



BACKGROUND

EAST KOOTENAY PROJECTS

Media Alert: Media are encouraged to contact proponents directly. Project proponents have detailed knowledge of the project benefits and may be willing to provide project tours. Proponents also often have high quality images available for media use.

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| Operations & Maintenance – Fisheries Projects | \$48,600 | John Bell 250-354-6351 |
| Operate and maintain 3 kokanee spawning channels in the West Kootenay and a rainbow trout spawning/rearing channel in the East Kootenay at Whiteswan Lake. | | |
| Operations & Maintenance – Wildlife Projects | \$35,530 | Gary Glinz 250-489-8553 |
| Conduct maintenance, planning, monitoring, habitat protection, enhancement and restoration activities on conservation properties in the East Kootenay. | | |
| East Kootenay Grassland Ecosystem Restoration | \$184,000 | Sue Crowley 250-342-4290 |
| Enhance ungulate winter range characteristics and restore overall ecosystem function through prescribed burns and slashing/piling activities in fire-maintained ecosystems in the East Kootenay. | | |
| East Kootenay White-Tailed Deer Enhancement Monitoring Update 2006-2007 | \$8,750 | Penny Ohanjanian 250-427-5262 |
| Measure long-term trends in ungulate use of the winter range at Newgate by counting deer and elk pellet groups on 300 permanent plots that were established on the site in 1986. | | |
| East Kootenay Landowner Enfranchisement Pilot (EKLEP) | \$35,000 | Jeff Morgan 250-371-6347 |
| Explore innovative ways to generate user based revenues in order to maintain resident and non-resident hunting opportunities and to provide hay producers with financial alternatives to exclusion fences. | | |
| East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP) | \$20,000 | Greg Chin 250-489-8558 |
| Provide coordination and facilitation for partners to find win-win approaches to ecosystem conservation and stewardship on private land. | | |
| East Kootenay Land Stewardship Program | \$17,877 | Kathleen Sheppard 250-427-4711 |
| Use on-site visits and public workshops to contact private landowners who have habitats on their lands that are considered a priority for the East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP). | | |
| Flathead & Southern Elk Valley Grizzly Bear Population Census | \$35,000 | Bruce McLellan 604-452-3233 |
| In conjunction with Alberta, conduct DNA based grizzly bear census/distribution study and test and discuss the accuracy of this method. | | |
| Noxious Weed Control on Bighorn Sheep Winter Range | \$12,000 | Irene Teske 250-489-8551 |
| Improve the quality of bighorn sheep winter ranges by conducting an intensive and consistent noxious weed control program on documented sites within the east Kootenay Trench. | | |

Haha Watershed Invasive Fish Species Action Plan Delivery

– Phase 1

\$78,100

Jeff Burrows 250-354-6928

Evaluate and implement best options for pike control and/or eradication in the Haha Creek watershed.

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Transplant: Premier Ridge

\$20,000

Irene Teske 250-489-8551

Aerially monitor 16 radio-collared translocated sheep from initial transplant; to translocated another 20-25 sheep from Radium or Golden to Premier Ridge area.

The following projects are funded from the Public Conservation Assistance Fund (PCAF). PCAF is a small grassroots fund managed by HCTF that provides grants to community-based organizations for fish and wildlife projects.

Sunflower Hill Restoration Pre-Burn Prep

\$1,930

Kent Goodwin 250-427-2268

Thin forest and then undertake prescribed burns on the south-facing slopes of Sunflower Hill in the Kimberley Nature Park to reduce forest in-growth and restore Ponderosa Pine/bunchgrass ecosystems.

Columbia Lake West Grassland Ecosystem Restoration

\$1,500

Norman Hendricks 250-342-5343

Improve ungulate winter range carrying capacity through slash piling for burning, seeding, logging landings and thinning coniferous regeneration sites.

Fencing for Improved Wildlife Migration

\$4,950

Catherine Pawasarat 250-429-3929

Remove elk exclusion fences and open up 290 acres to wildlife for winter foraging.

Engaging our Community in Stewardship

\$5,804

Meredith Funston 250-531-0339

Engage community volunteers in a Christmas Bird Count in the Elk Valley, clean up of the Elk River riparian area and mapping and inventory of plant and animal species in 3 areas of the Elk Valley.

Big Ranch Grassland Ecosystem Restoration

\$1,500

Lorne Cook 250-425-7868

Improve ungulate winter range carrying capacity by thinning overstocked coniferous stands.

Wigwam Flats Grassland Ecosystem Restoration

\$1,500

Mario Rocco 250-423-7281

Improve ungulate winter range caring capacity by hand slashing and piling, and slash chipping to reduce forest encroachment.