



HABITAT
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CHRF Eligible Activities List for 2023-24 Granting Cycle

This list is for full CHRF projects (for seed grants, please refer to separate list on [CHRF website](#)). All expenditures must be for activities directly related to the **restoration of habitat** for caribou in BC as a means of supporting caribou population recovery.

Pre-treatment inventory and planning:

- Pre-treatment inventory and development of treatment prescriptions for sites that have been identified as high priority for caribou habitat restoration.
- Completion of documentation necessary to support permitting requirements.
- Purchasing plant stock (trees and shrubs).

Functional Restoration Treatments:

- Designed to reduce the use of linear features by caribou predators and people. Activities can include:
 - Mounding/berming;
 - Ripping/scarification;
 - Roll back and placement of coarse woody material;
 - Tree felling;
 - Winter planting;
 - Sowing of native shrub and tree seed;
 - Tree bending;
 - Line blocking;
 - Bar mounding;
 - Angle slicing; and,
 - Constructing and installing fences.
- Public education signage to explain access control measures (not regulatory signage).

Ecological Restoration Treatments:

- Designed to return disturbed ecosystems back to their pre-disturbed state. Activities can include:

- Winter planting;
 - Sowing of native shrub and tree seed;
 - Lichen transplants;
 - Control of herbaceous or other competing plant species;
 - Fertilization to increase rate of re-establishment of target vegetation; and,
 - Site preparation activities and earthworks deemed necessary for successful revegetation of target species prior to planting. May include soil inversion, ripping, scarification, re-contouring, etc.
- Operational oversight of restoration activities.

Monitoring:

- Field verification to ensure treatments are delivered as planned.
- Monitoring vegetation response to treatment:
 - Vegetation surveys
 - Lichen surveys
- Monitoring wildlife response to treatment
 - Natural sign and track surveys
 - Remote camera monitoring of wildlife response for **new** CHRF projects will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. See CHRF Project Monitoring Guidance document for details.
- Monitoring human response to treatments reducing access:
 - Questionnaire surveys
 - Track surveys
 - Remote cameras

Reporting:

- Conducting analysis and reporting on results of operational treatments.
- Production of extension material to highlight project specific results and to garner general support for habitat restoration activities.

CHRF *Ineligible* Activities List for 2023-24 Granting Cycle

Ineligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- High-level landscape or range plans, including planning strategic coordination and prioritization of restoration efforts (development of restoration plans/site prescriptions for areas identified as being high priority for caribou habitat restoration by the Province are eligible)
- Consultation or engagement with stakeholders, as this should be completed prior to submitting your application.
- Purchase or acquisition of land.
- Archeological assessments.
- Rehabilitation, captive breeding, feeding or control of wildlife species.
- Maternal penning.
- Law enforcement activities and general patrols.
- Regulatory signage or information projects on regulations.
- Training costs for contractors.
- Mapping projects that are not essential to site-specific caribou habitat restoration activities.
- Salaries for regular government employees.
- Development or production of hunting, tour, or curriculum guidebooks or publication materials.
- Conferences, lecture series, or conventions.
- Production or sponsorship of commercial programs.
- Organizational fundraising.
- Creation or management of electronic databases, websites or file systems.
- Insurance costs.
- Legal fees.
- Capital Assets (item per unit over \$1000).
- Activities to fulfil statutory or legal requirements.