



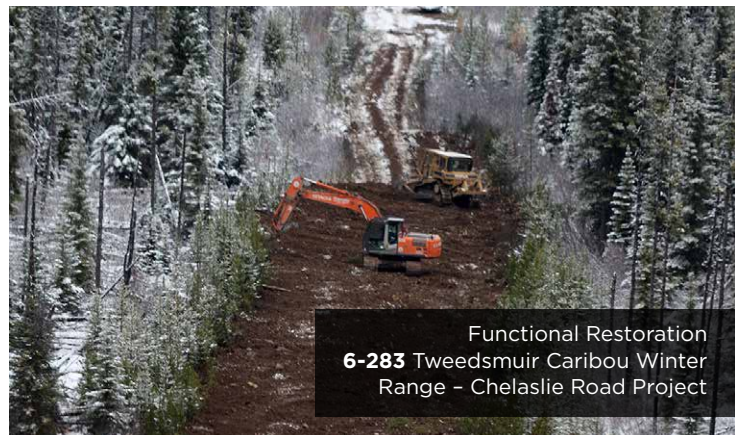
7-529 Functional restoration of linear feature in Kotcho Lake Restoration Area by Fort Nelson First Nation

Caribou Habitat Restoration Fund

The purpose of the Caribou Habitat Restoration Fund (CHRF) is to fund projects that help reduce caribou mortality in the short-term by functionally restoring linear features, such as roads and seismic lines, and secondly by restoring linear features to their adjacent intact habitat types through ecological restoration.

Functional Restoration

Functional restoration helps reduce predator and human access to caribou habitat. The objective is to reduce a competitive advantage for a predator arising from the disturbance, which provides increased speed along the corridor and increased line of sight. Functional restoration also looks to limit human access (i.e. vehicle or snowmobile) causing displacement and limiting caribou refugia. This is achieved by various methods depending on the site and region, such as piling of debris and falling of trees, or digging tank traps or berms.



Functional Restoration
6-283 Tweedsmuir Caribou Winter Range - Chelaslie Road Project

Ecological Restoration

In the longer-term, ecological restoration looks to return a disturbed site to its pre-disturbance condition, primarily by planting vegetation usually over a long period. Ecological restoration may require some site preparation such as ripping or mounding of the soil, as it is often challenged by things like soil compaction and hydrogeological conditions.



Ecological Restoration
7-555 Goldway Road Project

CHRF Grants from HCTF

CHRF Grant: Our main restoration grant for caribou habitat. Applicants can apply for grants up to 3 years in duration. (No application dollar limit.)

Seed Grant: To assist in the development of a full technically sound proposal. (Up to \$10,000)

Capacity Grant: Provides funding to support capacity development to initiate actions to benefit caribou habitat conservation. (Up to \$25,000)



The CHRF Application Process:

- Any individual or organization capable of restoring caribou habitat can apply to the fund. There is no limit to the amount you can apply for, but priority is given to projects that can secure significant partner contributions.
- Projects that restore linear features adjacent to or leading to intact high-value caribou habitat will be given priority.
- The Province of BC has identified medium and high priority herds where funding can be applied. It is also required that an applicant consult with the Provincial biologist in the region before submitting an application. Information on herds and biologist contacts can be found on our [website](#).
- Worksheets are available on our website and applications are submitted online each year with applications opening in September and a deadline in early November. Each application is given a thorough review by a Technical Review Committee (TRC) for technical soundness, effectiveness, and value. The recommendations are then approved by the HCTF Board of Directors and notifications are issued in the spring.



CHRF funded projects typically consist of a few main components:

1. Planning including road prioritization, preparation and prescription development;
2. Permitting and/or authorizations (may include a restoration plan);
3. Treatment delivery including site assessment, pre-treatment and functional and restoration methods; and
4. Post treatment effectiveness monitoring (sometimes with longer-term effectiveness monitoring programs). Projects can span over a single year or take several years (3-5) to achieve objectives. The Operational Restoration Framework (March 2021) produced by the Province of BC details the steps involved in a typical linear restoration project and is available on the [CHRF website](#).

CHRF Website: hctf.ca/grants/caribou-habitat-restoration-grants/

Please visit our website for a list of recently funded caribou habitat restoration projects across BC. You'll also find application worksheets, forms, and other resources for our grant programs.

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