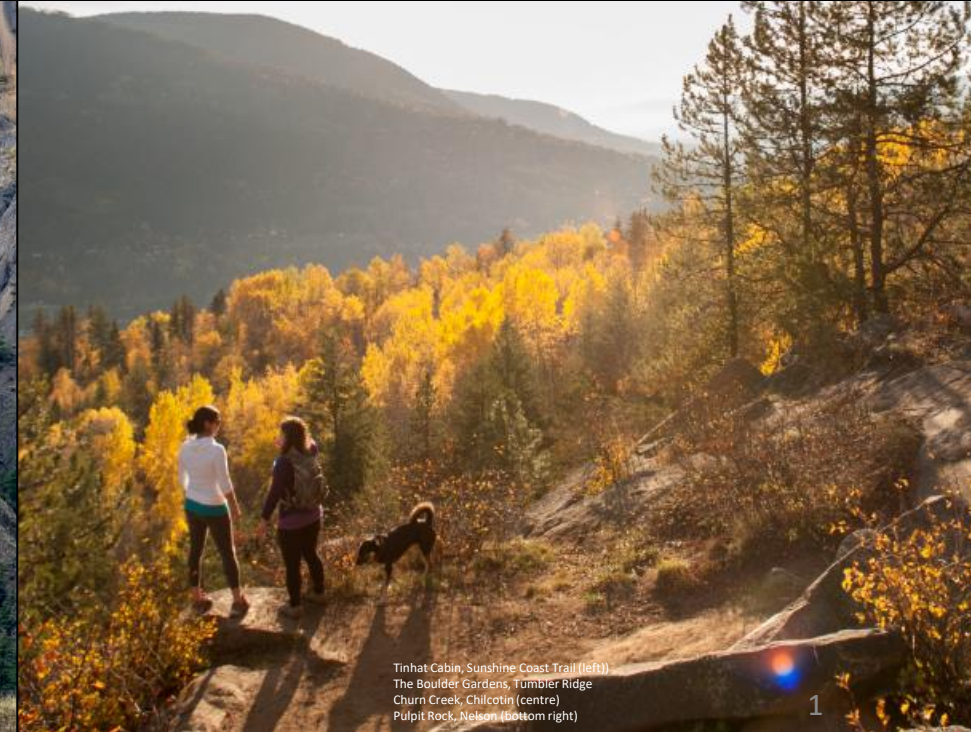


Shuswap Trails Alliance Roundtable Program Update

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Tinhat Cabin, Sunshine Coast Trail (left)
The Boulder Gardens, Tumbler Ridge
Churn Creek, Chilcotin (centre)
Pulpit Rock, Nelson (bottom right)



Recreation Sites
and Trails BC

FRPA S.57

Overview

- Authorization required for **construction, maintenance, or rehabilitation** of a **trail** or other **recreation facility**
 - Applies to public land, outside parks and protected areas
- Legislative authority
 - Section 57 of FRPA & Part 3 of FRR
- Does not confer legal status or designation
 - Analogous to a 'works permit'
- May be used in conjunction with an establishment designation (FRPA s.56)

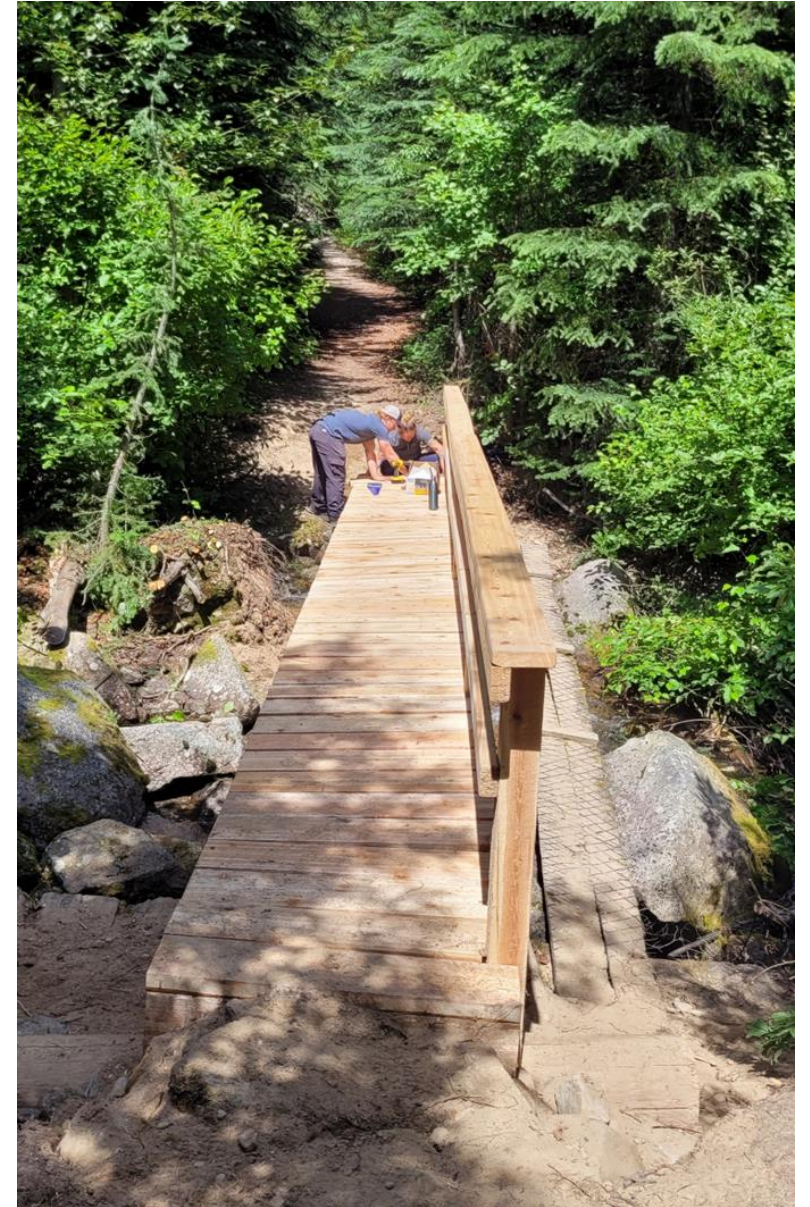


FRPA S57 Authorizations

- FRPA s.57 authorizations issued in 2022, 2023 & 2024: **130**
- **301** applications received
- Standard maintenance via nearly **400** volunteer Partnership Agreements
 - A lot of maintenance done under Annual Operating plan in PA

Increasing demand for recreation opportunities

- Increase in number of proposals for construction and maintenance
- Complexity of applications and referrals also increasing



Welsh Lake Recreation Trail, Rocky Mountain North

Current Status

Outdated System, Increased Complexity and Expectations

RSTBC authorizations policy and system is outdated

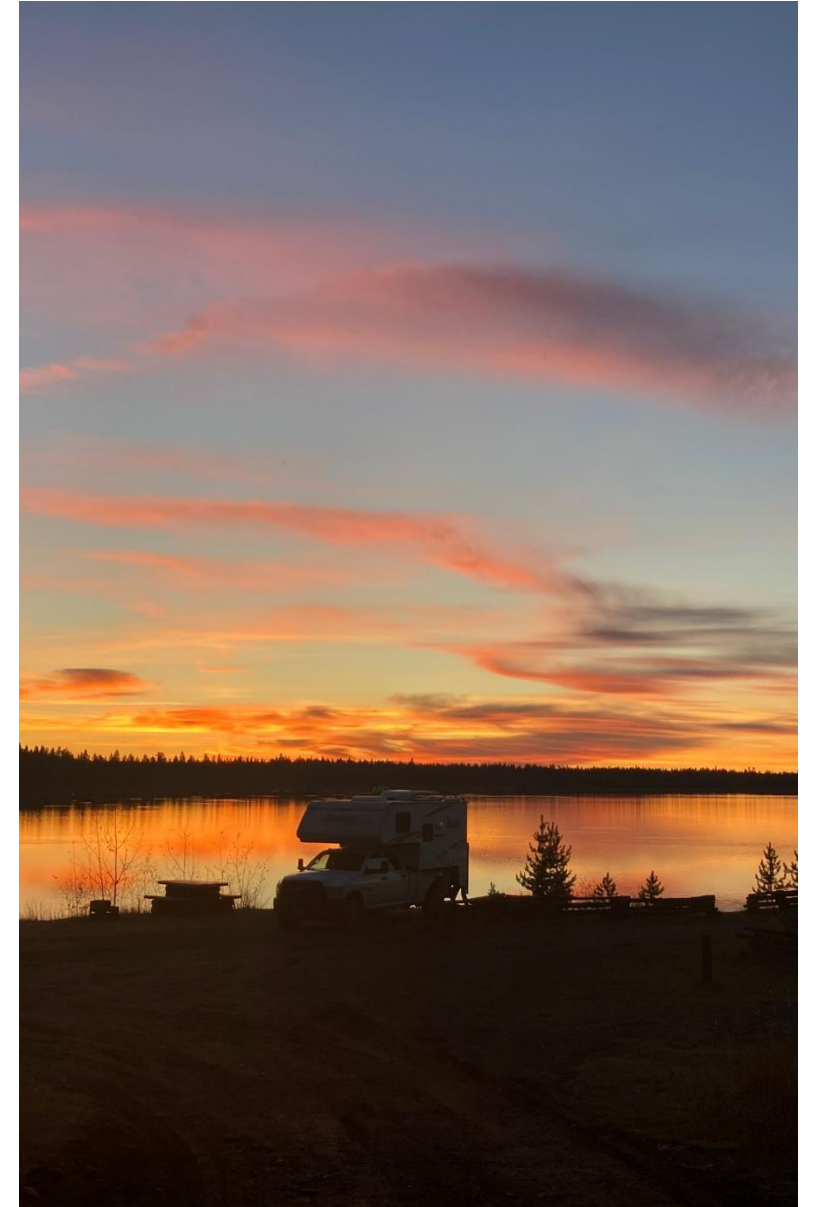
- Limited functionality (PDF proposal form, manual tracking, etc.)
- Process inconsistencies (submission process, levels of service, etc.)

The land base is rapidly changing

- Reconciliation, consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples
- Overlapping interests of multiple stakeholders
- Commitments to environmental stewardship

Expectations on decisions makers are growing

- Review and adjudication may take longer
- Authorizations may include more conditions



Helena Lake Recreation Site, 100 Mile House

Improved Approach to Authorizing Construction and Maintenance

Key Drivers

- Address administrative workload pressures
- Enhance service delivery

Key Components

- Modernize Proposal Form
- Provide comprehensive guidance to applicants
- Streamline process for minor complexity projects
- Standardize service with Front Counter BC
- Provide better, centralized tracking using ATS



Powell Forest Canoe Route, South Island Sunshine Coast

FRPA S.56

Overview

- Minister may order establishment of recreation site, recreation trail, interpretive forest
 - Applies to public land, outside parks and protected areas
 - No application process – internal process
- Does confer legal status
 - Analogous to a FSR or Park designation
- Allows full suite of tools for management
 - FRR, fees, partnership agreement, enforceable rules



Snowmobiling at Robinson Ridge in Kitimat

Establishments across BC

- 6,600 Established Trails
 - 20,000 kilometers of trail
- 1,939 recreation sites
 - Represents 8,831 camp sites
- 12 Interpretive Forest Sites
- How much is enough – what is sustainable



Process Improvements

- Growth has been unsustainable
 - Adding ~ 50 sites and trails / year province wide since 2007
 - Limited growth in staffing and resourcing
- Standard process and elements
- Considerations for resourcing
 - RST and volunteer



Recreation and Resource Roads

- BC has a lot of resource roads
- Roads generally managed by MOF or Forest Licensees
- Recreation accommodated but generally not the primary use



Grooming the trail, Fernie

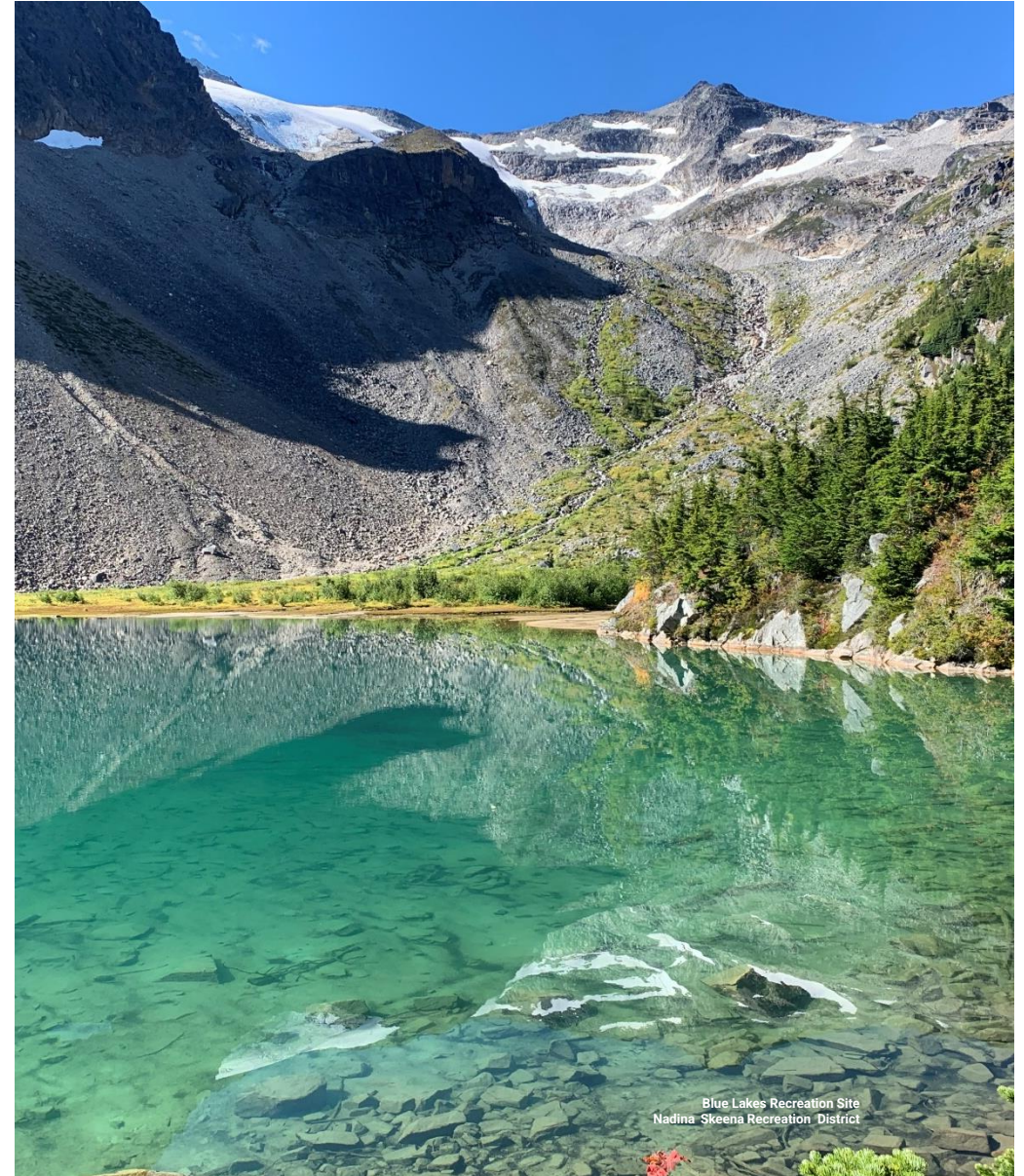
Other Topics

Funding

- ORV Trail Fund – 2025 call for projects
- BC Outdoor Recreation Fund – ORC
- Possible that others come with new provincial government

RSTBC Organizational Structure

- Reorganization of management staff
- Business continuity a focus
- New Ministry name – Environment and Parks
- Minister Tamara Davidson (Laanas)



Questions & Discussion



Bruins Ridge Conaught Creek Rogers Pass