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ALUS Riparian Management (Cropping) – Application Form

The purpose of the ALUS Riparian Management (Cropping) program, is to help farmers and ranchers, produce increased ecosystem services from natural water bodies and their riparian areas in croplands, by farming around these areas and/or establishing permanent non-cropped buffer zones between these marginal lands and adjacent annual cropland.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for ALUS funding, all of the following are required. By initialing each point below you are indicating that your project meets the eligibility requirements.

INITIAL	Requirement
	The impacted lands are marginal for annual cropping, and are located beside natural water bodies and / or in riparian areas.
	There will be a <u>new crop management change</u> , that will positively impact natural water body(-ies) and their riparian areas.
	For Temporary or Ephemeral water bodies: these are normally “farmed through” pre-ALUS, and will be “farmed around” for the duration of the ALUS Conservation Agreement (normally 5 years). <i>Write N/A in the initial box, if this is not applicable to you.</i>
	For Seasonal or Permanent water bodies that are “farmed around” pre-ALUS: there must be a new permanent non-cropped buffer that is at least 5 metres wider than it was before (OR the un-farmed buffer is designed as per the Agriculture Canada Buffer Design Guide), for the duration of the ALUS Conservation Agreement (normally 5 years). <i>Write N/A in the initial box, if this is not applicable to you.</i>
	If desired plants cannot establish themselves in the ALUS-enrolled marginal lands in riparian area(s), those area(s) will be seeded to tame or native forage and/or native trees and shrubs.

PLANNED ANNUAL CROPPING MANAGEMENT CHANGES

How will your annual cropping management change, in the marginal lands in your riparian area(s)? Answer this by describing how you currently (“pre-ALUS”) manage these areas, and then describing the new cropping management that will occur “with ALUS”.

<p><u>Current (“pre-ALUS”) Cropping Management of Marginal Lands in Riparian Areas:</u></p>
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New Cropping Management that will occur "With ALUS":

ESTABLISHMENT COSTS

To make the cropping management changes described above (in the marginal lands of your riparian areas), what establishment costs will you have?	
Establishment Cost Description	Estimated Cost
Estimated Total Cost	

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MEASURING SUCCESS

Participating farmers and ranchers will be asked to send in to ALUS, by November 1 of each year, representative photos of the riparian areas being enrolled in ALUS.

Please initial here, to indicate that if your project is funded by ALUS, you agree to do this: _____

PROJECT MAP

Attach a map (using air photos) that shows exactly which natural water body(-ies) and adjacent riparian acres will benefit from the cropping management changes described above. If you need an air photo, try using [Red Deer County's Interactive Map](#) or [Google Earth](#).

ALUS GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I have read a sample copy of the "Red Deer County BMP Cost Share Agreement" and the "ALUS Conservation Agreement". I agree to the terms and conditions in those documents (if I am approved for funding). Initial here: _____

OTHER DETAILS

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Phone #: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Legal Land Location(s) where the new cropping management will occur:

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