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Renewable Energy Project Guides

The Prairie Conservation Forum has developed guides for industry and private landowners about reducing adverse impacts on Alberta's native grasslands

In 2017, the [Prairie Conservation Forum](#) (PCF) developed a document titled 'Beneficial Management Practices for Renewable Energy Projects'. This document was developed with the intent of providing a framework for the development of industry-specific beneficial management practices applicable to the renewable energy sector. The beneficial management practices are built on the minimal disturbance principles, guidelines, and tools developed by the Government of Alberta for all industrial activity proposed in native prairie and parkland landscapes. Additionally, it involved engagement with representatives of the renewable energy sector, comments provided by industry representatives, government agencies, and interested stakeholders. The document can be accessed [here](#).

As an accompaniment to the *Beneficial Management Practices for Renewable Energy Projects* document, the PCF had two information summary sheets developed:

1. For the wind and solar energy industries that explains why native prairie is important, what these industries can do to reduce negative impacts on native prairie ecosystems, and what the advantages of avoiding siting in native prairie are to the industry, found [here](#); and
2. For landowners so that they can be more informed when renewable energy companies are interested in their land, found [here](#).

The documents can be accessed at the links above or found on the PCF website at www.albertapcf.org in the resources section: <http://www.albertapcf.org/resources-literature/pcf-resources>.

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