



Buying or Purchasing Land that Borders Crown Land?

Information for BC Real Estate Agents - Fencing Out When Bordering Crown Land

LIVESTOCK AT LARGE

In British Columbia livestock may roam freely, or 'be at large', on the property of their owner, in a livestock district or, when authorized by the Range Act, on Crown land. However, when livestock stray from these areas they may be subject to capture. Last updated on January 19, 2024

LIVESTOCK DISTRICT

A geographic area established through regulation, where livestock are permitted to be at large. Complaints may arise when livestock that is lawfully at large in a livestock district stray onto a person's yard or property. **Landowners living within a livestock district must fence out livestock to avoid straying animals entering their property.**

POUND DISTRICT

A pound district is a provincial designation placed on land either inside or outside of a livestock district, where livestock are not permitted to be at large. Livestock are never allowed to roam freely in pound districts or on land that is outside of both livestock districts and pound districts such as Vancouver Island and the Fraser Valley.

Suggested Clause for Real Estate professionals in BC to use when writing an offer on a rural property:

The Purchaser is aware that the property they are purchasing in this Contract of Purchase and Sale may border Crown land that could be part of a cattle range tenure. The Purchaser is advised to seek independent legal advice about their responsibilities, including but not limited to fencing, when purchasing land that borders Crown land.

UPDATED INFORMATION:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/rangelands/forage/administration-of-rangelands>

