

September 2020 NEWSLETTER

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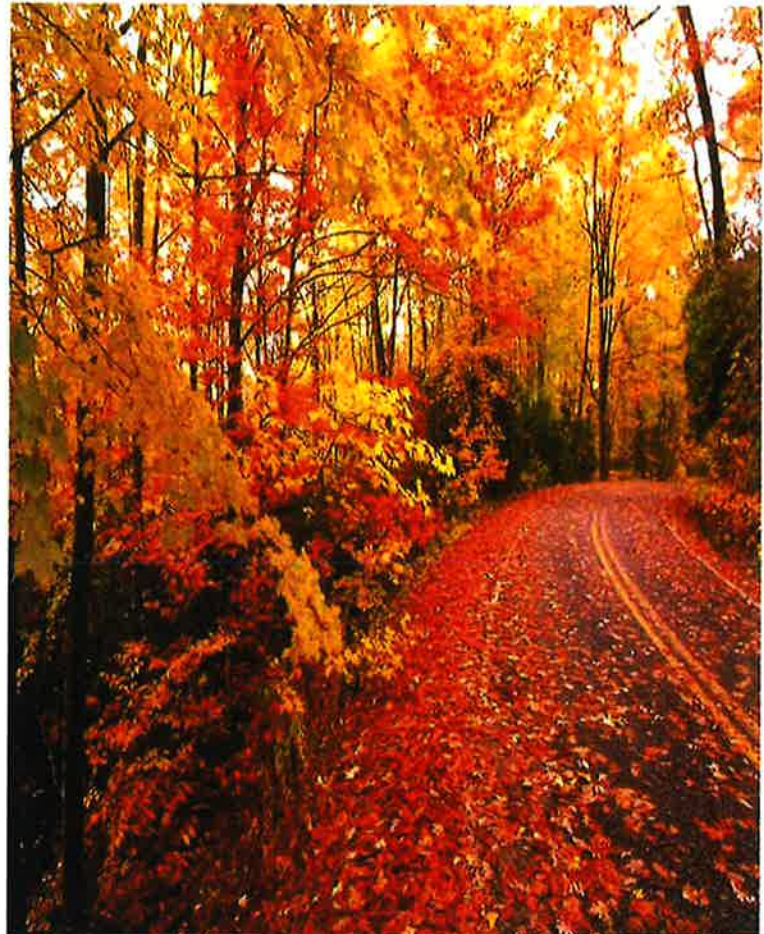
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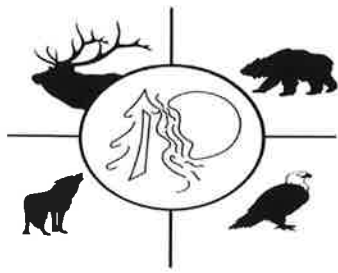
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Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance, Social Development, Education

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Re: COVID-19/ Corona Virus

Good day Coldwater Band Members,

On behalf of Council we would like to remind you to stay diligent in these trying times and to "Flatten the curve" by doing all the following recommendations:

- **Stay Home if you are not feeling well**
- **Keep commonly touched places clean & disinfected. Keep washing your hands**
- **Obey public health advice & social distancing**
- **Do NOT touch your face**
- **Emergency situations call 911**
- **Nose & Mouth etiquette, Cough & sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw tissue into garbage & wash your hands**
- **Non-essential travel-if you do need to go to town, follow all precautions and recommendations re: wash hands every 20 minutes, only touch what you need to, change clothes/shower once returning from home etc.**
- **Keep children away from playgrounds, including the Coldwater School playground**
- **Everyone needs to social distance, including WITHIN the community. There should be no visitors, play dates etc. for at least two weeks.**

The less time you spend with someone, the farther apart you should be. If you've never met the person before, then maintain 2 meters distance is very important. However for your household bubble and 'safe six' friends/family, closer is OK, unless someone is more vulnerable to severe illness from COVID-19 .

While social distancing can prove to be hard on many, it is critically important to do. It is also equally important to take care of your mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Here are some ideas you can do while at home:

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- Talk with family and friends over the phone or face time with them. Create fun challenges between each of your households
- Work on projects you have put aside because life got too busy
- Learn how to make something-Food, clothing, crafts etc.
- Declutter and organize your home
- Clean up around the outside of your home-get rid of any fire hazards, pick up garbage etc.
- Start a indoor garden
- Do some reading
- Most Important-Talk with someone if you are struggling with feeling alone, overwhelmed, anxious. This is a trying time for everyone but there is no reason we need to feel alone during this process.
- Stay active- workouts can be done at home, take a walk/run, dance at home!

If you think you may have come in contact with someone who has the virus stay home. To help lessen the possible anxiety of thinking you may have the virus, there is a self-assessment you can take online: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>

Or you can call: 1-888-268-4319 or 811

There is an app available for your mobile phone. In your app store, type in: **BC COVID-19 Support** - The app is very informative and has lots of information.

We are still in a State of Emergency.

We are **IN LOCKDOWN!**

Both Band offices will remain closed to the public for the safety of the staff members and our community.

We are practicing Social Distancing and self-isolation until further notice.

Thank you,
On behalf of council
Gerome Garcia

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The Coldwater Indian Band and all of the World are in a COVID – 19 Pandemic. Definitely an experience that has brought added stresses and ways of figuring out how to do business and live our lives in as rich of ways as we possibly can. Leadership is going to be doing future video presentations (updates/presentations – in lieu of General Band Meetings) on the Coldwater Indian Band website in the members only section (must only be a registered Coldwater Indian Band member to be accepted for access) and will answer questions asked on those presentations by registered Coldwater Indian Band members via various platforms of communication they so choose. There are Council members who have been updating community members on their certain portfolios/projects and those are listed in the newsletters.

I would like to thank those staff that have been involved in getting out some food and gift cards to the On-Reserve members. C.N.A. (Citx Nation Assembly) has been gathering the information for the off-reserve members to get assistance for those members. We have assisted those that we could when we first started experiencing this World-Wide Pandemic. We will continue to look for ways to assist where we can and in ways that are safe for all involved. We are currently also upgrading our system for internet due to the strain of COVID 19 when many students and members had to work from home. I am hoping all the upgrades will be enough to ensure our youth continue with their education in those forms or through SCIDES.

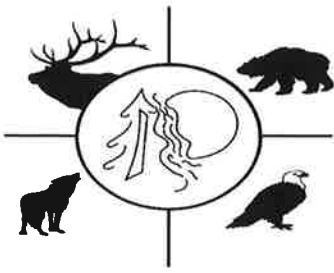
For Status Cards be advised that I.S.C. has opened up their offices to process status cards with COVID Safety plans strictly enforced. They have been encouraging I.R.A.s to get members to register for the S.C.I.S. cards for a few years now. On Indian Services Canada (I.S.C.) they have let all Status Indian's know on their website that they can write to I.S.C. for letters regarding expired Status Cards. As the backup I.R.A., I will be handling any other Indian Registry Administration issues as best as I can. I have received some information from I.S.C. regarding registry of babies and will be contracting those parents to get the information I.S.C. requires due to changes within I.S.C.'s registry system. They have not indicated how long it would take but I imagine the process is long. For Status Cards I will look at ways this can be done in a safe manner until COVID 19 Pandemic has subsided. At the beginning of the Pandemic there was literature handed out the households from I.S.C. to inform any businesses and organizations that the band number does not expire even if the card is expired. I have been asking that members apply for the S.C.I.S. cards in the meantime as those cards do not expire as quick as the current status cards that certain band offices can do. When Leadership has lifted their current COVID 19 Community Safety lockdown I can set up appointments by appointment on certain days.

Please do not take this Pandemic lightly and do what you can to protect yourselves, family and members.

Respectfully yours,

Coldwater Indian Band

Laura Antoine – Band Administrator



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Fall Clean Up for 2020

“Coldwater Band Members “

Coldwater Band is going to have a fall Clean Up
October 9, 2020. 09:00 – 15:30

Its time to clean the yard, basement and shed of Stuff.

Coldwater Band will have crew picking the stuff up at accessible location by your home. If you have Automobiles to dispose off Coldwater Has a fire smart program that will remove the Automobile. If you got an abundant amount of stuff to move to recycling, we will review the amount. Coldwater Indian Band or the crew will not move any Dangerous goods or stuff that could harm them.

Please pile the stuff at an accessible Location (one location) for pick up.

Please Contact Coldwater Indian Band to get on the list for Pick up on October 9, 2020.

Coldwater Indian Band also Askes if you can follow the Covid-19 Safety recommendations.

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Dear: Coldwater Membership

Coldwater Indian Band is preparing to for the winter months, and we are asking that the membership please prepare their homes for the colder weather that is approaching.

While all issues are important, at this time the housing department is focusing on the repairs that will ensure the membership has a safe house that they will feel comfortable raising a family:

- Hose bibs (remove your garden hose and store for the winter);
- Electrical systems;
- Heating systems (clean your furnace and change the filter);
- Plumbing;
- Roofs & gutters - clean
- Chimneys and fire safety - clean
- Doors and windows (check for drafts);

While the housing department would like to address all concerns, please keep in mind that we are limited in what we can do and at the present time our focus is on health and safety of the membership for the winter cold.

If you have any questions please contact the Coldwater Administration office,
Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Thank-you, and have a nice day

Donald Kraus

Donald Kraus
Housing / Tax Administrator



Heñte? C’eletkwmx!
Hello, my name is Shannon Goss.

I am a member of the Upper Nicola Indian Band and I have lived in the Nicola Valley my whole life. In my new role, as Education Coordinator for the Coldwater Indian Band, I look forward to working with families and individuals to help them reach their educational milestones.

As a lifelong learner, I believe that you are never too young or too old to learn and that investing your time and energy into your education can take you to where you want to be. I can relate to the experience of attending school in Merritt and being a band-sponsored student attending university. Completing my Bachelor of Natural Resource Science has allowed me to pursue a varied career working primarily to create better outcomes for Indigenous people and communities.

In addition to coordinating existing education programs and services, I am also excited to explore new education opportunities for C’eletkwmx members. While the office is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19, I look forward to interacting with the community, families and individuals by telephone, e-mail, videoconference and on the website – check out the link for more information: www.coldwaterband.com/community/education

| Merritt Central Elementary Cohort Schedule | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| LUNCH/BREAK TIMES (2020/21): | | | | |
| COHORT 1 | Div 1 Div 2 | Alison Kuzio Brock Shea | Recess: Lunch Eat: Lunch Outside: | 11:05-11:20 12:30-12:55 12:55-1:26 |
| COHORT 2 | Div 3 Div 4 | Jason Sommerfeld Roxanne Mikita | Recess: Lunch Eat: Lunch Outside: | 10:30-10:45 11:29-12:00 12:00-12:25 |
| COHORT 3 | Div 5 Div 6 | Kelly Shea Tammy Thomoset | Recess: Lunch Eat: Lunch Outside: | 10:30-10:45 11:29-12:00 12:00-12:25 |
| COHORT 4 | Div 7 Div 8 | Krystin Tourand Caitlin Burdeniuk | Recess: Lunch Eat: Lunch Outside: | 11:05-11:20 12:30-12:55 12:55-1:26 |
| COHORT 5 | Div 9 Div 10 Div 11 | Karen Cargnelli Anita Sahota Vida Ferris | Recess: Lunch Eat: Lunch Outside: | 11:05-11:20 12:30-12:55 12:55-1:26 |
| Diamond Vale Elementary Schedule | | | | |
| | | First Bell: | 8:25 AM | |
| | | Recess: | 10:10 - 10:25 am | |
| | | Lunch: | 12:05 - 12:56 am | |
| | | School Ends: | 2:30 PM | |
| Schedule remains the same. Cohorts are spread out in designated areas to ensure social distancing. | | | | |

MSS 2020 -2021 SCHEDULES

In response to an increased focus on health, MSS has developed differentiated timetables broken down by cohorts.

MSS Senior Cohort Schedule:

| Senior Cohort A | | Senior Cohort B | | Senior Cohort C | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Time | Mon. – Fri. | Time | Mon. – Fri. | Time | Mon. – Fri. |
| 8:30-10:05 | A | 8:35-10:25 | A | 8:35-10:45 | A |
| 10:05 – 10:15 | Break | 10:25 – 10:35 | Break | 10:45 – 10:55 | Break |
| 10:20 – 12:10 | A | 10:40 – 12:20 | A | 11:00 – 1:10 | A |
| 12:10 – 12:55 | Lunch | 12:20 – 1:05 | Lunch | 1:10 – 1:55 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 3:00 | A | 1:10 – 3:00 | A | 2:00 – 3:00 | A |

The Grade 8 & 9 students are on a modified “Quarter System”. Students will take part in two classes at a time for 22 days. There is a two-day rotation as outlined above. The easiest way to understand this may be to see that whatever class the student has in the afternoon, they also have the following morning. After 22 days they will take part in two new courses. In February they will repeat the rotation to complete the second half of each course.

For example:

Terms 1 & 5 - English and Science

Terms 2 & 6 – French and PE

Terms 3 & 7 – Social Studies and Math Terms

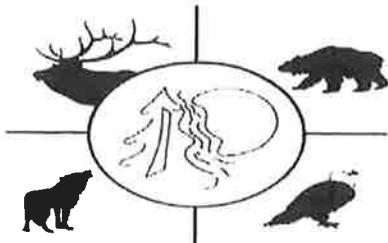
4 & 8 – Electives (Band, Computers, Textiles, Drama, Art, Metalwork, Woodwork)

| Grade 8 | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| Time | Day 1 | Day 2 |
| 8:35-9:25 | A1 | A2 |
| 9:25 – 9:35 | Break | Break |
| 9:40 – 11:05 | A1 | A2 |
| 11:05 – 11:55 | Lunch | Lunch |
| 11:55 – 3:00 | A2 | A1 |

| Grade 9 Timetable | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Time | Day 1 | Day 2 |
| 8:35-9:45 | A1 | A2 |
| 9:45 – 9:55 | Break | Break |
| 10:00 – 11:20 | A1 | A2 |
| 11:20 – 12:05 | Lunch | Lunch |
| 12:10 – 3:00 | A2 | A1 |

| Term One | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| September 14 - October 14 | |
| Day One | Day Two |
| September 14 | September 15 |
| September 16 | September 17 |
| September 18 | September 21 |
| September 22 | September 23 |
| September 24 | September 25 |
| September 28 | September 29 |
| September 30 | October 1 |
| October 2 | October 5 |
| October 6 | October 7 |
| October 8 | October 9 |
| October 13 | October 14 |

| Term Two | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| October 15 – November 17 | |
| Day One | Day Two |
| October 15 | October 16 |
| October 19 | October 20 |
| October 21 | October 22 |
| October 26 | October 27 |
| October 28 | October 29 |
| October 30 | November 2 |
| November 3 | November 4 |
| November 5 | November 6 |
| November 9 | November 10 |
| November 12 | November 13 |
| November 16 | November 17 |



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To:
C&C and Band Membership
September 2020

From:
M. Smithers, Council
Coldwater Indian Band
Re: Updates

Background;

For those who don't know me, my name is Mike Smithers and I am Nlaka'pamux Member. My Wife is Jackie Smithers.

I've been on Council for Coldwater Indian Band now for my third term as an elected official. I continue to attend C&C Meeting on regular basis.

My parents are Gilbert Bob and the late Virginia Bob also known as (Cookie). My Grandparents are the late Peter Bob and Ada Bob from the Coldwater Indian Band. I have numerous family and friends on and off the Reserve. I currently live on the Coldwater Indian Reserve.

Hello all, this is my report and updates on current projects.

I sit on a couple of Committee and a Board Representative as follows:

1. **Board Member for Scw'exmx Community Health, SCHSS**
2. **Forestry and Range Committee**
3. **Other duties**

1. **SCHSS Board of Directors,**

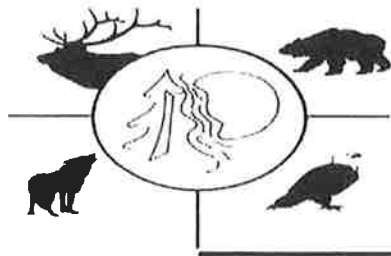
Also, I am a Board Member for SCHSS Board of Directors and am Secretary Treasurer.

Health Building: With the challenges with the Covid-19 pandemic. The Coldwater Band is still in process in a Health Building up on the reserve. Date to proceed is to be determined.

Background: The Executive Director and Board Member since were reviewing a feasibility study on what a health building might look on our Community. We are in the

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preliminary stages in the project. The Coldwater Band, Chief & Council have approved the hiring of "Iredale Architect (Peter Hilderbrand). There were up to three (3) sites that had potential for the location of our Health Building. A preliminary site visit happened January 26, 2018 and one of the sites I viewed is located near the Coldwater School Building. Since, there was a decision made by the Band Membership on the location and building type.

The Feasibility Study has gone to the First Nation Health Authority's for review. The next steps is to have the Committee, the Architects and First Nation Health Authorities meet and decide next steps. This project is proceeding and awaits first concepts from the architects. The building is planned to start the structure once we know more with the Covid situation that we are experiencing.

Stoyoma Dental

Background: The Executive Director, Jim Adams SCHSS has brought to the Communities presentations in-regard to the Stoyoma Dental. Jim continues to work diligently in the up keep of the Stoyoma Dental Program.

Since, Stoyoma Dental Clinic has been moved into the new building, Jim was in process of roof repairs and still in the works. The Stoyoma Dental Clinic is currently in operations. We encourages for all clients to keep attending your dental appointments and keep smiling.

Other: The Executive Director continues diligently submits monthly reports in memo form. Jim Adams continues to attend meetings at IRTT, PATT, IRNE (prep & meeting) and PALT. Watch for SCHSS monthly newsletter that shows different programs being offered by SCHSS.

SCHSS Board of Directors attended a Governance Workshop last September 2019.

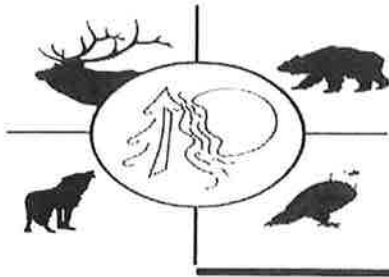
Highlights of the Training included:

- ***Gain*** an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a board.
- ***Expanding*** your knowledge of good governance.
- ***Explore*** governance decision making models.
- ***Obtain*** insight on board conflicts.
- ***Explore*** board evaluations
- ***Understand*** strategic planning

Other training is on hold due to the Covid pandemic that we are experiencing.

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2. Forestry and Range

The Forest and Range group meet on regular basis when time permits.

In response to the proposal activities happening in and around our Traditional Territory.

We are working on the Forest & Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement (the FCRSA). The Forest & Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement (the FCRSA), discusses how the revenue sharing is calculated and title & rights.

The (FTOA) is Forest Tenure offer Agreement, is basically a tenure license for an opportunity to manage our own timber volume (m3) that is being offered and available to First Nations.

The Province (Regional Executive Director) offers the Replaceable Forest License to Coldwater Indian Band then, Coldwater has a "License", as per the Forestry Act.

These agreements were offered from the Province of BC to the Coldwater Indian Band. The Regional Executive Director has offered Coldwater Indian Band an application to apply for RFL, Re-Newal Forest License to cut.

Recently, C&C had reviewed and approved to move into an agreement with the Province to get a direct award a "RFL", Renewal Forest License. This new License will create revenue flow for the Coldwater Indian Band.

Coldwater Band is now a license holder to cut timber.

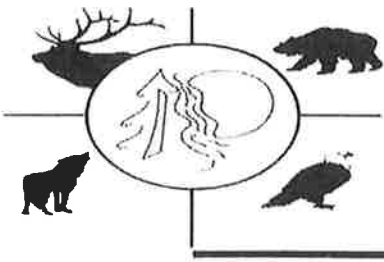
Comments: As First Nations People we want to protect and preserve the traditional plants, animals and water. Our Cultural and Traditional Values are important and this is an opportunity for Coldwater Band to manage the land and protect our resources.

The path forward for the Coldwater Indian Band and the Province of British Columbia rests on establishing a mutually beneficial economic relationship that balances prosperity with the need to maintain and preserve Nlaka'pamux Culture and Values. Chief & Council of Coldwater Indian Band continues to build this relationship with the Province of B.C. and we encourage a respectful, principled and timely resolution to these issues mentioned above.

I continue to attend the Forest and Range Committee meetings.

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3. Other: Also, I am the Technical Representative for Coldwater Indian Band and I attend technical meetings with the other Nicola Bands Representatives.

Some of the things we are looking at,

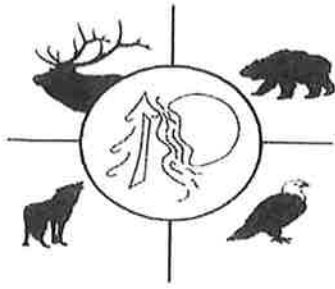
- Communities to work together to understand forest tenures, licenses.
- Forest Stewardship Plans and First Nations want to work with Licensees in a Collaborative Process and Develop Stewardship Standards/Protocols for – roads and access, wildlife, timber and range, water & soil, landscape unit, identify cultural and heritage values (traditional uses), the cumulative effects and look at programs such as full fiber utilization from the timber.
- Attempt to develop a plan to ensure that all parts of the territory are cared for.
- Continue to attend meetings with decision makers from all Forest Licensees in the territory to outline the First Nation's Plan in moving forward.

Thank you,

Mike Smithers, Council
Coldwater Indian Band.

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To Whom it may Concern;

Coldwater Indian Band and the Housing Contractor(s)

Politely ask that all curious people, individual(s) refrain from entering the newly constructed home(s) and Entering onto the property due to Covid-19.

Coldwater Indian Band will be issuing the crews lanyards with department name and any contractor that you have coming into the community to do construction or to do contract work for Authorized entry on Coldwater Indian Reserve.

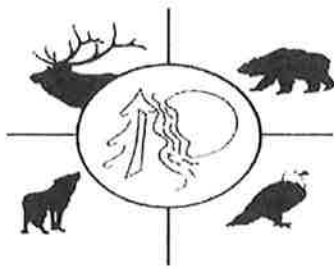
Coldwater Indian Band at the proper time will open units for review at the Appropriate Moment. Soon as the units are totally Disinfected.

Please Direct your questions to Coldwater Indian Band if you have any Questions.

Thank you

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September 24, 2020

Good day Coldwater Band members,

We hope that you are doing well.

Corrina and I would like to provide you with an update about the Hydrogeological Program (HP). Due to the fire rating being so high in August, Cobra hasn't been able to do as much work as anticipated. The last thing we want to happen is a fire, especially in our backyard. So on day's they weren't constructing they had a 6-person fire watch crew. This fire crew would inspect the 3 sites they have been working on and did 90 min rotations on EB sites #9, #13 and #15. They made sure that there were **NO** small fires.

When the fire rating was low they worked on site #13 on Comstock, which includes fixing up the ditch, so in the spring time the rain and spring runoff will not ruin the road.

Cobra is going to be putting more road signs along Comstock, on the corners mostly. As well as clearing the alder along the road.

Due to the weather the schedule has been delayed. Work at site EB-9 (behind the new subdivision) is estimated to start at the end of September. Work hours for this site will be **9:00 AM-5:00 PM** (regular hours) or **9:00 AM-1:00 PM** (higher fire rating, determined by the Danger Class Report on a daily basis). **We are asking that you please keep your children and pets away from the area as there will be heavy machinery. Safety procedures are also put in place to ensure the area is monitored closely for the safety of the community members.**

We will be making sure that they follow these hours and respecting our community. Cobra has a really great crew working on this project and they have been really respectful so far and have done a really good job constructing the drill pads and fixing up Comstock Road.

They are also following STRICT guidelines concerning COVID-19, they are sanitizing all their work areas, washing their hands, and temperature checks when they get onsite and when they leave. They are also required to wear masks when they travel in their vehicles with two or more people.

Stay well and stay safe

Gerome Garcia

Corrina Manuel

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British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF)

Please Post: Community Newsletters/Community Facebook pages

September 10, 2020

BC Wildlife Health Surveillance and Priority Diseases

Wild animals in B.C. can carry many disease and parasites without significant effects. However, there are some diseases of high priority that B.C.'s Wildlife Health Program must monitor and track. These diseases include Bovine Tuberculosis (BTb) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

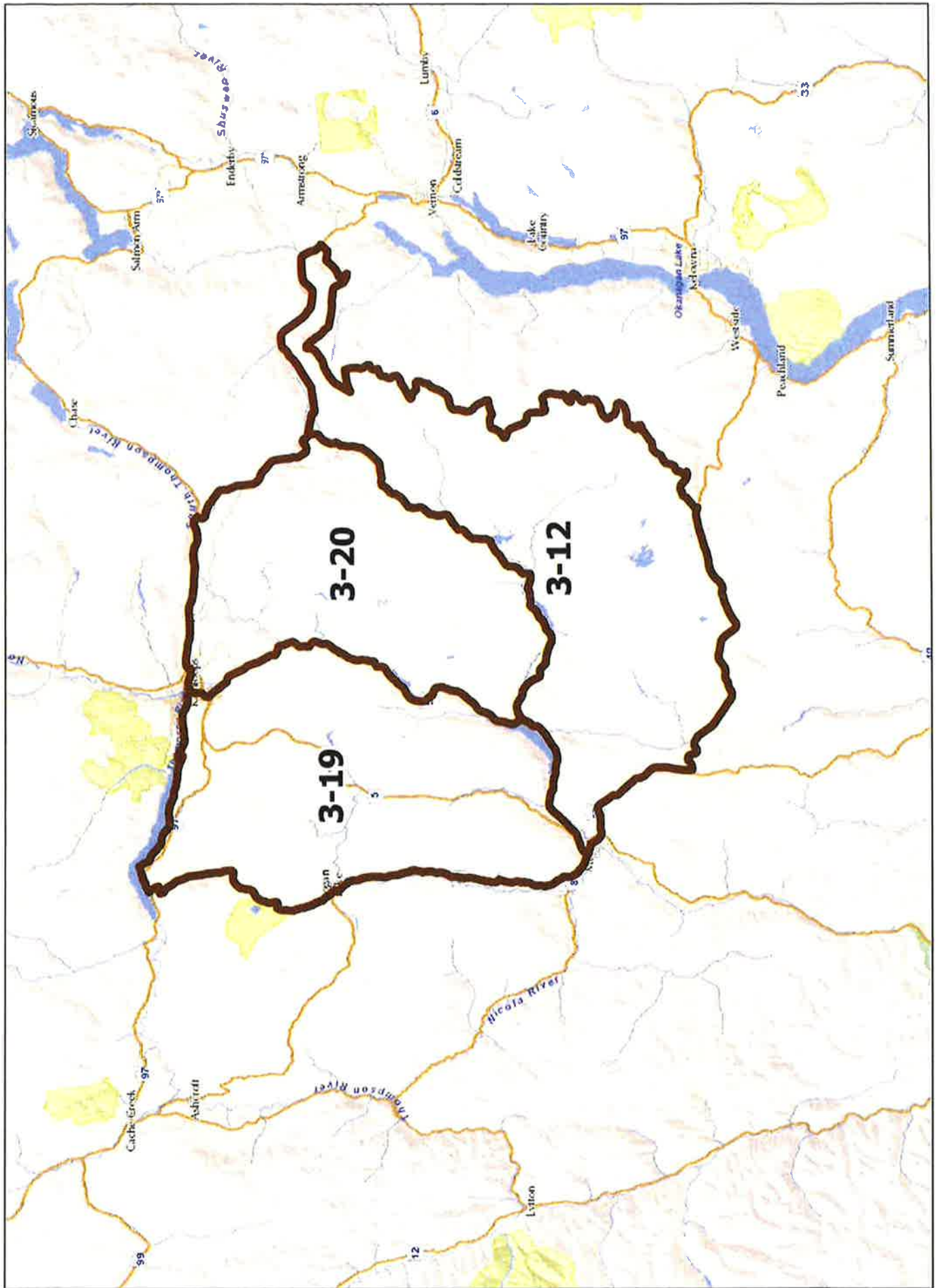
BTb is a contagious bacterial disease caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*. This disease has been reported in bison, moose, deer, elk and cattle in Canada. In response to cases of BTb in Cattle in the Nicola Valley (2018), the B.C Wildlife Health Program is testing wildlife in the area to confirm that wildlife populations are free from this disease. The risk is relatively low, but it is important that communities, especially hunters, are aware of the situation and know what to look for.

BTb is a zoonotic disease (transmitted from animals to humans). It is recommended that rigorous food safety measures are followed while handling meat from harvested animals, such as wearing gloves as well as washing hands, knives and clothes in warm soapy water and/or a 10% bleach solution after field dressing and butchering. Symptoms of BTb include; enlarged lumpy lymph nodes, small pale-yellow lumps on the surface of the lungs and ribcage, and in later stages, weight loss and coughing.

CWD is a fatal infection that affects species in the deer family (cervids) such as mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou. The disease is caused by an abnormal protein called a prion, which can be transmitted through saliva, urine, feces, carcasses and even plants and soil. An infected animal may be contagious for months or years before appearing sick. Signs of infection in later stages include weight loss, poor coordination, stumbling and trembling. There is no direct evidence that CWD can be transmitted to humans however public health experts recommend that any animal suspected or confirmed to have CWD should not be eaten as a precaution.

CWD has not yet been detected in B.C., however the disease is present in wild deer, elk and moose in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana. This disease could be introduced to B.C. through the natural movement of infected live animals or through an infected carcass brought back to B.C. It is important that everyone understands these risks and work together to keep CWD out of B.C.

Hunters are encouraged to submit deer, elk and moose heads for testing to support monitoring for BTb and CWD. If you see anything unusual, please take photographs, submit samples, and report your observations to the B.C. Wildlife Health Program at cait.nelson@gov.bc.ca. More information can be found on the website: www.gov.bc.ca/wildlifehealth



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September 11, 2020

Attn: Chief T. Lee Spahan, Coldwater Indian Band; Michael Smithers, Councillor; Annie Major, Councillor; Larry Antoine, Councillor; Tracey Aljam, Councillor; W. Gerome Garcia, Councillor; Leah Collins, Councillor; Corrina Manuel, Councillor; Wendy Hall, Councillor; Dale August, Executive to Chief & Council

Re: *Beth Coulee Collection of cervid (deer/moose) samples (heads, lungs and/or carcasses) for Bovine Tuberculosis (primary) and Chronic Wasting Disease (Secondary) surveillance in a specified area of the Nicola Valley (Wildlife Management Units 3-12, 3-19, and 3-20).*

Dear Chief Lee Spahan; Mr. Smithers; Ms. Major; Mr. Antoine; Ms. Aljam; Mr. Garcia; Ms. Collins; Ms. Manuel; Ms. Hall; Ms. August:

I would like to let you know that I have been hired by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) as their new Bovine Tuberculosis (BTB) Program Coordinator

- My tasks will include:
 - Increase awareness of Bovine Tuberculosis (BTB) surveillance in the target area.
 - Serve as a local point person for the program and liaison for **First Nations, government staff including the Conservation Officer Service, hunters, private land owners, ranchers** and the **public**.
 - Provide community outreach and educational materials on Bovine Tuberculosis and Chronic Wasting Disease at local functions, radio, social media, and with local organizations.
 - Coordinate and lead the voluntary head collection program for the community.
 - Maintain drop-off locations with marked freezers and accompanying supplies (posters, instructions, ear tags and other sample supplies).
 - Monitor drop off locations to ensure cervid samples are properly stored in bags with completed ear tag attached and maintain an electronic database of samples.
 - Monitor drop off locations for freezer capacity, report to contract monitor and coordinate transport of heads as needed.
 - Respond to calls from local sources and highway contractors and collect road killed cervid samples

- o Assist Wildlife Health staff with sample collections as required at game checks and other opportunities.
- o Provide a written report on completion of contract that summarizes surveillance activities, outcomes and contacts and provides recommendations.

There are 3 freezers for this program: Conservation Office in Merritt, Douglas Lake / Upper Nicola Indian Band, one being set up in Kamloops at Benny's Butcher Shop.

I will attach another article to this email package if you could post on your community Facebook page and community newsletter **and/or** forward my letter/email to your organizations and **Cc** BethCoutlee@gmail.com that would be greatly appreciated.

As time is of the essence now since hunting season is upon us, please let me know as soon as you can for any help and/or assistance you can give to this vital program.

If you have any questions or would like to meet, please contact me at the provided contact information.

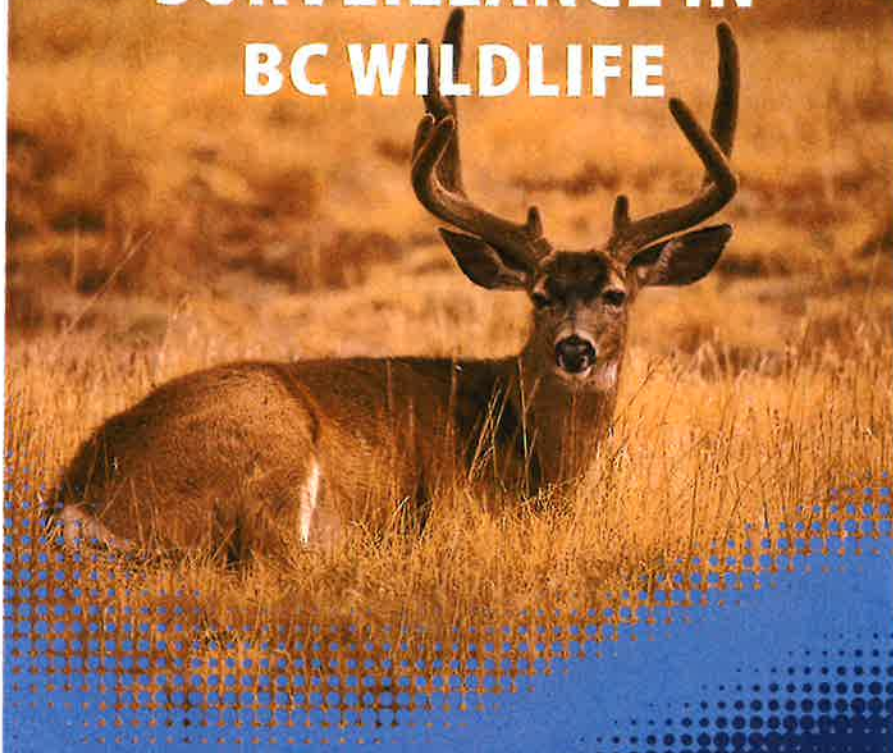
"Covid 19 protocols will be followed: use of hand sanitizer, social distancing and wearing of masks".

Thank you sincerely,

Beth M. Coutlee, N.R.T., BTB Program Coordinator
British Columbia Conservation Foundation
Ph: (250) 378-0808
Cell: (250) 315-6141
Email: BethCoutlee@gmail.com

Cc: Cait Nelson, MOFLNRO Wildlife Biologist / Wildlife & Habitat
Kerry Baird, B.Sc., Dipl., British Columbia Conservation Foundation

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS SURVEILLANCE IN BC WILDLIFE



**NICOLA VALLEY AREA:
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!**



OBSERVE



REPORT



SUBMIT

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
BC Wildlife Health Program**

Email: cait.nelson@gov.bc.ca | www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis

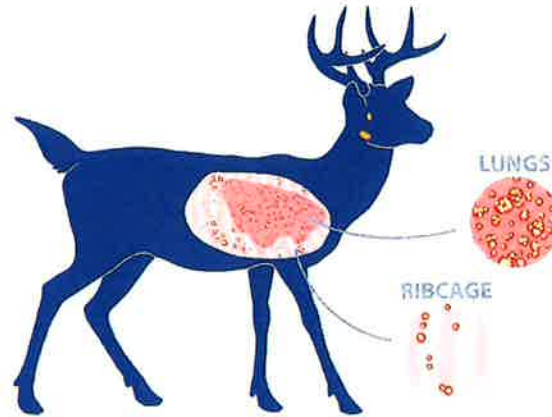


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Inspection Agency

WHAT IS BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS?

Bovine Tuberculosis (BTb) is a contagious disease caused by the bacteria, *Mycobacterium bovis*. The disease takes a long time to develop and can affect domestic and wild animals, as well as people. In Canada, it has occurred in bison, moose, deer, elk and cattle. Bacteria are transmitted by close contact between animals, including sharing feed and water.

BTb is challenging to control, has significant effects on agricultural economies, wildlife management and public health, therefore early detection is critical.



IS THERE A RISK TO HUMANS?

Mycobacterium bovis can infect humans but it is rare. It is different than the human disease from *M. tuberculosis*. Human infections resulting from eating or handling infected wildlife **are very rare**.

Please follow these basic principles:

- Thoroughly cook your food
- Routinely wash your hands
- Wear gloves when handling animals

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Observe:

- Multiple pale (tan or yellow) lumps in lymph nodes, lungs and ribs.
- Animals are thin and may be coughing in late-stage disease.



Report:

If you see lumps in lungs or lymph nodes please photograph and save samples. Contact the BC Wildlife Health Program or the RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277. You may be asked to submit the entire carcass for further testing.



Submit:

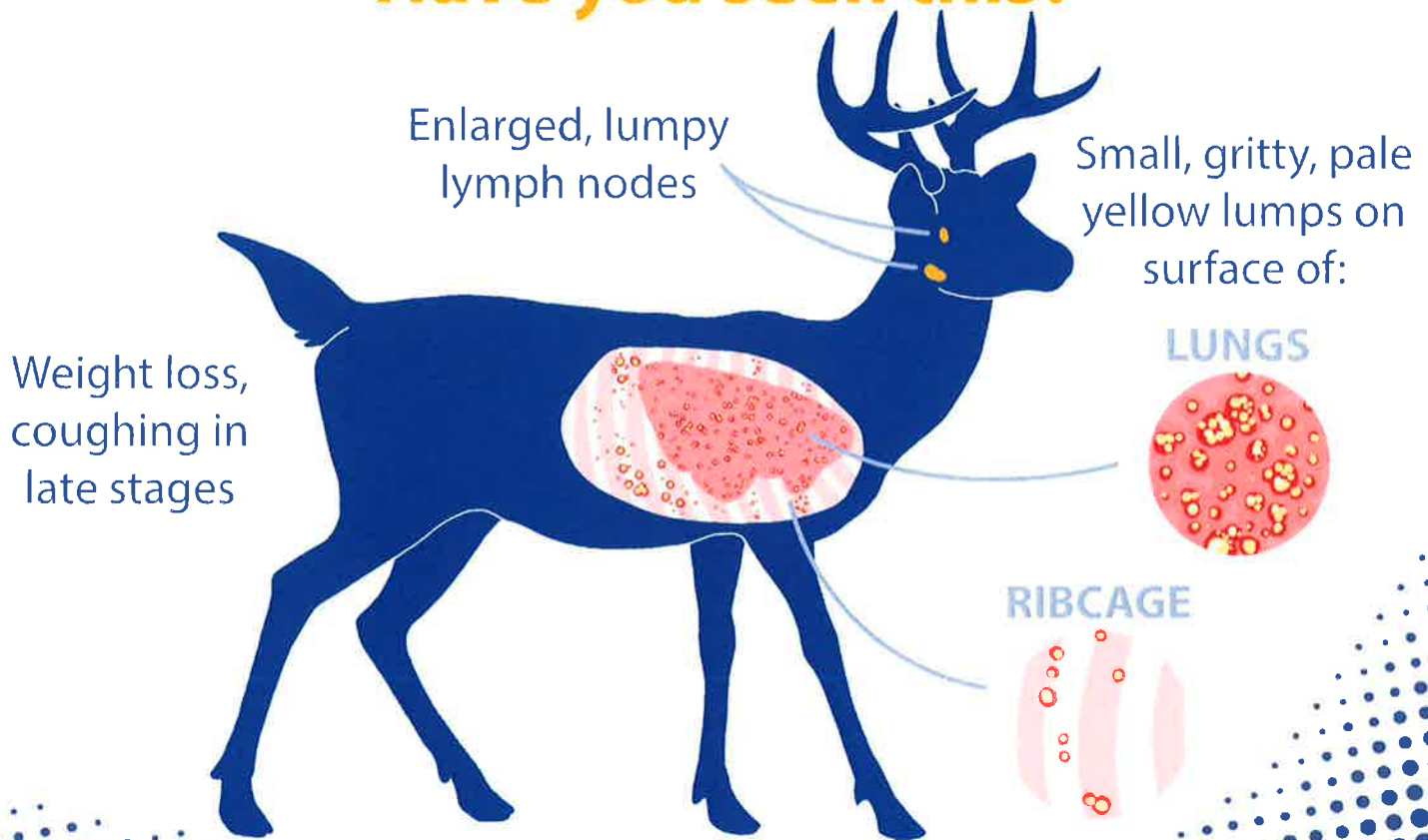
Hunters are requested to submit the head of any deer harvested in **MUs 3-12, 3-19, and 3-20** for BTb testing. Please remove the head with 3" of neck. Submit for sampling at a drop off location.

***Hunter samples are critical for wildlife health monitoring.
Thank you for supporting the program.***

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Bovine Tuberculosis (BTb) can affect livestock, wildlife and people.

Have you seen this?






NICOLA VALLEY AREA:

Be part of the solution!

If you see anything odd, take photos, save samples, and contact us below.

Please report sick deer to the **BC Wildlife Health Program** or the **Report All Poachers and Polluters Line (1-877-952-RAPP)**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
BC Wildlife Health Program

 (250) 751-3219
 cait.nelson@gov.bc.ca
 www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis


Going hunting?

Scan the QR Code below to find out how to submit samples for BTb testing.



HUNTERS

PLEASE SUBMIT DEER, ELK & MOOSE HEADS:

| GOOD SAMPLE | The PERFECT Sample | BAD SAMPLE |
|---|--|--|
| Freshly dead or frozen immediately after death |  | Rotten, green, and/or stinks |
| Not shot in head | | Shot in head or head is severely damaged |
| Hunter contact and location (MU) information | | No information on where found or killed |
| One year of age or older | | Less than one year old |
| Part of neck still attached – we need lymph nodes in the throat | | Cut too close to jaw bone |

*** If possible, please remove antlers (due to limited freezer space) ***

Instructions for drop off:

- Complete information on ear tag provided
- Fasten ear tag to ear with zap strap
- Place head with ear tag into garbage bag and place in freezer
- Check website via the link or QR code below for results and updates



CWD-0001 Eartag

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LICENCE or PERMIT # _____

SPECIES (check one):
 Mule Deer Elk Caribou
 White-tailed Deer Moose Other: _____

SEX: M F AGE CLASS: YRLG ADULT AGE ESTIMATE: _____

KILL DATE: _____



KILL LOCATION (MU &/or describe): _____

HOW KILLED: Hunted Other (describe): _____

Was this animal normal ? YES NO

If no, describe signs: _____

CWD-0001

www.gov.bc.ca/bovinetuberculosis

For more information, please contact:

Beth Coutlee
 Bovine Tuberculosis
 Program Coordinator
 Merritt, BC
 (250) 378-0808

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 Wildlife Health Biologist
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release
Sept. 28, 2020

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
BC Wildfire Service

Kamloops Fire Centre to rescind open burning prohibitions

KAMLOOPS – Effective at noon Pacific Time on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, all open burning and the use of fireworks, sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, burn barrels and burn cages will once again be permitted throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre’s jurisdiction.

Local governments may still have their own burning restrictions in place, so people should always check with local authorities before lighting any fire of any size.

The BC Wildfire Service takes several factors into account before rescinding its open burning prohibitions. This includes balancing the needs of the public with the need to mitigate the risk of human-caused wildfires. With recent and forecast weather conditions that include cooler temperatures, higher humidity and substantial precipitation, the fire danger rating has dropped to “low” in most of the Kamloops Fire Centre.

Anyone lighting a Category 3 open fire must first obtain a burn registration number by calling 1 888 797-1717. A Category 3 fire is a fire that burns material more than two metres high or three metres wide, or stubble or grass over 2,000 square metres, or more than two piles of any size. A poster explaining the different categories of open fires is available online: <http://ow.ly/jdO5301kS32>

People who do open burning should use caution and be aware of local conditions that might impact their ability to burn safely and control their open fires. Anyone who lights an open fire must also comply with B.C.’s air quality control legislation.

The BC Wildfire Service urges people to take the following precautions with any allowed outdoor burning:

- Ensure that enough people, water and tools are on hand to control the fire and stop it escaping.
- Do not burn in windy conditions. The weather can change quickly, and wind may carry embers to other combustible material and start new fires.
- Create a fire guard around the planned fire site by clearing away twigs, grass, leaves and other combustible material right down to the soil.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that your fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

The Kamloops Fire Centre would like to thank the public for its continuing help in preventing wildfires. To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone.

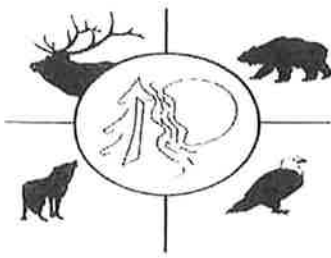
For up-to-date information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, call 1 888 3-FOREST or visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

Follow the latest B.C. wildfire news:

- on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

Contact:

Fire Information Officer
BC Wildfire Service
Kamloops Fire Centre
250 554-5965



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Band Administrator, Public Works, Lands Wills &
Estates, Housing, Economic Development,
Education

#301-230th Street Coldwater Reserve

Phone: (250) 378-6174

Fax: (250) 378-6153

Chief and Council (Executive Assistant), Finance, Social
Development

Work Opportunity

Hello,

I am looking to get some quotes to get one or two members to do cleanup for BC Hydro access route. It would be one or two days of work. It also would keep non-reserve members from entering the Coldwater Reserve. You would have to come up with a quote for the job. The member that dose the work would be paid directly from BC Hydro. You are required to have a working truck to haul away the objects.

The work involves:

- 3X bushes/ shrubs cut back (cut just above the ground surface to allow for continued growth the following year).
- 1 old garden bed wood wall removed.
- 1 Game pole structure, hanging off of fir tree also requiring trimming up to 14' in height.
- 1 truck frame.
- Multiple engines and assorted vehicle parts to be removed.
- clear combustibles for Fire safety.

If you are interested in making a quote, you can call me at the Coldwater Band Office for more details. (250) 378 – 6174

Sincerely,

Kristopher Oppenheim

Lands, Wills, & Estates Administrator

Coldwater Indian Band

COLDWATER INDIAN BAND

2249 Quilchena Avenue, PO Box 4600 Station Main, Merritt, B.C., V1K 1B8, Phone (250) 378-6174 Fax (250) 378-5351

Housing Internship – Basic Home Maintenance

Temporary full-time Position (depending on funding – minimum 8 weeks)

- For Aboriginal Youth
- Between the ages of 18 and 29 (inclusive)
- Out of school and not employed
- Understanding of basic home maintenance or willingness to learn
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle an asset

Duties: Repairing siding, gutters and downspouts. Locating and mapping water shut-offs and septic tanks.

Deadline: October 16, 2020 at 4:00PM

Please forward or drop-off Cover Letter & Resume attention Ron Aljam/Donald Kraus at:

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MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance and sustain our quality of life through wellness and culture, and to utilize and preserve all our resources for now and future generations.

NOTICE

Coldwater Band Membership

BC Hydro will have a crew out and about clearing vegetation (trees) on Coldwater Indian Reserve #1 and Paul's Basin IR#2 that is too close to the powerlines. Starting October 5, 2020

Prevention is key to lessen the power outages in the future

Should take about 2 weeks to complete, if you have any concerns about trees close to your house please call me at the office and I will forward to the crew lead.