

Skooks Landing Forest Recreation Site

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HISTORY

- Skooks Landing has been used for years as the only feasible site to launch boats in the entire area.
- The only site to enable access into the MKMA via the Kechika / Turnigan / Gataga / Frog River systems.
- The existing site has no area to park trucks / boats and trailers, nor restroom and garbage facilities, and lacks interpretive signage.
- Currently, everyone parks on the riverbank.
 - Area has flooded several time involving parked vehicles.
 - Severe safety / environmental hazards.
- The Kaska Nation, Toad River Area Club, North East BC Wildlife Fund, and the Province of BC (Recreation Sites & Trails), have been working to establish a recreation site at Skook's landing.

HISTORY

- Skooks Landing holds significant cultural and recreational value for our region.
 - A place where community members, resident hunters, and guide outfitters all gather to connect with nature.
- The proposed project aims to develop infrastructure and amenities that will improve access to the site while ensuring its long-term sustainability.



PHASE 1: Clear, Pile, and Burn Timber

- Most important milestone!!
- We have completed Phase 1 at Skooks Landing.
- Parking area has been cleared with piles burned.
- We were delayed due to waiting on approvals and permission to burn.
- Phase 1 was made possible by the following donors...



DONATIONS

1) Daylu Dena Council-Kaska Nation

- Donated 5 members of their crew for 2 full days from the Lower Post Smoke Walkers.
 - Chad Thomas, Tristan Miller, Adam Cook, Marshal Law, Seth Lavendure, and Phillippe Mass.

2) Black Star Resources

- Cole Wilson

3) Tracker Contracting

- Greg Wilson
- These 2 companies donated \$21, 802 worth of Dozer and excavator time.
- The total bill was \$36,000.

4) FSJ Rod and Gun Club

5) **Jim Fulton and Tom Fulton: NEBCWF**

- Between the 2, each have donated 11 full days and some night shifts of their time.
- Donation value of \$11,000.

6) **Wild Sheep Society of BC**

- \$25,000 for Phase 2.

7) **NEBCWF**

- \$25,000 for Phase 2.

8) **FLNR (Denise Booy, RFT)**

- Contribution of \$10,000.

8) **Bill Jacobsen**

- Hoe or cat time for Phase 2.

9) **Nemesis (Scott Ebert)**

- \$5,000 for Phase 1.

10) **Gaslink Industries (Dave Turchanski)**

- Truck and lowbed for Phase 2.

11) **Jim Little**

- \$500 for Phase 2.

Total Donation for Phase 1 (dollars spent + equipment donated) = \$36,000

PLANS FOR PHASE 2

- Phase 2 will consist of stripping topsoil, levelling grade, and utilizing underlying shale for capping.
- We are hoping to secure adequate funding from partners and/or grants.



PLANS FOR PHASE 3

- Working with Daylu Dena Council – Kaska Nation and Recreation Sites and Trails BC.
- Proposed to install
 - Restrooms
 - Tables
 - Interpretive signage
 - Firepits



Tracker and Black Star equipment walking down and piling and burning piles.



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The Lower Post Smoke Walkers

- Tristan Miller, Adam Cook, Marshal Law, Seth Lavendure, and Philippe Mass.
- Slashing and burning piles.
- Excellent crew thanks to Chad Thomas and Vanessa Law and Tristan Miller.

Burning piles and working a night shift. Piles were consumed and were out.



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Phase 1 completed and piles all out and spread!

Burn areas will be checked this spring for holdover.



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Thank you to our existing donors. If you would like to donate, please contact

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