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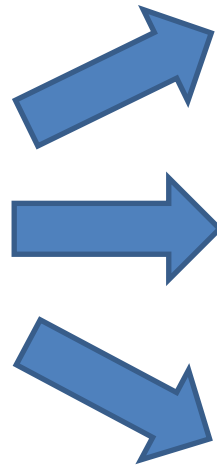


RSTBC – Trails Updates

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Why did we undertake the project?

- Current policy and associated documents outdated
- Inconsistency between policy, standards and what is actually on the ground throughout the Province
- To better communicate risks to trail users and to standardize how difficulty is rated and communicated
- Develop new tools to help reduce staff and partner workloads while increasing efficiencies and consistency across the Province

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What Have We Done So Far?

- Developed draft new policy, difficulty rating system and sign creation tool
- Shared work with mountain bike community last fall through a pilot
- Worked with 8 specific communities and partners
- Compiled and assessed comments
- Shared 'What we Heard' report from pilot

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What Did We Hear?

- Policy Common Themes
 - Concerns regarding liability for agreement holders
 - Concerns regarding implementation funding and timelines
 - Concerns regarding homogeneity of trails and club capacity
- Difficulty Rating System Common Themes
 - Changes to existing trail ratings
 - Prescriptive Criteria
 - User experience (of difficulty rating system)
 - Recommendations for Changes
- Sign Creation Tool – generally positive

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Where Are We Going Next?

- Preparing for Pilot 2.0
- Updates to policy and difficulty rating system are important. Will continue to pursue in collaboration with the MTB community



RSTBC Authorizations



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu on the left with the following items: Planning your visit, About the program (highlighted), Partnering and volunteering, Authorizations, Policies and strategies, Maintenance and development, Legislative Authority, and ORV Trail Fund. The main content area features a text box with the following text:

Authorizations

- Construction and Maintenance
- Business and Industrial Use

Below the text box, there is a link: [Learn more about partnering and volunteering with Recreation Sites and Trails B.C.](#)

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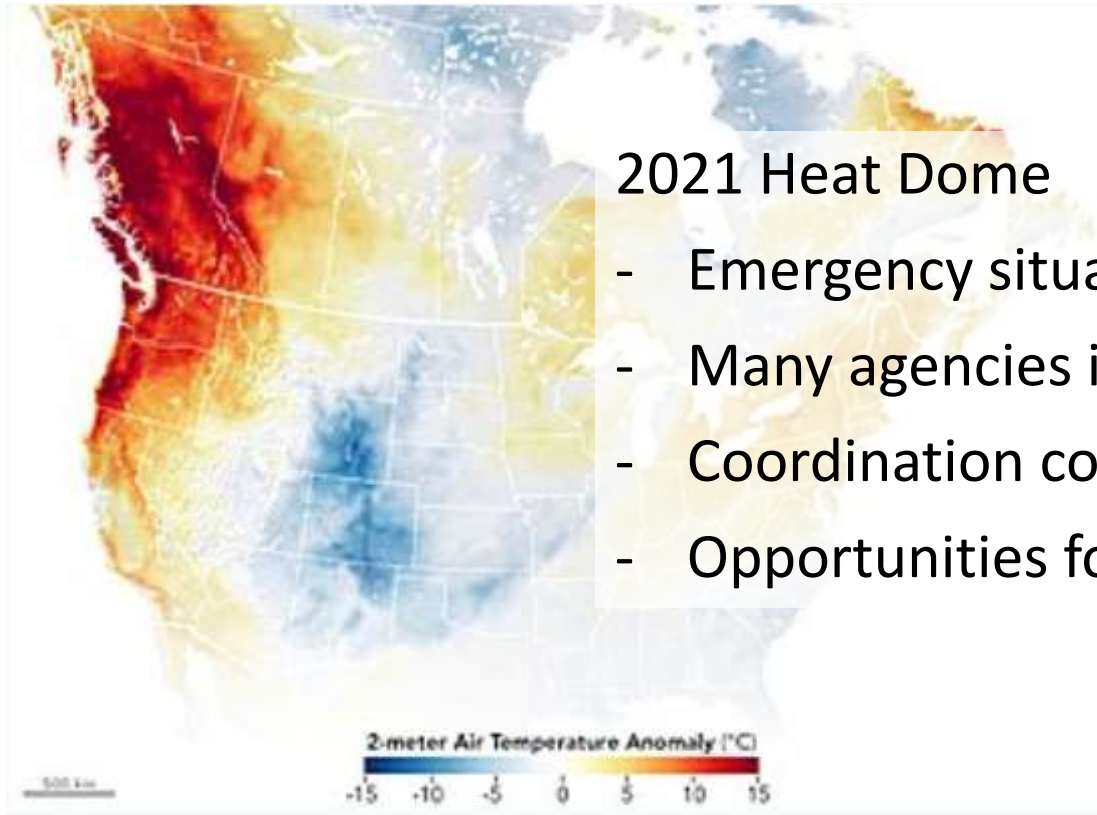
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Policies and strategies

2021 Wildfire Season



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2021 Heat Dome

- Emergency situations and closures of sites and trails were common
- Many agencies involved
- Coordination continues to be a challenge
- Opportunities for collaboration

Housing Issues in the Backcountry



Complex issues requiring complex solutions

- RSTBC capacity challenged in densely populated areas
- human rights implications to evictions





Discussion
