2026 Range Rider Assistance Program for Beef Cattle Producers

Delivered by: BCCA Program Delivery Inc.
Funding by: Province of BC

Description: This program is to assist ranchers in rounding up and gathering animals on crown rangeland to return them to their home ranch sites or to alternative private or crown sheltering locations.

Purpose:
a) Support incremental rider requirements of ranchers in BC, primarily range tenure holders impacted by the aggressive and expanding wildfires.
b) Provide accessibility to ranchers needing assistance to gather and move livestock. A province-wide program will assure consistency of delivery across PREOC regions and EOCs within the regions. In alignment with EMBC policy 2.01, contracted riders could not be the livestock owners.
c) Support the emergency response activities responding to extreme wildfire events which are over and beyond normal ranch duties.

Eligibility: Applicant must own beef cattle that are under an evacuation alert or order in British Columbia.

Support: $400 per day to pay rider (7 to 12 hours day) $250 per half day (6 hours or less)

Activities: This program will provide funding assistance to beef cattle owners to hire riders (horse/quad) for the following activities:

- Evacuation of animals from high-risk areas
- Movement of animals from areas of risk, or burned-over areas, to safer locations with access to feed & water.
- Gather livestock at large (potential for public safety issues if cattle enter transportation routes.
- Identify, sort and separate gathered livestock.
- Herd livestock to home operation or safe location; or gather for relocation to safe location (e.g., alternate Crown range tenure).
- Manage relocated livestock on alternate unfamiliar tenures/safe locations.
- Gather and herd livestock to home operation post wildfire, navigating safe travel routes through burned over areas.

Application Process:

- The owner of the cattle must:
  - complete the application form,
  - submit it to BCCA Program Delivery Inc.,
  - receive approval, and
  - be provided with a file number for the subsequent claim for rider expenses.
- Once the cattle are moved, and the file completed, the owner will submit to BCCA Program Delivery Inc. the outline of expenses, and rider(s) to be paid (name address, social insurance number required).
- BCCA Program Delivery Inc. will issue payment to the rider(s).
- Payment to rider(s) is taxable income and the rider assumes responsibility for any tax and related employment expenses (Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance).
- Worksafe BC coverage will be provided by BCCA Program Delivery Inc.
- ****Contracted riders cannot be the livestock owners and must be over 19 years of age****

Submit applications to: BCCA Program Delivery Inc. via:
Email: pdi@cattlemen.bc.ca
Fax: 250-573-5155

Program application and details are included in the application package.

APPLICATION FORM
2026 Range Rider Assistance Program
BCCA PROGRAM DELIVERY INC

Funding assistance is available to pay riders (horse/quad) to herd, gather and sort cattle/livestock in the areas affected by wildfires in British Columbia.

APPLICANT INFORMATION - *Please Print*

NAME:_____

RANCH NAME: _____

RANCH LOCATION: _____

PREMISES ID # (IF AVAILABLE) _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN & P/CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL:_____

WILDFIRE INFORMATION:

REGIONAL DISTRICT: _____

WILDFIRE NAME: _____

ASSISTANCE DETAILS:

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS: _____

ESTIMATE NUMBER RIDERS: _____

PLANNED DATES: _____

OTHER NEEDS FOR THIS WORK:

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SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS: by Email: pdi@cattlemen.bc.ca

by Fax 250-573-5155

For assistance phone the BCCA office 1-877-688-2333 and we will complete the form and submit for you.