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## **SADDLE UP FOR THE ELKIN CREEK GUEST RANCH'S ANNUAL DOWN-HOME CATTLE DRIVE**

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, March 17, 2008** - The snow has melted, spring has sprung and the herd of cattle at the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch need sorting, branding and to be taken out to pasture to graze. One of the last remaining cattle drives in Canada, want-to-be cowboys and cowgirls of all ages and riding abilities are invited to take part in this authentic adventure with the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch's "**Annual Cattle Drive**" **weekend package**. Set to take place this May Long Weekend from **May 16 to 19** the popular 3-night package is priced at \$825 based on double occupancy and includes three-nights of accommodation, meals, cattle drive, and the complete Elkin Creek Guest Ranch experience.

Depending on your experience level, the first day at the ranch is spent getting acquainted with your four-legged partner and reviewing some of the basic riding, herding, bulldogging, and livestock handling skills. The next day is the main event where guests head out on the range riding their trusty steed and coaxing the herd of cattle out to pasture. To ensure everyone has plenty of energy, a spectacular gourmet lunch spread is prepared right there for hungry riders. One the final day, guests can choose to head back out for a ride, or partake some of the many other outdoor activities available. From river kayaking, canoeing and fly-fishing, to mountain biking, hiking and windsurfing, the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch offers a variety of activities, sure to keep everyone busy. With breathtaking views of the Nemaiah Valley and Mount Tatlow, it's all about enjoying and the outdoors and having loads of fun no matter what you choose to do.

For those looking for a challenge, the **Fall Round-Up** is the perfect opportunity to head into the

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wild to round up the cattle and bring them home in time for winter. Finding the 500-plus head of cattle on the 70,000 acres at Elkin Creek is not an easy job, but a rewarding one, so head out to the ranch for a getaway beginning September 15<sup>t</sup> through November to help the team bring the herd home.

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Set in Central British Columbia's pristine Chilcotin region between Chilko Lake and the Brittany Triangle the 70,000-acre Elkin Creek Guest Ranch offers luxurious accommodation in one of the ranch's seven 2-bedroom, traditionally built log cabins, or in the Hill House with 5-bedrooms and a stunning river rock fireplace. Mouthwatering meals prepared by the ranch's Executive Chef Allan Schafer, guides, horseback riding, fishing gear and activities are also provided to ensure a complete and memorable ranch experience.

For more information or reservations, call Adventure West Resorts at 1-877-GO-WEST (1-877-346-9378) or visit [www.adventurewestresorts.com/elkin](http://www.adventurewestresorts.com/elkin).

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