



Caribou Habitat Restoration Fund

2024 Report Overview

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 can apply. 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. [Learn more.](#)

How much money can an applicant request?

There is no upper limit to the amount of money an applicant 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?

Priority is given to restoration projects that will reduce the use of linear features by predators and people so as to reduce caribou mortality in the short-term utilizing functional restoration methods. 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.
- 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)
- Familiarize yourself with the Operational Restoration Framework document and Monitoring Guidance document which outline key considerations for planning and monitoring restoration.



Not ready to submit a full proposal?

Applicants can request up to \$10,000 for a seed grant for the development of a full, technically sound proposal for a new caribou habitat restoration project. The goal of this pilot is to help groups that want to restore anthropogenic disturbances in high-value caribou habitat but require some assistance in preparing a full proposal that meets the technical requirements. Refer to the [Seed Grant tab](#) on the CHRF website for more details.

How do we apply?

HCTF accepts CHRF grant applications in September 2024 for restoration work planned for April 2025 - March 2026.

See [CHRF Apply Tab](#) for full information and details on how to apply.



6-283: Restoration taking place in Tweedsmuir Chelaslie Road project area. (Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship).

CHRF 2024-2025 Grant Recipients:

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

Region: Skeena Region, 60 km south of Burns Lake, BC in the Chelaslie migration corridor.

Proponent: Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Description: This project is in year 5 of 5 years. This project will benefit the Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd by using functional and ecological restoration techniques to restore 80+ km of road and of fire guard linear 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.

Amount: Approved for \$89,181 of CHRF funding.

Whitesail (Project #6-306)

Region: Skeena Region, approximately 122 km south of Smithers, B.C.

Proponent: Canfor

Description: This project is in year 4 of 5 years. This project will functionally and ecologically 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.

Amount: Approved for \$53,680 of CHRF funding.



Peck Creek-Upper Carbon {Project #7-543}

Region: Omineca/Peace region, approximately 54 km west of Chetwynd, BC and within zone B3 of the Caribou Partnership Agreement.

Proponent: Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Description: This project is in year 5 of 5 years. This project has applied functional and ecological restoration treatments on roads that will help contribute to 1,481 hectares of intact habitat within the Klinse-Za herd range.

Amount: Approved for \$33,338 of CHRF funding.

Callazon-Clearwater Valley {Project #7-554}

Region: Omineca/Peace region approximately 45 km northeast of Mackenzie, BC, and within zone B3 of the Caribou Partnership Agreement.

Proponent: Nîkanêse Wah tzee Stewardship Society

Description: This project is in year 4 of 5 years. This project will use functional and ecological restoration techniques to add an additional 2,358ha to intact areas of habitat within the Klinse-Za herd range.

Amount: Approved for \$183,906 of CHRF funding.



7-554: Area treated on the Callazon-Clearwater Valley (Nîkanese Wah tzee Stewardship Society).

Swannell River Valley {Project #7-603}

Region: Omineca/Peace region, approximately 190 kilometers northwest of Mackenzie, BC, and 55 kilometers southwest of Tsay Keh Dene, BC.

Proponent: Chu Cho Environmental

Description: This project is in year 1 of 3 years. This project aims to annually restore 10 kilometers of roads in the Swannell River Valley, an area identified as containing low elevation core habitat for the Chase Caribou, with the goal of reducing predator movement.

Amount: Approved for \$213,087 of CHRF funding

