

CARIBOU HABITAT RESTORATION FUND



The Caribou Habitat Restoration Fund (CHRF) is managed by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation for the purpose of restoring high-value habitat for caribou in BC using functional and ecological restoration methods. The CHRF is made possible by contributions from the Province of BC and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Who can apply?

Any individual or organization capable of restoring habitat for caribou in British Columbia. In order to maximize the benefits for caribou using the funds available, the Province has identified priority herds and developed guidelines for selecting restoration areas that will benefit these herds. This information is available at <https://hctf.ca/grants/caribou-habitat-restoration-grants/>

How much money can an application request?

There is no upper limit to the amount of money an application can request, however,

HCTF's goal is to allocate this money to habitat restoration projects that, in aggregate, will provide the maximum benefit to caribou. Priority will be given to projects that secure significant partner contributions (cash and in-kind).

What type of restoration projects will be prioritized for funding??

For the current funding cycle, priority is given to functional restoration projects that will reduce the use of linear features by predators and people so as to reduce caribou mortality in the short term. Ecological restoration is important to meet the long-term goals at many sites and can be done in conjunction with functional restoration. Please review the Eligible Activities List on HCTF's website for further details.

Additional considerations

- Proposed activities must **not** be part of an existing statutory/legal obligation.
- Implementation of proposed treatments should not result in additional habitat disturbance.
- Mitigation must be undertaken to minimize the environmental impact of treatments, such as archaeological resources, watercourse crossings, minimizing impacts on other Species at Risk, etc. It is the proponent's responsibility to ensure appropriate permitting is in place.
- Collaboration between the applicant and the regional caribou biologist(s) in all affected regions must occur (concept to delivery).

How do we apply?

HCTF is currently accepting CHRF grant applications for restoration work planned for April 2022 - March 2023.

See <https://hctf.ca/grants/caribou-habitat-restoration-grants/> for full information and details on how to apply.

2021-22 Approved CHRF Grants

Adams Groundhog Road Rehabilitation and Reforestation Project (Project 3-422)

- Grant of \$199,500 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Thompson-Okanagan region (about 100 kilometres northeast of Kamloops)
- This project is designed to benefit the Groundhog caribou herd by restoring habitat on an estimated 50-100 kilometres of road over multiple years to reduce predator movement and access to caribou habitat.
- Led by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Upper Bigmouth Creek (Project 4-621)

- Grant of \$28,431 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Kootenay region (about 140 kilometres north of Revelstoke)

- This project has restored habitat on about five kilometres of linear features in the Columbia North herd area. This year's grant is primarily for monitoring the completed restoration work.
- Led by Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP3-3433



Photo of future restoration site included within Mica Creek project. The site will undergo steep side-hill restoration.

Mica Creek (Project 4-622)

- Grant of \$288,681 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Kootenay region (about 140 kilometres north of Revelstoke)
- This project is designed to benefit the Columbia North caribou herd through the restoration of habitat on two resource road networks.
- Led by Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP

Tweedsmuir Caribou Winter Range – Chelaslie Road Restoration (Project 6-283)

- Grant of \$70,671 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Skeena region (about 60 kilometres south of Burns Lake)
- This project is designed to benefit the Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd by restoring habitat on up to 78 kilometres of road.
- Led by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development



Whitesail Reach (Project #6-306)

- Grant of \$87,174 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Skeena region (about 122 kilometres south of Smithers)
- This project is designed to benefit the Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd by restoring about 73 kilometres of road.
- Led by Canadian Forest Products Ltd.



Crews planting juvenile hybrid spruce and lodgepole pine trees on Amoco Road restoration site, Summer 2020

Amoco Road Restoration (Project #7-528)

- Grant of \$23,315 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Co-funded by the B.C. government and Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Northeast region (56 kilometres west of Chetwynd)
- This project has restored habitat on 15 kilometres of road in the Klinse-Za caribou herd area. This year's grant is primarily for monitoring the completed restoration work.
- Led by the Níkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Kotcho Lake Restoration Area (Project 7-529)

- Grant of \$175,780 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Northeast region (about 80 kilometres northeast of Fort Nelson)

- This project is designed to benefit the Snake-Sahtahneh boreal caribou herd by restoring habitat on 45 kilometres of seismic lines.
- Led by the Fort Nelson First Nation Lands Office

Otter (Project 7-530)

- Grant of \$6,120 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Northeast Region (about 86 kilometres northeast of Prince George)
- This project restored habitat on a 7.5-kilometre road that was fragmenting high-value habitat for the Hart Ranges caribou herd. This year's grant is primarily for monitoring the completed restoration work.
- Led by Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

Tumuch (Project 7-534)

- Grant of \$8,720 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Northeast Region (about 95 kilometres southeast of Prince George)
- This project restored habitat on 12.4 kilometres of road to create a contiguous area of almost 70,000 hectares of high-value habitat for the North Cariboo herd. This year's grant is primarily for monitoring the completed restoration work.
- Led by Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

Peck Creek-Upper Carbon (Project 7-543)

- Grant of \$53,452 approved for 2021-22 (continuing project)
- Co-funded by the B.C. government and Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Northeast Region (about 54 kilometres west of Chetwynd)
- This project has restored 1,287 hectares of habitat in the Klinse-Za caribou herd



area. This year's grant is primarily for monitoring the completed restoration work.

- Led by the Nikanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Callazon-Clearwater Valley: 4000 and 3800 Roads (Project 7-554)

- Grant of \$122,984 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Co-funded by the B.C. government and Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Northeast Region (about 45 kilometres northeast of Mackenzie)
- This project is designed to benefit the Klinse-Za caribou herd by restoring habitat on about 16 kilometres of road
- Led by the Nikanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Goldway Road (Project 7-555)

- Grant of \$72,959 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Northeast Region (about 170 kilometres northwest of Mackenzie)
- This project is designed to benefit the Chase caribou herd by restoring habitat on up to 16 kilometres of road
- Led by Chu Cho Environmental

Mt. Rochfort (Project 7-557)

- Grant of \$192,617 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Co-funded by the B.C. government and Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Northeast Region (about 65 kilometres west of Moberly Lake)
- This project is designed to benefit the Klinse-Za and Scott East caribou herds by restoring habitat on about 150 kilometres of road
- Led by the Nikanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

East Babcock Restoration Area (Project 7-558)

- Grant of \$324,720 approved for 2021-22 (new project)
- Co-funded by the B.C. government and Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Northeast Region (about 20 kilometres southeast of Tumbler Ridge)
- This project is designed to benefit the Quintette and Narraway caribou herds by restoring habitat on approximately 87 kilometres of roads and seismic lines
- Led by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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