

# Buffalo Lake team appointed

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Buffalo Lake stabilization has moved forward on two fronts, with the appointment of nine area residents to a management team and the announcement that archeologists will examine the site.

The Buffalo Lake management team will advise Alberta Environment on the construction of the project and how to manage it to reflect the project's multiple-use nature.

It will also advise the government on mitigating the harmful effects of the project and will monitor and respond to any unpre-

dicted events.

The team will develop a land-use and shoreline plan to reduce potential conflicts and ensure adequate public access.

It includes representatives from municipal governments, farmers, environmentalists, and Alberta Environment.

The appointees are: Angus Braseth of Bashaw, Neil Miller of Lacombe, Francis Sargeant of Mirror, Roy Willard of Bashaw, Linda Walton of Tees, John Lund of Alix, Adrienne van Nieukirk of Mirror, Karl Grollmuss of Calgary and Ray Kerber of Red Deer.

In a separate development, Environmen-

tal Management Associates of Calgary has been awarded the contract to conduct an archeological assessment of the site.

The assessment is standard practice in projects of this kind, said Mark Rasmussen, operations manager for Alberta Culture's historical resources division.

"There's nothing special about Buffalo Lake," Mr. Rasmussen said. "We request hundreds of assessments every year every time there's major surface displacement."

The assessment must be complete before any construction begins.

If the archeologists find any sites or artifacts of note, the project could be altered or halted.