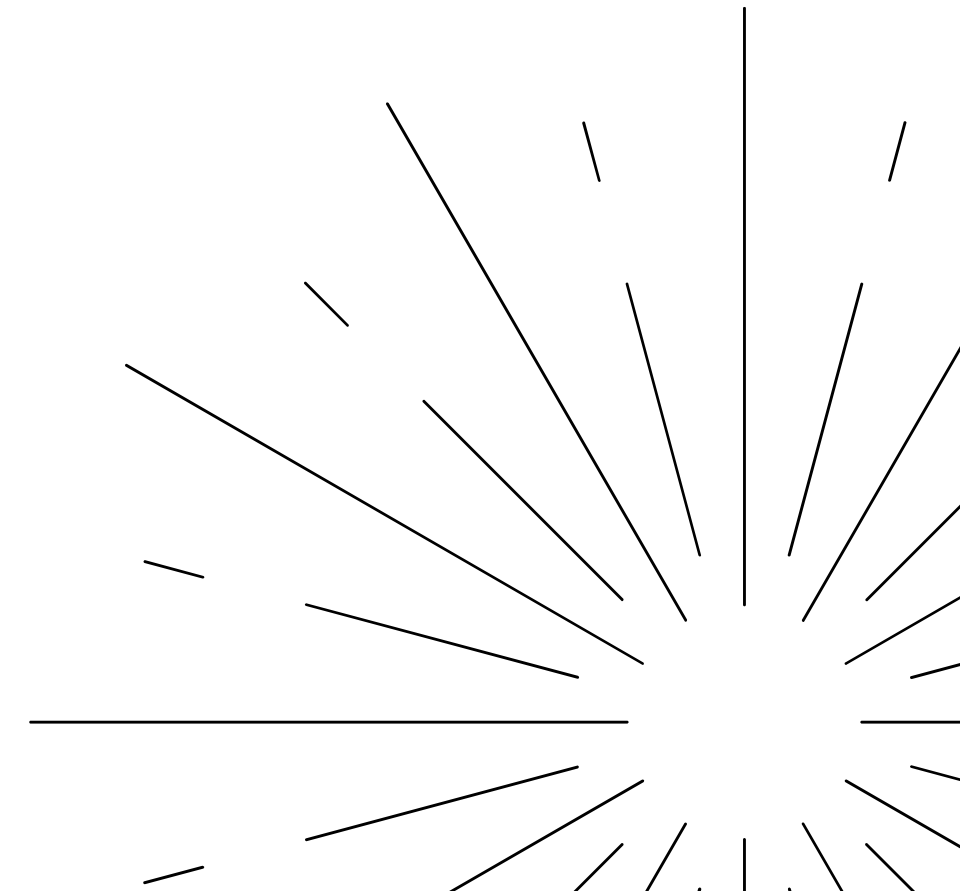


26 March 2025

Weeds on Wellsites WG. #4

Today's Agenda

- ❖ Session Introduction- Chair - Marcia Hewitt-Fisher ED
 - Recap –Resolutions/WG actions
- ❖ Mature Asset Strategy Activity
 - Briefing to Energy & Minerals
- ❖ Participation in Mature Asset Strategy initiative
 - Positive Effects
- ❖ RMA Survey Project Update – Beza Lemma
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Next WG Meeting Date



Stakeholder Resolutions

RMA & ASB's

Problem

- Neglect of weed control obligations on Oil & Gas Wellsites
- Weed notices are cost prohibitive, lack of debt recovery options
- Cost & liability now pushed to the Landowner

Proposed Actions

AER as Weed/Pest Inspectors

- REDA
 - WCA/APA to Specified Enactments
 - AER: Rule books/Manuals
- Inspector appointment under the WCA/APA would support REDA changes
- Goal: AER inspectors have jurisdiction on private land for Weeds & Pests

MGA & WCA/APA Alignment

- Investigating changes for MGA & WCA/APA
- AGI & MA are working collaboratively
- Goal: Wellsite maintenance debt to be applied to leaseholder taxes

Mature Asset Strategy Initiative

- Objective of MAS – Find ways to manage aging oil & Gas infrastructure
- Meetings: Between September and December 2024
- Participants: Alberta Surface Rights Federation, Wheatland & Area Surface Rights, GoA Ministries, Oil & Gas Industry, RMA, LPRT.

MAS Participation – Positive Effects

- Increased awareness:
 - Weeds on wellsites issue
 - Weed/pest impact to Agricultural Trade
- Landowner participation highlighted the erosion of trust between oil and gas operators and rural communities.
- RMA participation highlighted the unpaid taxes by oil and gas operators
- Presentation to LPRT members on the impact of weeds/pests in Agriculture
- Opportunity to highlight the WG's endorsed actions

RMA Project

**A Study to Measure & understand the
Scale of the issue**

- **Next Steps**

- MAS Cabinet Package Support
- RMA Survey Results

- **Next meeting**

- Fall 2025