

SOCIETY FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
IN NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

SERNbc Yearly Activities 2018

This yearly update was delayed. After the highlights of 2017, 2018 though still a good year for the society, has not had significant dramatic improvements and in fact, project deliveries were reduced a bit as compared to the previous year. This was not intended and in fact, we're working on increases to our programming. This intent will require further thought.

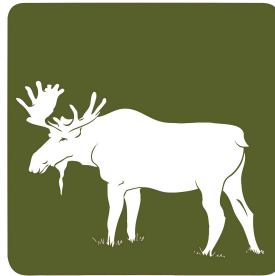
2018 resulted in large wildfires in the central interior, one of which changed the course of our road rehabilitation project south of Francois Lake. We had plans to do site preparations on previously developed prescriptions, but the Island Lake Wildfire burnt over the entire area and as a result, silvicultural planning will need to start from the beginning. We will try to incorporate our road rehabilitation planning into activities as they progress.

Wildfires also changed the implementation course of our planning work for carbon storage as the fire areas were seen to be a higher priority than the areas we previously identified in our 2017 planning processes. These planning reports are still available though and may provide priority opportunities for storage into the future.

Project and Budget Summary

With contributions from the Federal (ECCC) and Provincial (MFLNRORD) governments as well as the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) and the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) totalling approximately \$706,354 the following activities were completed or are in the process of being completed.

Project Delivery	Funds delivered
<p>Proposal development: We've spent money developing proposals for submission to others. We've built proposal submissions for caribou habitat tactical planning, fish passage assessments and habitat confirmations in the Parsnip Watershed, crossing structure replacement prescriptions for the MacGregor watershed, riparian planting implementation in the Little Bobtail Wildfire Area, and one from Northern Habitat Solutions related to the enhancement of winter forage for moose.</p>	\$21,500
<p>Planning projects:</p>	\$85,000



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<p>There are two holistic, landscape level planning initiatives we've initiated and will be available on our website when completed in 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildfire Restoration: Shovel Creek Wildfire Restoration Plan, First Nations collaboration for restoration. 2. Chilako Watershed Recovery Plan: expert input into watershed recovery and identification of activities promoting recovery. 	
<p>Caribou: Numerous projects funded by FESBS, HCTF, ECCC, and MFLNRORD to develop and implement restoration projects in multiple caribou herd ranges. We're trying to assist with tactical direction for the Tweedsmuir-Entakio and Telkwa caribou herds, implementing restoration projects within the Tweedsmuir-Entakio and Quintette caribou, and also monitoring implementation of projects within these herd ranges.</p>	\$449,050
<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitebark pine-seed collection, cleaning and storage. • Stream side restoration activities along both the Chilako River and Swanson Creek with the objective to stabilize the stream bank and prevent further erosion. • Riparian assessments and prescriptions which led to the proposal submission identified above to HCTF. 	\$60,250
<p>Administration Staffing (manager, book keeper, website maintenance), expenses, insurance.</p>	\$90,554

Communications:

We are in the process of updating the project and library pages on our website and making sure a number of reports of interest are made available online.