

# Environmental Trail Screening Tool

**Purpose:** To provide a coarse “pre-screening” tool for use primarily by Recreation Sites and Trails recreation officers when considering the need for a short-form application of the environmental trail screening tool.

## Short Form

Pre-Screen Summary Form to include the following:

**A. If the following apply to this project**, an environmental trail screening report may not be required (Check all that apply. Where there is uncertainty, leave blank)

- The trail project is less than 500 metres within an existing trail system
- An environmental trail screening report has been done for trails in this area
- The project does not enter or cross riparian zones or water features
- The project does not enter sensitive habitats (wetlands, grasslands, alpine, lakes, streams)
- No known species at risk are known to exist in the area

**B. Basic Project Information** (if not accompanying a Section 57 application)

1. Project Name:
2. Contact Name:
3. Organization/Society:
4. Daytime Phone:
5. Email address:
6. Mailing Address:
7. Brief Description of proposed trail, including purpose, user types, construction standards:
8. Location description (include map coordinates):
9. Approx length:
10. Width:
11. Average grade of proposed trail:

**C. Briefly describe the Terrain this project traverses** – Note: reference the Environmental Trail Screening tool, sections 2.27 – 2.32, for the type of features to include in your description.

**D. Briefly describe the ecology of the area this project is in** – Note: reference the Environmental Screening Tool, section 3.4, for a description of how to use BioGeoClimatic (BGC) Zones to describe the dominant ecosystems of an area. Use the mapping sequence to create a BGC and water map to assist you.

**E. Are there sensitive plant and animal species or their habitats** that will need to be considered in the design of this project?

**F. Which key mitigation measures and limits will apply to this project?** – Note: reference the Environmental Trail Screening Mitigation Table.

**G. Local Knowledge** – describe any ecological concerns that have been expressed in the project area:

**H. Attach a project map and accompanying photographs** of the terrain and habitat of the project area.

**I. Submit to Front Counter BC** for review.