



## IMPACT REPORT

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### Stronger law needed

In November, the federal government announced they would finally improve the Canadian Species at Risk Act meant to protect our biodiversity. **This law has been unsuccessful at protecting at-risk species** due to gaping loopholes allowing the government to ignore its own law and not protect species.

With your support we have published newspapers, calls to action and gone to court to help fix this broken law. As a result of our court case in 2014, the federal court found an “enormous systemic problem” with enforcement of the Species at Risk Act.

**It's clear the federal government has been feeling pressure from you and other members of the public, which has resulted in them fixing a huge loophole!**

Since this change, over 50 species have been reviewed in just three short months. This is excellent progress as some Canadian species finally begin to receive the protection they need. We will keep the pressure up to ensure they don't rest until all species are protected.



### Why protecting wilderness is important to me

**Donor Profile** – Janice Palmer, BSc BEd MES LLD (Hon)

Protecting wilderness means protecting wildlife habitat.

Wildlife populations are under pressure from diverse sources, but loss of habitat is the biggest problem. **The peculiar, personal bond I feel with all non-human life forms makes protecting them critical.** That bond has increased continually throughout my life. I feel sad and ashamed that humans are responsible for the decline in the number of species, the population of many specific species and the health of those remaining.

**Love, respect and guilt make me willing to help protect our remaining wild communities.**

I first supported the Western Canada Wilderness Committee because I felt those of us in mid or eastern Canada should care about the western wilderness, not just remaining areas further east. The Wilderness Committee is one of many environmental groups that receive annual donations from me and is among a smaller list that will share my estate.



## Kicking Kinder Morgan to the curb

Momentum is turning in the fight against Kinder Morgan's tar sands pipeline. BC's new oil spill response regulations, including a proposed ban on diluted bitumen transport, are a huge asset.

**Thank you to everyone supporting the fight against this dirty tar sands pipeline in provinces and territories all over Canada.** Your support has reached all those standing on the front lines against the construction of the pipeline through the much-needed information we provide.

**It won't be long before Kinder Morgan realizes what a mess they're in and walks away.**

Your action on the ground comes at a time when Kinder Morgan is looking for \$1.75 billion to fund its project. The company knows that the project may well be on the way to its grave and has no idea what the final price tag will be. Investors are spooked.



## Join us and divest from fossil fuels

The Wilderness Committee has supported the divestment movement as it gained momentum across the country – **and we've divested our assets.** Today around the world, more than \$21 billion in fossil fuel holdings have been divested globally, by groups as big as the World Bank and a growing number of global insurance companies.

The fact that so many mainstream investors are jumping ship on oil and gas investments is not surprising to us, as the world must transition to a zero carbon economy by 2050 to meet our climate commitments.

**Please join the Wilderness Committee and other donors across the country. Take your money out of big oil.** Together, we can put Canada's financial institutions on notice and Spring clean our finances! **Sign the divestment pledge card included with this report and put your money to work for the wild.**

Your commitment to protecting nature and ensuring a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

*Thank you*



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