



The names listed on the following pages are rare and endangered species of the East Kootenay. Pages 2 and 4 present red-listed species while page 3 details blue-listed species. How can we help? What can we do? Read

the Greenways newsletter to keep 'Current'. There are ongoing opportunities for project funding and for volunteering. Every contribution helps! Contact Meredith Hamstead, Greenways program coordinator for details.

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for information on Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to THE CURRENT and enjoy the success that it represents. This milestone is dedicated to the supporters and volunteers who have helped make this celebration possible.

Greenways was initiated by Osprey Communications with the support of the Columbia Basin Trust, in the fall of 1999. With the help of the Sonoran Institute, a gathering of local residents at the Successful Communities Forum in January 2000 expressed that the conservation and restoration of open spaces is critical to our well being. A collaboration of these initiatives saw Parks, Provincial agencies, environmentalists, business organizations, service clubs and private citizens form the Greenways Alliance.

THE CURRENT is Greenways' first public reporting of the work that is underway, or that has been accomplished. There will be many more issues to follow!

Gerri Brightwell  
Chair, Columbia River Greenways



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### CHARITABLE STATUS

In a happy turn of events, we have, in a period of two short months from the time of our application, received registration as a federal, not-for-profit charity.

Receipt of this status will dramatically improve our ability to raise funds and will offer direct benefits by way of tax receipts. Further, designation as a charity ensures that The Greenways Alliance will be a transparent, publicly accessible and fiscally responsible organization. We are now bound by the rules and regulations associated with charitable registration. And Greenways is now able to take advantage of the organizational, fundraising and public access benefits of such registration.

## GREENWAYS' VISION

#### MISSION

To develop a network of linear corridors of open natural spaces that maintain the wildlife habitat and recreational legacy of the region and enhance the ecological, economic, and community well-being of the Upper Columbia Valley.

#### VISION STATEMENT

The Columbia River Greenways Alliance seeks a day when:

- The critical landscape and habitat features in our region are effectively connected allowing for the long-term health of the plant and animal communities that rely upon it for survival.
- Our communities evolve in ways that enhance the total well-being of the region, taking into equal consideration the economic, ecological and social components of well-being.
- The communities of the Upper Columbia Valley are linked both physically and socially by effective, educational and aesthetically appealing human use corridors. These corridors offer a significant contribution to the economic and ecological stability of the region as a whole.

# PROJECTS

For further details on funding, please see Fundraising section.

## SINCLAIR CREEK

### OVERVIEW

The Columbia River Greenways Alliance has secured the necessary funding to undertake the in-stream restoration of Sinclair Creek within the bounds of the Village of Radium Hot Springs. The Sinclair Creek restoration project seeks to restore the in-stream fisheries and riparian habitat previously provided by Sinclair Creek. This creek is a critical connector for native fish and wildlife between the Kootenay National Park and the Columbia River Wetlands. By restoring the stream's natural course and improving spawning habitat, it is our hope that Sinclair creek will once again be home to healthy populations of bull trout, cutthroat and Kokanee.

Further, in partnership with the Village of Radium Hot Springs, Greenways is working toward the development of recreational and educational facilities that will engage users in high quality opportunities to learn about the natural values of the Creek.

This project is being undertaken with the support of Slocan Forest Products and The Pacific Salmon Foundation, and the in-kind support of John Wolfe Construction and Baymag Mines.

### APPROACH

The Sinclair Creek restoration will primarily involve the restoration of in-stream fisheries habitat that has been degraded by the alteration of the stream's natural course. This will be accomplished by

- **Placing** large natural objects such as logs and boulders in the stream to create pools and to allow the stream to meander
- **Ensuring** the minimization of invasive Brook Trout population by extensively fishing that species

Not only will restoring the in-stream habitat assist in the restoration of native fish populations, but it will also precipitate the restoration of the Sinclair corridor valuable for ungulate movement.

The second aspect of the project is public education about the need for and value of in-stream restoration work in the Upper Columbia Valley. This will be accomplished through

- **Involving** the public in volunteer Kokanee counts during the annual spawn
- **Partnering** with the Village of Radium in the development of educational and recreational features along Sinclair Creek, including spawning viewing platforms, self-guided interpretive tours and a recreational pathway



ROSE ART

## JAMES CHABOT BOARDWALK

### OVERVIEW

In partnership with the Real Estate Foundation of BC and the District of Invermere, the Columbia River Greenways Alliance will be completing the construction of a dragonfly and wetland interpretive boardwalk in James Chabot Provincial park.

The development of the James Chabot Dragonfly boardwalk will provide a quality recreational amenity for the community, while also educating visitors and locals about the internationally significant habitat values of this region's wetlands.

The tiny James Chabot wetland is home to twenty-four dragonfly species. Greenways' intention is that the project will increase local awareness about the natural values of this particular wetland and of the region while also providing a new recreational amenity for the community. This fascinating project will soon become a critical component of the Radium to Invermere Greenway thanks to the support of The Real Estate Foundation of BC and the District of Invermere.

### APPROACH

The Dragonfly Boardway project will:

- **Develop** a first class pedestrian recreational facility that will engage users in education about the natural wetland and dragonflies living within the James Chabot Park wetland
- **Focus** on the twenty-four dragonfly species

that inhabit the wetland, as well as on the migratory waterfowl and the native fauna of the wetland

## INTERPRETIVE TOUR

### OVERVIEW

The Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens trail was officially opened September 11th. It is located at the south end of Invermere, adjacent to Kinsmen Beach on Lake Windermere. Brochures are available at the Greenways entry archway.

The Botanical Gardens Trail and Old Coach Trail self-guided tours provide recreational users with an opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Upper Columbia Region. These tours are the backbone of the Greenways network, linking communities and people to the places they need and want to go. This project is being undertaken with the support of Tembec Forest Products, Columbia Basin Trust, The Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens and The Successful Communities Forum.



MURRAY VOGT (TEMBEC), MEREDITH HAMSTEAD (GREENWAYS) AND KINDY GOSAL (COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST)

### APPROACH

The self-guided interpretive tours will

- **Provide** visitors and locals with recreational opportunities to learn about the internationally significant ecosystem values of the Upper Columbia Valley
- **Provide** a safe and effective means for people to travel between Radium and Invermere using non-motorized transport

On 4 October 2002, the Regional District of East Kootenay Board of Directors approved the development and implementation of a regional trail along the old highway heading south from Radium. The Greenways Alliance has developed an interpretive brochure and tour that highlights the natural and cultural history features along the route, and it is hoped that the 13km route will be open to the public within a year.

OPENING OF BOTANICAL GARDENS INTERPRETIVE TOUR



## FUNDRAISING (CONTINUED)

restoration and recreation development in Radium, conservation and recreation in Invermere, and public education about natural assets in our Regional District area.

The development and maintenance of Greenways in the Upper Columbia Valley is primarily about conservation, but it is also about contribution to the long term stability of the economies and communities in this region. As a not-for-profit, registered charity, we understand the importance of economic as well as environmental viability and sustainability. Your

continued support makes a difference to our cause and to the health of our economy.

### FUNDERS BY PROJECT - OCTOBER 2002

|  |                                   |                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sinclair Creek</b>                        | Slocan Forest Products            | 25,000            |
|  | Pacific Salmon Foundation         | 10,000            |
| <b>Dragonfly Boardwalk Self Guided Tours</b> | District of Invermere             | 9,000             |
|  | Tembec Environmental Fund         | 6,100             |
| <b>Cows &amp; Fish Education</b>             | Successful Communities Forum      | 4,700             |
|  | Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens | 1,000             |
|  | Columbia Basin Trust              | 700               |
|  | CKFRP                             | 500               |
|  | District of Invermere             | 400               |
| <b>Outreach Operational Support</b>          | Farmer's Institute                | 300               |
|  | CBFWCP                            | 1,375             |
|  | RCC                               | 11,138            |
|  | Columbia Basin Trust              | 20,000            |
| Sonoran Institute                            | 11,138                            |                   |
| EYCI   | 5,000                             |                   |
|  |                                   | <b>\$ 126,350</b> |

## PARTNER PROFILE

Each issue of The Current will showcase one of our partners. Our first issue introduces the EKCP:

### NEW INITIATIVE COMBINES RESOURCES FOR WIN-WIN EAST KOOTENAY CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

Over 27 groups and agencies involved in East Kootenay conservation have joined together to develop a homegrown strategy promoting habitat and ecosystem management for private land in the region. The participating organizations have pooled their resources to take a common approach to land conservation under the umbrella of the newly-formed East Kootenay Conservation Program (EKCP).

The East Kootenay has experienced a constant increase in population and development activities over the past 30 years, such that all aspects of human activities are now affecting the ecosystem and native species. The East Kootenay is world-renowned for its scenic beauty and biological diversity, which includes over 270 plant and animal species that are rare, endangered or threatened. The increasing pressure and demands on the land base, particularly on private lands, is accelerating loss of habitat for native plants and animals.

The goal of the partnership is to facilitate a win-win approach to ecosystem conservation on private and connected Crown lands to maintain the rich biological, economic and social heritage of the East Kootenay. Having partners working closely together will result in greater efficiencies, sharing of expertise, setting priorities and project coordination.

For more information please contact Darrell Smith, EKCP Program Manager, at 250-342-3655 or at ekcp@cyberlink.bc.ca.

## BOARD NOTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Gerri Brightwell | Victoria Page   |
| Robert Earl      | Russell Tibbles |
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| Brian McLaughlin | Ron Verboom     |

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Greenways Alliance Board of Directors guides the implementation of Greenways throughout the region. The Board of Directors is supported by two project coordinators. We are assisted by a technical committee of local experts who contribute their skills on a project basis to the work of the Greenways Alliance. Donations received through fundraising are paid to the Columbia River Greenways Alliance which will issue receipts for tax purposes to donors.

## BOARD PROFILE

Each issue we would like to profile a member of our board. Our first issue features our chairperson.

Gerri Brightwell is a resident of Invermere and has been committed to the vision of the Columbia Valley Greenways Alliance since its foundation. Professionally, Gerri works as a consultant to small business and on community economic development initiatives. She is also a dedicated volunteer, not only to Greenways but to local groups such as the Wings Over the Rockies Festival. Gerri has a B.Sc in Environmental Science and an MBA in Natural Resources and Energy, both from the University of Alberta.

## OUR SPONSORS

### PATRONS



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Baymag Mines

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The Sonoran Institute  
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership  
Rotary Club  
East Kootenay Conservation Program  
Trout Unlimited Canada

