



Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund:

Approved Projects: 2010 – 2024



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2024

Columbia Headwaters Water Monitoring and Education - \$15,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society build on previous years projects by collecting water quality and quantity data for Columbia Lake, three tributaries, and the upper Columbia River, promote stewardship and conservation, and organize education and outreach initiatives to share information and disseminate findings.

Columbia Lake Bighorn Sheep Population and Habitat Project - \$12,984 to Wildsight Invermere to take action to protect the future of the Radium bighorn sheep herd, by supporting objectives identified in the Regional Bighorn Sheep Management Plan, identifying and treating priority invasive plants, and identifying areas for habitat enhancement.

Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands - \$20,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to prioritize and enhance the protection of important species at risk and important coal species, their habitats, and connectivity areas in the upper Columbia Valley.

Creation and Protection of Anthropogenic Bat Habitat in the Columbia Valley - \$13,640 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to restore and secure anthropogenic roosting habitat for bats. In the East Kootenay, including the Columbia Valley area, our project entails locating, creating, and monitoring roosts, and communicating with landowners.

Enhancing Bat Habitat and Monitoring Populations in the Columbia Valley - \$25,334 to the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada to continue building and protecting bat roosting habitat in the Columbia Valley, fill critical knowledge gaps, and establish baseline species diversity and relative abundance.

Larsen Lake Range Fencing Project - \$22,940 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to safeguard 129.5 hectares of high-quality habitat for wildlife and low impact recreation by installing wildlife friendly fencing to prevent further degradation of the mixed forest, wetland areas, and shoreline, and provide an opportunity to restore damaged areas.

Reimagining the Threads that Bind Wildlife Conservation to Farming - \$8,000 to the Wild Sheep Society of BC to protect wild bighorn sheep populations from infectious disease transmitted by domestic sheep through sampling and working with sheep producers on domestic/wild sheep separation and other mitigation measures.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$7,200 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing, and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

2023

Bat Roost Habitat Enhancement in the Columbia Valley - \$20,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada to enhance roosting options for bats, to survey and monitor bat populations, and to provide bat conservation outreach to landowners.

Columbia Lake Water Monitoring and Environmental Education - \$15,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to continue annual water quality and quantity monitoring programs and public education around lake stewardship and increase collaboration on conservation for critical wildlife and habitat.

Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring & Education: Lake Windermere - \$13,155 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to address environmental concerns through community engagement in water quality monitoring, translation of monitoring data into achievable actions by local government and community, and revitalization of lake foreshore.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$15,000 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve riparian areas on their farms.

Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands - \$20,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to enhance the protection of important species at risk and concern, restore hydrologically vulnerable wetlands, and enhance habitat for western painted turtles.

Lake Windermere Restoration and Education - \$6,500 to Lake Windermere Ambassadors to conduct restoration and education activities to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change, human development, excessive recreation in shallow areas, and invasive species on the lake.

Reimagining the Threads that Bind Wildlife Conservation to Farming - \$10,000 to the Wild Sheep Society of BC to protect wild bighorn sheep populations from infectious disease transmitted by domestic sheep through sampling and working with sheep producers on domestic/wild sheep separation and other mitigation measures.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$7,200 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project - \$13,000 to Wildsight Golden to build increased awareness for swallow species and their conservation status, coordinate volunteers to monitor swallow nests, and erect artificial nesting structures to increase habitat availability.

Wetland Restoration and Environmental Training for Indigenous Youth - \$15,000 to BC Wildlife Federation to provide training for Shuswap Band Guardians-in-Training, the youth who are the future land and water stewards of Secwépemc Traditional Territory, by engaging them in wetland restoration efforts near Canal Flats in the Sun Creek watershed.

2022

Bat Roost Habitat Enhancement in the Columbia Valley - \$20,000 to the Wildlife Conservation Society Canada to enhance roosting options for bats, to survey and monitor bat populations, and to provide bat conservation outreach to landowners.

Columbia Lake Water Monitoring and Environmental Education - \$15,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to continue their annual water quality and quantity monitoring programs and public education around lake stewardship and increase collaboration on conservation for critical wildlife and habitat.

Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring & Education: Lake Windermere - \$11,415 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to address the environmental and community concerns through community engagement in water quality monitoring, translation of monitoring data into achievable actions by local government and community, and revitalization of the Lake Windermere foreshore.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$17,985 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands - \$15,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to enhance the protection of important species at risk and species of concern, restore hydrologically vulnerable wetlands, and enhance habitat for western painted turtles.

Marion Creek Wetland Restoration Project - \$20,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore wetland features and associated upland habitat to benefit local populations of westslope cutthroat trout and a diversity of other wildlife species.

Reimagining the Threads that Bind Wildlife Conservation to Farming - \$12,000 to the Wild Sheep Society of BC to protect wild bighorn sheep populations from infectious disease transmitted by domestic sheep through sampling and working with sheep producers on domestic/wild sheep separation and other mitigation measures.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$7,200 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project - \$15,000 to Wildsight Golden to build increased awareness for swallow species and their conservation status, coordinate volunteers to inventory/monitor swallow nests and erect artificial nesting structures for swallows to increase habitat availability.

2021

Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring & Education: Columbia Lake- \$13,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to undertake water quality and quantity monitoring and community outreach to improve knowledge of water resources and the steps that can be taken to protect them.

Columbia River Headwater Lakes Monitoring & Education: Lake Windermere - \$14,350 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to address the environmental and community concerns through community engagement in water quality monitoring, translation of monitoring data into achievable actions by local government and community, and revitalization of the Lake Windermere foreshore.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$17,985 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands - \$20,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to complete mapping of biodiversity hotspots in the Columbia Wetlands and Columbia Valley, and initiate a program to enhance the conservation of species at risk, important focal species, their habitats and important landscape corridors.

Kootenay River Ranch Land Stewardship Activities- \$14,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to create and restore resiliency on conservation lands that support important wildlife habitat, to improving habitat diversity, and to continue annual invasive plant management and monitoring on the property.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project - \$19,300 to Wildsight Golden to build increased awareness for swallow species and their conservation status, coordinate volunteers to inventory/monitor swallow nests and erect artificial nesting structures for swallows to increase habitat availability.

Windermere Creek Restoration - Friends of Windermere Creek - \$5,000 to the Lake Windermere Rod & Gun Club to determine the technical feasibility of re-routing water to the upstream wetland to reduce extreme flooding and increase ecological value of the wetland.

2020

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$13,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to undertake water quality and quantity monitoring and community outreach to improve knowledge of water resources and the steps that can be taken to protect them.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$17,985 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Columbia Valley Swallow Project - \$10,000 to Wildsight Golden to build increased awareness for swallow species and their conservation status, coordinate volunteers to inventory/monitor swallow nests and erect artificial nesting structures for swallows to increase habitat availability.

Conservation of Biodiversity in the Columbia Wetlands - \$20,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to determine the locations and develop maps of biodiversity hotspots in the Columbia Wetlands and Columbia Valley, which will be used to prioritize and enhance the conservation of species at risk and important focal species.

Lake Windermere Community-Based Water Monitoring Project - \$11,296 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

Luxor Linkage Resiliency and Forest Restoration Project - \$15,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore 10-20 ha of Rocky Mountain Douglas-fir forest to dry open forest structure within the Luxor Linkage Conservation Area.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$21,000 to the Calgary Zoo to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia Wetland marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

2019

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$13,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to improve knowledge of water resources and steps that can be taken to protect them.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$17,985 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$10,000 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to promote and conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Lake Windermere Community-Based Water Monitoring Project - \$10,000 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

Marion Creek Benchlands Forest Restoration Project - \$12,473 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore at least 16 hectares of Rocky Mountain Douglas-fir forest to dry open forest structure.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$19,000 to the Calgary Zoo to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Wrapping up the Columbia Wetlands Waterbird Survey - \$8,000 to Wildsight Golden to collect baseline inventory bird data utilizing citizen-scientists to use for application of an Important Bird Area (IBA) status for the Columbia Wetlands.

2018

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$11,000 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to improve knowledge of water resources and steps that can be taken to protect them.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$17,985 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Columbia Wetlands Edgewater Purchase - \$400,000 (over two years) to The Nature Trust of BC towards the purchase of 171 ha of high value land for conservation located north of Radium.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$10,000 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to promote and conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Lake Windermere Community-Based Water Monitoring Project - \$12,870 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

Luxor Linkage Resiliency and Forest Restoration Project - \$32,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to restore at least 13 hectares of Rocky Mountain Douglas-fir forest to dry open forest structure in this Conservation Area that provides important habitat for wildlife and serves as a linkage corridor used by species migrating between the Purcell Mountains and Kootenay National Park.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$19,084 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

2017

Abel Creek Rehabilitation Project - \$3,000 to the Lake Windermere District Rod & Gun Club to increase the quantity of high-quality spawning habitat in Abel Creek for native species within the Columbia River watershed.

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$11,900 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to improve knowledge of water resources and steps we can take to protect them.

Columbia Valley Farmland Advantage Stewardship Project - \$10,700 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to enhance the region's ecology by rewarding contracted farmers to take extraordinary stewardship action to conserve and enhance important riparian areas on their farms.

Columbia Wetlands Waterbird Survey - \$6,500 to Wildsight Golden to collect baseline inventory bird data utilizing citizen-scientists to use for application of an Important Bird Area (IBA) status for the Columbia Wetlands.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$10,000 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to promote and conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$28,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia Wetland marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Project - \$11,000 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

2016

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$2,800 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to improve knowledge of water resources and steps we can take to protect them.

Climate and Water Conservation Action Initiatives - \$8,500 to Groundswell Network Society to provide measurable, achievable, actions addressing water conservation and climate change impacts in the Columbia Valley.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$10,000 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to promote and conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program – \$11,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council to prevent the establishment of new invasive plant species, control existing noxious and priority species and, where possible, eradicate noxious and priority invasive plants on private lands in the Columbia Valley using an integrated approach.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$29,000 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia Wetland marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$5,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity private land and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Project - \$8,500 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

2015

Climate and Water Conservation Action Initiatives - \$25,000 to Groundswell Network Society to provide measurable, achievable, actions addressing water conservation and climate change impacts in the Columbia Valley.

Columbia Lake Ecosystem Monitoring and Education - \$12,035 to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society to improve knowledge of water resources and steps we can take to protect them.

Columbia Lake - Lot 48 Ecosystem Restoration Project - \$24,564 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to create resilient ecosystems through the restoration of open forest and grassland communities in areas where forest ingrowth and encroachment are occurring.

Ecological Goods & Services Project - \$7,500 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to preserve ecological integrity of the region at the landscape level by taking into consideration management practices that may collectively impact the health of an ecosystem, while identifying new ways to enhance or conserve existing ecological services on agricultural land.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$15,807 to the Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society to promote and conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program – \$11,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council to prevent the establishment of new invasive plant species, control existing noxious and priority species and, where possible, eradicate noxious and priority invasive plants on private lands in the Columbia Valley using an integrated approach.

Reintroducing Northern Leopard Frogs to the Columbia Marshes - \$29,767 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to re-establish self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frogs in the Columbia Wetland marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$5,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council to decrease the infestation levels of leafy spurge in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Upper Columbia Watershed Community-Based Groundwater Monitoring Project - \$3,100 to Wildsight to develop an understanding of the connection between groundwater, the local water table, precipitation, and water withdrawals in the Lake Windermere watershed.

Water Quality and Quantity Monitoring Project - \$11,000 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to undertake water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

2014

Abel Creek Barrier Project - \$5,000 to the Lake Windermere & District Rod & Gun Club to explore options to allow fish to navigate beyond a man-made obstruction that is blocking passage to high quality fish habitat.

Climate Action Initiatives - \$25,000 to Groundswell Network Society to provide measurable, achievable actions addressing climate change impacts in the Kootenays.

Columbia Lake Water Monitoring - \$3,400 to the Columbia Ridge Community Association towards the provision of consistent water quality monitoring on Columbia Lake by involving community organizations and residents in gathering the data.

Dutch Findlay Ecosystem Restoration - \$19,920 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to help create resilient ecosystems through the restoration of open forest structure in closed coniferous stands which will resist climate change, safeguard communities from catastrophic forest fire, and create habitat for threatened species.

Kootenay Community Bat Project - \$13,788 to the Kootenay Community Bat Project to help conserve the variety of bat species and their associated habitats that exist in the Upper Columbia Valley.

Lake Enid Restoration and Conservation Project - \$6,000 to Wildsight to restore the damaged riparian and grassland ecosystems on the northeast side of Lake Enid and conserve them by protecting them from future damage.

Lake Windermere Water Quality Attainment Monitoring - \$3,000 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to assist in Lake Windermere water quality monitoring and community water stewardship education.

Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program - \$13,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council for the prevention of the establishment of new invasive plant species, controlling existing noxious and priority species and, where possible, eradication noxious and priority invasive plants on private lands in the Columbia Valley using an integrated approach.

Northern Leopard Frog Reintroduction - \$29,890 to the Columbia Valley Stewardship Partners towards the re-establishment of self-sustaining populations of northern leopard frog in the Columbia Wetland marshes.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS) - \$5,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council to decrease the infestation levels of the invasive plant leafy spurge in the Upper Columbia Valley.

2013

Ecological Services Project - \$13,000 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute towards expanding a voluntary, incentive based, private land conservation program that pays landowners and farmers to maintain and enhance the natural assets that they manage.

Hoodoo Access Management Project - \$17,500 to The Nature Trust of BC towards protecting and maintaining the ecological integrity of the Hoodoo Conservation Area through motorized access control measures such as barriers, signage and public communications.

Lot 48 Columbia Lake - \$700,000 (\$100,000 per year for 7 years) to the Nature Conservancy of Canada towards the purchase of 127 ha of high-value land for conservation located south of Fairmont Hot Springs on the eastern shore of Columbia Lake.

Marion Creek Benchlands - \$15,823 to the Nature Conservancy Canada towards enhancing and protecting wetland values through livestock exclusion fencing on an important conservation property.

Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP) - \$15,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council towards the increased awareness by landowners of invasive plants and supporting these landowners to address invasive plants through resources, equipment and financial support.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS) Program - \$6,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity to Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP) clients and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Water Quality Monitoring and Shoreline Restoration Project - \$4,700 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society towards collecting current data on the water quality and ecological health of Lake Windermere while upgrading a portion of the shoreline at Kinsmen Beach to provide high quality fish and wildlife habitat as per local shoreline management guidelines.

2012

Boulder Creek Diversion Project - \$10,000 to the Toby Benches Society and Lake Windermere Rod & Gun Club to improve water quality in two lakes and three streams and increase water quality for several wetlands by constructing a small dam and installing 3.5 km of irrigation pipe.

Dutch-Findley Private Conservation Land Open Forest Restoration Project - \$18,950 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada towards ecosystem restoration activities to enhance open forest and grassland habitats on private lands in the Dutch-Findley Conservation Area on the west side of Columbia Lake.

Ecological Goods and Services Project - \$4,000 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to test and demonstrate a voluntary, incentive based, private land conservation program that pays landowners and farmers to maintain and enhance the natural assets that they manage.

Hoodoo Conservation Property Management Project - \$33,500 to The Nature Trust of BC to selectively install fencing, gates and signage, restrict motor vehicles in sensitive ecosystems and help the public appreciate the biodiversity of the Hoodoo Conservation Area.

Lake Windermere Ambassadors - Water Quality Attainment - \$10,624 to the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society to assist in water quality monitoring, shoreline restoration and water stewardship outreach.

Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP) - \$16,000 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council towards the increased awareness by landowners of invasive plants and supporting these landowners to address invasive plants through resources, equipment and financial support.

Reintroducing the Northern Leopard Frog to the Upper Columbia Marshes - \$15,620 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to reintroduce this at risk species to historic habitat contained in the Columbia marshes north of Radium Hot Springs. This project builds on a previous research project supported by the CVLCF and implements recommendations arising from that work.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$7,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity to Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP) clients and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

2011

Boulder Creek Diversion Project - \$70,000 to the Toby Benches Society and Lake Windermere Rod and Gun Club to improve water quality in two lakes and three streams and increase water quality for several wetlands by constructing a small dam and installing 3.5 km of irrigation pipe.

Columbia Valley Invasive Plants Neighbourhood Program - \$17,700 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute & East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council to inventory and map invasive plants, help educate landowners and provide financial assistance to help them remove invasive plants and reduce the threat to biodiversity.

Ecological Goods and Services Project - \$5,000 to the Windermere and District Farmers' Institute to test and demonstrate a voluntary, incentive based, private land conservation program that pays landowners and farmers to maintain and enhance the natural assets that they manage.

Hoodoo Conservation Property Access Management - \$17,500 to The Nature Trust of BC for selectively installing fencing, gates and signage, restrict motor vehicles in sensitive ecosystems and help the public appreciate the biodiversity of the Hoodoo Conservation property.

Limber Pine Restoration Project - \$20,000 to the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation Canada to collect limber pine seeds, propagate seedlings, plant limber pine primarily on private land. Limber pine is a threatened species in British Columbia.

Marion Creek Benchlands Purchase - \$100,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada towards the purchase of 205 ha of high-value land for conservation located southwest of Fairmont Hot Springs.

Sinclair Creek Native Plant Restoration - \$5,190 to Wildsight to remove invasive plants, replace them with native species, educate the public on the impact of invasive weeds on local landscapes in conjunction with Radium Hot Springs.

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge - \$8,500 to the East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council towards inventorying, managing and reducing the spread of infestations of the invasive plant leafy spurge in close proximity to Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program (NIPP) clients and the Columbia Valley wetlands.

Thunder Hill Ranch Ecosystem Restoration - \$20,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to continue grassland ecosystem restoration on 48 ha of NCC's Thunder Hill Ranch located on the west side of Columbia Lake.

2010

Abel Creek Restoration and Stewardship - \$5,000 to the District of Invermere to protect and restore Abel Creek as a healthy riparian stream ecosystem through restoration and stewardship activities.

Columbia River - Restoration of Fairmont Reach - \$8,750 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to restore riparian habitat that is critical for spawning Kokanee and the rare Lewis's woodpecker, as well as other aquatic and riparian dependant species.

Columbia Valley Invasive Plants Neighbourhood Program - \$24,000 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to ensure private landowners in RDEK Electoral Areas F and G are aware of invasive plants and to support them in taking action to control and eradicate them on their property.

Ecological Goods and Services Demonstration Project - \$5,000 to the Windermere District Farmers' Institute to test and demonstrate a voluntary, incentive based, private land conservation program that pays landowners to maintain and enhance the natural assets that they manage.

Lake Windermere Project - \$10,000 to Wildsight to protect and enhance the water quality of Lake Windermere by means of interagency cooperation, scientific water quality monitoring, public engagement, and on-going citizen-based monitoring.

Limber Pine Restoration Project - \$10,000 to the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation to enhance recruitment, seed collection, seedling propagation, and seed and seedling planting of whitebark pine, a blue listed species of conservation concern.

Northern Leopard Frog Reintroduction - \$13,800 to the Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners to assess the Upper Columbia Valley wetlands for reintroducing northern leopard frogs, an endangered species.