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Cariboo Region Fish & Wildlife Project Winners

CARIBOO - The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, supported by BC angling and hunting licence surcharges, will fund 9 fish and wildlife projects totalling over \$357,333 in the Cariboo Region.

This project funding is targeted at enhancing fish and wildlife populations at project sites throughout the Cariboo Region. In particular, several projects will focus on using prescribed fire and other habitat restoration tools to assist grassland dependant species such as Bighorn sheep.

“The Habitat Conservation Trust Fund Board is meeting at 108 Mile Ranch this weekend to discuss future plans for projects across British Columbia”, said Harvey Andrusak, Chair of the volunteer Board. “The Board holds meetings in various regions throughout the year. This lets the Board review project sites to ensure Trust Fund monies are wisely invested.”

Accompanied by local conservation partners, the Board is visiting the Churn Creek area this weekend to inspect the results of previous HCTF project investments. Since 2000, HCTF has provided over \$134,000 in project funding in the Churn Creek Area.

Since its creation in 1981, HCTF has provided more than \$90 million in project funding to more than 2000 enhancement, educational and acquisition projects across BC. As most HCTF projects are partnered with other organizations, the total invested is more than \$250 million.

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