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The Rossland Range Recreation Site



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This winter's season started out with a bang on Nov 3 with ten inches of snow -- road and trails had been brushed by Rob & Sandra. Chimo, Red Dog, Mosquito and Viewpoint have all been very busy. Conditions have improved steadily since then.

New for this Winter:

- **Cabin:** Booty's replaces the old Surprise Shelter (thanks to Hiltec, Troy, Darren, Matty, and more);
- **Parking:** Paraking lot and driveway (by Rod Newton) - based on approvals from Highways;
- **Trails:** "Lepsoe Old Growth", "Midline", "Northern Lights" (near Chimo) and "Chilcootin" (old Cookie Trail);
- **Thinning:** (by Greentree - Chris DeRosa) down skiing off Crowe, Lepsoe and in Elgood basin;
- **Maps:** Updated printable maps [HERE](#) on website and new map-signs on Lepsoe side; and
- **Old Glory Lookout:** new floor and painting.

Plowing New Parking Lot:

Much needed additional parking is being provided by the newly constructed parking area with Rod Newton doing plowing as he is able. Emcon is voluntarily clearing all lots along the highway using plow trucks - much appreciated! ***Request of all visitors:*** please keep the new driveway clear, and if you are up there out-of-hours in near empty lots, please park at ends to allow maximum sweep through by Emcon plow trucks.

Funding:

Your past generosity is very much appreciated and as our three years of major project grants come to an end, your continued support is extremely important. In future, even given all the continuing volunteer

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extremely important. In future, even given all the continuing volunteer efforts, we will need funds for ongoing programs eg. plowing, maintenance of all the new cabins, trimming on road/trails, some basic administration - estimated total to be about \$10,000 per year. Fortunately, Rec Sites & Trails BC (the provincial "owner" of the Rec Site) may provide some annual funding.

To Donate to FORR:

Simply go to the Donate page of the website [HERE](#) to either mail a check or donate by credit card (via Pay Pal, but no Pay Pal account is needed). A 2017 charitable receipt will be provided for donations over \$20CAD received by Dec 31.

2017 Snow Host Program:

Please contact Rob Richardson if you are interested in snow hosting this year. See details in last year's newsletter [HERE](#).

Search & Rescue:

FoRRS and Search & Rescue are coordinating efforts including equipment, procedures and public notices regarding training exercises. This helps SAR groups and increases their readiness in the Rec Site.

Dec 14 Medal Presentation to Kim Deane:

FORR Directors are pleased to announce that Kim Deane has been selected to receive the coveted Senate of Canada 150 Medal on Dec 14 at the Rossland City Council meeting, 6pm, on behalf of Senator Nancy Greene Raines. Everyone is welcome to attend. Kim is being honoured for his years of dedication to the development of outdoor recreation, on projects such as his work to establish the Rossland Range Recreation Area, the Friends of the Rossland Range and the Seven Summits Trail. Of course, Kim modestly views this as an award to the whole community and he is correct; countless volunteers have been involved over the years (but we are still proud to share this news with you).

More details on these items and more discussed at the Nov 22 AGM are in the Minutes on the website [HERE](#).

Please contact us to participate (see emails to the right) - everyone is welcome and your input and participation is sincerely appreciated!

The Rossland Range Recreation Site is approximately 4,450 hectares of the Rossland Range high country, designated for public recreation by the Ministry of Forests and managed by the community under an agreement between the Ministry's Recreation Sites and Trails Branch and the Friends of the Rossland Range Society (FORRS).

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