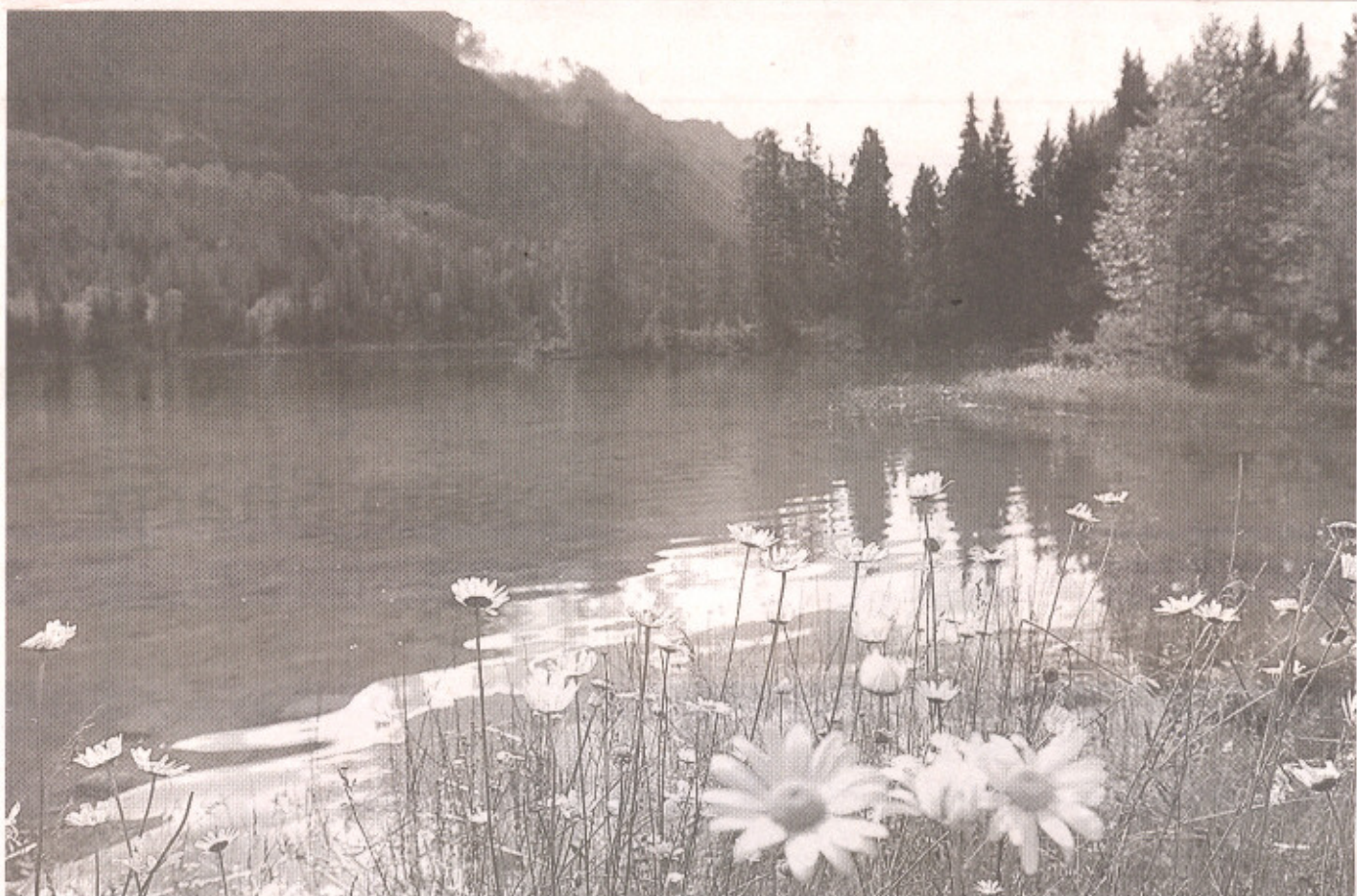


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Part of the 4,300-acre Elk Park ranch is being carved up into 16 executive ranch parcels. A new 200-acre town site will also be created.

Saddle up for a home on the range

ELK PARK RANCH

DEVELOPER: Schickedanz West

PRICE: Expected to range from \$1,100,000 to \$4,500,000

SIZE: From 38 to 480 acres

SALES CENTRE: 4930 Highway 93, Radium, B.C.

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Elk Park Ranch covers 4,300 acres of the Columbia valley. Now, 3,500 acres have been subdivided to make 16 executive ranches, aiming to attract attracting the latest breed of urban cowboy.

"If you want to have your horses and a few cattle, you can," says Developer Fred Schickedanz of Schickedanz West. "Or, you could simply build your dream home on it and enjoy the view of the Purcell Mountains, the lake, streams and all the amenities that British Columbia's Columbia Valley offers - fishing, skiing, golf, mountain biking, hiking, all only three hours from Calgary," he says.

When complete, the master-planned development will include a 200-acre urban core with family residences, condominiums, a unique variety of boutique shops, a general store, local artisans, numerous eateries and an environmental reserve scattered with recreational trails.

This urban core is planned to be completed over the next eight years. The town of Radium, with its own shops and services, is just two kilometres away.

Next door to the ranches, and separating them from the urban centre, an additional 600 acres will be kept as a working ranch and offer boarding as well as trail-riding programs.

Elk Park Ranch was originally settled by 18-year-old James McKay in 1886. His original house - which he had floated down the Columbia River from Golden in 1901 - will be restored and be used as a recreation centre with a fitness room, outdoor pool and meeting areas with activities for children and adults alike. Ranch owners will enjoy their very

own amenities lodge with a private fitness centre, barbecue facilities and an exclusive lounge.

A snow plow and road maintenance service will be provided by a homeowners association, while power sources and wells for each ranch are now being installed. Even though a new road is under construction to connect the ranch sites, Mr. Schickedanz believes they will remain quiet, private retreats.

Boarded to the East by Kootenay National Park, Elk Park Ranch is spotted with rivers, streams, lakes and hillsides. "Imagine a piece of ranch land surrounded by mountains, forest and water," says Mr. Schickedanz. "The view from each of them is stunning."