



Community Communique

The Blood Band Ranch is one of the largest intact native grassland ecosystems on the Kainai reserve. Based on a Range Health Assessment Report by Land Management, it was decided by the Blood Tribe Agricultural Project (BTAP) Board of Directors, and motioned at a Chief and Council (shareholders) meeting that all cattle at Blood Band Ranch would be dispersed. This dispersal would allow for the land to be maintained in a culturally sensitive manner by allowing for a recovery of the ecosystem.

The Range Health Assessment showed 73.5% of the total acres had problems with a low to very reduced ecological status. The assessment stated that if there were continued "...moderate to heavy grazing pressure over a long period of time this could result in the reduction or elimination of native forage species and replacement by non-native species."

The funds generated by the November 2018 sale of the cattle will be forwarded by BTAP to Blood Tribe Administration and put into a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) for the recommended two year rest period. After the two years it will be decided by Chief and Council (shareholders) whether another cattle venture would happen, or another undertaking.

BTAP Board of Directors and Staff