



Total permitted animal capacity from all permits for this site:

3,000 beef finishers

In consideration of Decision Summary LA24032, Approval LA24032 is issued to:

Name: Hendrik Buijs and Janette Buijs-Brink operating as Buijs River Valley Ranch (the "co-permit holders")
Address: Box 993, Fort Macleod AB T0L 0Z0
Contact person: Harry Buijs

Permitted construction (based on the submitted site plan):

- Row #3 pens – 152.4 m x 42.7 m
- Catch basin #2 – 34.0 m x 23.0 m x 2.0 m deep

The permit holder shall comply with the requirements of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) and the regulations passed pursuant to that Act.

The co-permit holders shall adhere to the descriptions, the site plan, building plans, engineering reports and other attached documents included with filed Applications LA24032 and LA18009, unless otherwise noted in the following conditions.

The co-permit holders shall contact the NRCB at least 10 working days in advance of the desired inspection date to schedule the inspection in conditions #2 and 6.

Construction conditions

Row 3 Pens

1. The co-permit holders shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the row 3 pens prior to July 31, 2027. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
2. The co-permit holders shall not place manure or allow livestock to enter the row 3 pens until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing, to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
3. The co-permit holders shall not place manure or allow livestock to enter the row 3 pens until conditions #4-6 have been met.

Catch Basin #2

4. The co-permit holders shall immediately cease construction of the catch basin and contact the NRCB if the water table is observed to be one metre or less from the bottom of the catch basin at the time of construction.
5. The co-permit holders shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portion of the catch basin prior to July 31, 2027. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.



6. The co-permit holders shall not allow manure impacted run-off to enter the catch basin until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing, to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

Operating conditions (carried forward from Approval LA18009)

7. All surface drainage water shall be diverted around the confined feeding operation. All berms, slopes, and drainage ditches which are required to achieve this control, must be protected from damage and maintained in working condition. Unless otherwise directed in writing, all maintenance work shall be completed as required, and inspected annually by the NRCB prior to September 30.
8. Manure shall only be spread on frost-free, cultivated ground and incorporated within 48 hours of land spreading.
9. There shall be no manure spread on pasture, grass, or hay lands, nor on land within fifteen hundred (1,500 feet) of an occupied residence not owned by a consenting landowner.

This approval becomes effective immediately. The approval conditions will remain in effect unless amended in writing by the NRCB.

Approval LA18009 is hereby superseded, and its content consolidated into this Approval LA24032, unless Approval LA24032 is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's Board members or by a court, in which case Approval LA18009 will remain in effect.

March 3, 2025

(Original signed)
Kelsey Peddle
Approval Officer



Approval LA24032 – Appendix

Existing permitted facilities

Facility	Dimensions (m)	From
Feedlot pens (Row 2)	167.6 m x 42.7 m	Approval LA18009
Feedlot pens (Row 1)	225 m x 40 m	MD Permit 03-98
Catch basin #1	91.4 m x 36.6 m x 1.5 m	

Construction conditions (brought forward from Approval LA18009)

New feedlot pens:

1. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the feedlot pens prior to November 30, 2020. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
2. The permit holder shall not commence construction of the new feedlot pens until required maintenance on the existing surface drainage controls is completed, and has been approved by the NRCB in writing.
3. The permit holder shall not allow livestock in the new feedlot pens until they have been inspected by NRCB personnel and determined by them, in writing, to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

Construction conditions (brought forward from MDP 03-98)

1. Recommendations of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development and Chinook Regional Health Authority shall be adhered to:
 - a) The feedlot can meet the required 1,152 foot separation distance from the nearest neighbors.
 - b) A specific site be selected and maintained for interim dead animal storage. The site must be easily accessible, well drained, and not subject to exposure to other animals.
 - c) All surface drainage from within the feedyard be collected and conveyed to the catchment basin as shown in the drainage plan. The floor of the catchment basin must remain three (3) ft. above any water table in the area.
 - d) The earthen catch basin shall be constructed of soils of suitable material to achieve hydraulic conductivity of less than 1×10^{-7} cm/sec. The earthen catch basin should include an above grade berm of 18" – 24" on the west, south and east sides as a safety margin of storage.
 - e) Upon completion of all drainage conveyance and containment structures, a completion certificate attesting to completion as per proposed plan, be submitted by the design engineer.
2. In reference to Item G contained in the recommendation letter from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, the Certificate of Completion shall be submitted to the



Municipal District office by no later than June 30, 1998 and prior to the issuance of the Development Permit.

3. Construction of the dead storage area as described in the development application shall be confirmed to be complete prior to the Development Permit being issued.
4. A copy of the water license or a letter of confirmation from Alberta Environmental Protection shall be filed with the Municipal District Office prior to the Development Permit being issued