



HABITAT CONSERVATION
TRUST FOUNDATION

2023-24 CHRF Grant Recipients

Continuing and New Projects:

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

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land water and Resource Stewardship.

Region: Thompson – Nicola (The project area is immediately adjacent to Groundhog Mountain that falls along the northwestern edge of the project area. The eastern boundary of the project follows the Upper Adams River and extends south to the Northern tip of Adams Lake).

Description: The project will benefit the Groundhog Mountain herd by restoring approximately 39.4 Km of road to reduce predator movement and improve the area of intact habitats.

Status: This continuing project is in year 3 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$58,360 of CHRF funding.

Simpcw First Nation Caribou Road Rehabilitation (Project #3-467)

Proponent: Project led by Simpcw First Nation.

Region: Thompson – Nicola (Thunder River, approximately 19 km north of the town of Blue River, British Columbia).

Description: The Simpcw First Nation Caribou Road Rehabilitation Project aims to rehabilitate approximately 35 km of roads, for the Wells Gray South Caribou Herd between 2023-2026 within the road networks around Thunder River.

Status: This new project is in year 1 of 3.

Amount: Approved for \$95,760 for CHRF funding.

Tweedsmuir caribou winter range – Chelaslie road restoration (Project # 6-283)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship.

Region: Skeena (60km south of Burns Lake, British Columbia in the Chelaslie migration corridor, south of Ootsa Lake).

Description: This project will benefit the Tweedsmuir–Entiako caribou herd by using functional and ecological techniques to restore 80+ km of road and of fire guard features in high-value low-elevation winter range with the goal of increasing intact caribou habitat and reducing predator-prey interactions through decreasing predator and human access.

Status: This continuing project is in year 4 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$220,401 of CHRF funding.

Whitesail (Project # 6-306)

Proponent: Project led by Canfor.

Region: Skeena (The Whitesail Priority Restoration Area is approximately 122 km South of Smithers).

Description: This project will restore ~ 86 km of roads to reduce predator and human access within the Whitesail Priority Restoration Area for the Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd, decreasing road density from 1.3 km/km² to 0.08 km/km² and creating 7176 ha of near-contiguous low elevation summer habitat from the shoreline of Whitesail Reach to intact no-harvest areas.

Status: This continuing project is in year 3 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$98,028

Amoco Road Restoration (Project # 7-528)

Proponent: Project led by Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Region: Omineca/Peace (The Amoco Road restoration site is located 56 kilometers west of Chetwynd, BC, and is within zone B3 of the Caribou Partnership Agreement).

Description: This project has resulted in functional and ecological restoration treatment of 1,136 ha of impacted area in the Klinse-Za caribou herd area. In this project year we will conduct post-treatment monitoring of treatment effectiveness.

Status: This continuing project is in year 5 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$49,849 of CHRF funding.

Peck Creek-Upper Carbon (Project # 7-543)

Proponent: Project led by Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Region: Omineca/Peace (The Peck Creek-Upper Carbon Road restoration site is located 54 kilometers west of Chetwynd, BC, and is within zone B3 of the Caribou Partnership Agreement).

Description: This project has resulted in functional and ecological restoration of 1,287 ha of road in the Klinse-Za caribou herd area. In this project year we will conduct post-treatment monitoring of treatment effectiveness.

Status: This continuing project is in year 4 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$61,476 of CHRF funding.

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

Proponent: Project led by Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society.

Region: Omineca/Peace (The 3800 Road, 4000 Road, and proposed expansion area in the Callazon-Clearwater Valley are located approximately 45 km northeast of Mackenzie, BC and within zone B3 of the Caribou Partnership Agreement).

Description: This project will result in the functional and ecological restoration of approximately 16.3 km of linear corridors on two sites in the Clearwater Valley, resulting in restoration of 18% of the total disturbance at the meso-watershed scale.

Status: This continuing project is in year 3 of 5.

Amount: Approved for \$254,809 of CHRF funding.

Westside Fort Nelson (Parker) Caribou Range (Project # 7-591)

Proponent: Project led by WSP Golder.

Region: Omineca/Peace (The project area is located approximately 5 km west of Fort Nelson, in boreal caribou range. The project area is situated just south of Highway 97 and north of the Muskwa River).

Description: This project will monitor the functional and ecological restoration treatment effectiveness in year 6 after restoration treatments were implemented in Zone 1 of Westside Fort Nelson boreal caribou range (Parker range).

Status: This new project is in year 1 of 1.

Amount: Approved for \$70,000 of CHRF funding.

Helicopter Lakes (Project #7-592)

Proponent: Project led by Chu Cho Environmental LLP.

Region: Omineca/Peace (The Swannell River Valley is located 55 km southwest of Tsay Keh Dene, BC and 190 km northwest of Mackenzie BC. The 2023 road of focus, the Helicopter Lakes road, is located at the end of the Swannell mainline, parallel to Helicopter Lakes).

Description: This project will use ecological and functional restoration techniques to restore 8.5 km of road, within core low elevation habitat for the Chase caribou, within the Chuyaza Conservancy established by Tsay Keh Dene Nation.

Status: This new project is in year 1 of 1.

Amount: Approved for \$53,000 of CHRF funding.

SugarBowl-Grizzly Den Provincial Park and Protected Area Legacy Linear Features Restoration Project (Project # 7-593)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land, Water and Natural Resource Stewardship.

Region: Omineca/Peace (The project site is 82 km south-east of the city of Prince George, BC).

Description: This project will benefit the North Cariboo caribou subpopulation by functionally restoring 20 km of forest harvesting legacy linear features in Sugarbowl-Grizzly Den Provincial Park and Protected Area thereby reducing predator movement and eliminating human recreational access within this important low/mid elevation caribou habitat.

Status: This new project is in year 1 of 3.

Amount: Approved for \$134,910 of CHRF funding.

Seed Projects:

Telkwa Caribou Herd Range (Project # 6-319)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship (LWRS), Skeena Region

Region: Skeena (Approximately 20 km South of Telkwa, BC and 20 km west of Houston BC).

Description: This seed funding will be used to conduct preliminary work, such as field verification, to develop a proposal to restore habitat for the Telkwa caribou herd through functional and ecological restoration of untenured forestry roads in priority areas as identified in the Tactical Restoration plan and with input from First nations to be collated this winter.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.

Groundhog Field verifications and Prescriptions development (Project # 4-697)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship (LWRS), Kootenay Boundary.

Region: Kootenays (High/Moderate Priority areas within Groundhog).

Description: This seed funding will be used to conduct road verification and development of road prescriptions for the Groundhog Herd in collaboration with First Nations part of the restoration sub-group. The fieldwork and prescriptions will be based on a priority list currently being developed by the Shuswap Band.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.

Columbia North Field verification and prescriptions development (Project # 4-698)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship (LWRS), Kootenay Boundary

Region: Kootenays (Columbia North Herd- High-moderate priority areas- North of Revelstoke).

Description: This seed funding will be used to conduct road verification and development of road prescriptions for the Columbia North Herd in collaboration with First Nations part of the restoration sub-group. The fieldwork and prescriptions will be based on a priority list currently being developed by the Shuswap Band. These prescriptions will be developed on linear features to be restored.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.

Central Selkirks field verification and prescriptions development (Project # 4-699)

Proponent: Project led by BC Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship (LWRS), Kootenay Boundary

Region: Kootenays (High Priority areas within Central Selkirks . 1-Area North of Meadow creek and around Trout Lake 2- East of Nakusp).

Description: This seed funding will be used to conduct road verification and development of road prescriptions for the Central Selkirks Herd in collaboration with First Nations part of the restoration sub-group. The fieldwork and prescriptions will be based on a priority list currently being developed by the Shuswap Band.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.

TNG West-Central Chilcotin Linear Features Restoration Program (Project # 5-352)

Proponent: Project led by Tsilhqotin National Government

Region: Cariboo (The project is focused on the Puntzi and Chezacut (West side branches) road systems within the Itcha-Ilgachuz caribou herd range, including the central to Eastern portions of their range. Puntzi Lake is located approximately 180km West of Williams Lake North of Highway 20.)

Description: This project will commence the engagement, prioritization and permitting of numerous roads throughout the Central and Eastern half of the Itcha-Ilgachuz herd range.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.

Barkerville Caribou Habitat Restoration (Project # 5-354)

Proponent: Project led by Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance

Region: Cariboo (12km west of the district of Wells, BC).

Description: This seed funding will be used to conduct engagement with First Nations and preliminary work to develop a proposal to restore habitat for the Barkerville caribou herd through functional and ecological restoration of roads and forests with no legal obligation to reforest.

Amount: Approved for \$10,000 of CHRF funding.