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AFGA Opposes UCP Leader Jason Kenney's Plan to Sell Public Land

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(Edmonton December 12, 2018)... Alberta's largest conservation group, **the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AFGA)**, has learned that the **United Conservative Party** under **Jason Kenney** is seriously looking at the idea of auctioning off more crown land in Alberta's north Peace country if he and his Party are elected.

Deeming the land identified as being for sale as "unproductive" and turning it into "productive agricultural land" should raise red flags for all Albertans as large tracts of land are necessary for the survival of fish, wildlife and biodiversity in general.

"It is government's responsibility to steward the land for all Albertans; an action that does not involve selling it. This sentiment has been expressed by Albertans on a continuous basis," said **AFGA President Doug Butler**. "I encourage every concerned Albertan to contact Mr. Kenney and let their feelings be known," he continued. UCP, as well as other Party's candidates, should also be contacted and have this information shared with them.

Further, Jason Kenney also indicated that if elected he would draft orders in council so cabinet could make quick changes on big issues rather than be bogged down by consultation. Consultation is the backbone of democracy. The legacy continues as in 2011, the then PC Government under Ed Stelmach quietly auctioned 120,000 acres of Crown land that virtually no one knew of until the sale was completed.

The Alberta Fish and Game Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization proud to serve Albertans in the promotion of the wise use of our fish and wildlife resources and the conservation of their habitats. The AFGA has been active since 1908 in working towards these goals and has a province-wide membership of more than 25,000 individuals spread among 80+ Clubs.

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