vehicles can be left here for the duration of the PD program</i>	Depart at 8:00 am	Depart hotel at 8:00 am <i>To Des Crossley Demonstration Forest</i>
9:30 am - 10:00 am Registration, Welcome and Introductions <i>Bow Habitat Station</i> <i>(personal vehicles <u>CANNOT</u> be left here for the program)</i>		8:30 am -9:30 am Climate Change and Resilience in Alberta Forests <i>Climate change is changing the forest and environmental landscape in Alberta. We'll learn about research being done on these ecosystems and how management is being adapted to our evolving world.</i>
10:00 am - 10:30 am Eastern Slopes 101 - The Industries, Innovations and Issues <i>We'll gain an understanding of what makes this region of Alberta unique and how natural resources are managed</i>	9:00 am - 12:00 pm TOUR: Forestry in Action <i>Get an up-close look at what forestry practices look like in this behind-the-scenes tour.</i>	9:30 am -10:30 am Recreation Management in the Eastern Slopes <i>The unique features of the Eastern Slopes offer a wide variety of enticing outdoor recreation activities. We'll learn more about how recreation is managed to balance the interests of recreators with the health of the ecosystem.</i>
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Alberta's Native Trout <i>Fish native to the eastern slopes are facing issues related to climate change, invasive species and hybridization. Learn more about what's being done by the provincial government and other groups.</i>		10:30 am - 12:00 pm Classroom Connections Workshop <i>Take what you've learned and brainstorm how to apply it in your classroom!</i>
		PROGRAM WRAP UP
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm TOUR: Stewardship in Action in the Eastern Slopes <i>Learn about current stewardship practices and projects in the Eastern slopes. We'll have the opportunity to make our own impact on the area by helping with a hands-on project.</i>	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm TOUR: Watersheds of the Eastern Slopes <i>The Eastern Slopes of Alberta are home to many of the headwaters of our major rivers. We'll take a look at how water travels through this landscape and how water quality and quantity are measured.</i>	Travel back to Calgary Expected arrival 2:45 pm
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Travel to Sundre	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Travel to Rocky Mountain House	 Schedule is TBC and subject to change
<i>Dinner at 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Dinner at 6:15 pm</i>	
Sundre Overnight	Rocky Mountain House Overnight	