

**Friends of the Rossland Range BOARD MEETING Thursday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Rossland Library 5:00pm MINUTES**

Present: Les Carter\*, Kim Deane\*, Larry Doell\*, Gerry Heacock\*, Demitri Lesniewicz\*, Don Liszt, Laura Mackay\*, Rob Richardson\*, Stewart Spooner\* and Don Vockeroth \*Director

1) Reports on Current & Planned Activities:

Spring and summer to the end of August has been quiet, in part due to almost no rainfall (but remarkably, almost no lightning) resulting in extreme fire risk and limited activity in the back-county. Rod Newton (Contractor) pretty much completed the new driveway to new parking in the Pit during July, the new Booty's Cabin site was cleared and footings poured and Rob Richardson and helpers cleared much of the old Chilcoot Trail plus various other brushing work.

Following plans – most during Sept. & Oct.:

a) Trails & Thinning::

**Rod Newton (Excavator Contractor)** expected to do about 15 days work on roadside brushing, placement of culverts, a wide, main trail to the U-bend on the Lepsoe FSR, corduroy logs across wet spot below Mosquito and miscellaneous post holes, etc. {Possible project in reserve: a 'causeway' across pools at bottom of Rock&Roll Road}.

**Thinning Contractor (Chris DeRosa)** to thin dense re-growth patch between Gordski and Cookie's Roads to complete easier down-ski route off Mt. Crowe through White Owl Pass; plus some add-on thinning to work done last year in Lespose Basin; plus 'Dead & Down' (chainsaw) work on Plewman Trail, tree bands between Murphy Creek clearcuts and above Mosquito Cabin.

**Volunteer** chainsaw and others to widen link on Low Road, complete Chilcoot Trail clearing, trails north from Chimo Cabin and other work to be identified. (Trail to Plane Crash is well used and could be considered).

Other ideas welcome.

Cutblock hillside discussed – large, daunting for contractor or volunteers. Atco logging plans (unfortunately with uncertain timing) likely will improve the situation. Thus, no plans here.

- b) New Parking in Pit: will be completed with 12 ft wide gate to control summer access.
- c) Old Glory Lookout: Demitri organizing floor upgrade and outside painting. Roof seems OK – attic is bone-dry. Helicopter work possible Sept 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> or following week.
- d) Signage: Existing 20 plus signs judged OK for another year. Rob putting bases on some signs to situate them better. Rob getting 2 trailhead kiosks (2 posts w. roof) – Crowe Rd and across from main parking lot.
- e) Cabins: Booty's underway with target completion for Celebration Event. Chimo completion plans in place. Igloo current plan is to abandon old structures (with some helicopter demolition removals this year in coordination with the Old Glory heli work) – and, next year to construct new cabin (above ground, rodent-proof) on better site nearby. Red Dog window and stair upgrade are planned. Sunspot: carpenter ant problem associated with blue solid insulation to be addressed. New stove for Crowe's Nest Cabin.
- f) Celebration Event: Rob taking lead with support as required from all. Proposed date: Sunday (Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>) after Thanksgiving Weekend. Judged to be OK – subject to checking that it doesn't conflict with Miner's Hall Opening Weekend events. Open House concept. Simple BBQ sausages, drinks & cake. Brief program. Advertised through FoRRS e-mail broadcast (media likely to pick it up). No overall work party program associated with it due to difficulty of organizing such for broad range public participation. Individual groups free to do 'own thing' if they wish to tie in with event.

- g) Financial: No major changes – basic plan remains same as:  
 Project expenditures in 2016: \$110,000.  
 Project budget for 2017 (last year of 3-year total Plan): \$120,000.  
 FoRRS forecast \$142,000 available – leaving \$22,000 carry-over to 2018.  
 Budget (very much rough guess at this time) (000's):
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| Trails & Thinning: | \$48 | Signage        | \$ 5 |
| Parking            | \$18 | Demolition     | \$ 2 |
| New Cabins (1)     | \$15 | Administration | \$ 1 |
| Old Glory          | \$15 | Contingency    | \$16 |

**Next Meeting - Open to all: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Following meetings: Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>**