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Fence Assessment/Repair: Wycliffe Conservation Property Complex

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Background

Bootleg Contracting Ltd. was contracted by The Nature Trust of BC (NTBC) and The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to assess and repair selected sections of fence within the Wycliffe Conservation Complex as part of its implementation of the Wycliffe Conservation Property Complex Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (Masse, 2021). Fence sections on parcels owned by either NCC, NTBC, or the Province of BC (BC Gov) were prioritized by conservation land managers and mapped for monitoring (assessment) and maintenance by Bootleg Contracting Ltd.

Fence sections were assessed/repared during the fall of 2024. Minor fence repairs (i.e. wire breaks, small tree removal, dropper/staple replacement, etc.) were completed during assessments, and any major repairs (i.e. large trees down on fence, brace/gate repair, etc.) were georeferenced and recommended for future work. Fence assessment details can be found in Table 1, follow-up repairs proposed in 2025 are found in Table 2, with several project photos included below in Figures 1-6.

Results

Table 1: Fence Assessment Results for the 2024 Wycliffe Conservation Property Complex Fence Assessment/Repair Project

Fenceline Desc. (PID/Direction)	Date Assessed	Overall Condition	Follow Up Items (2025)	Description
016-986-024 West Boundary BC Gov	Oct 30, 2024	Very Good	None	<p>Fence is in great shape. Only a few staples and one small wire break to repair, all were addressed. Fence is a newly built fence and does not require any major repairs.</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p> <p>Lots of horse use on adjacent private property against fence. Not much for wildlife sign, or areas for additional wildlife crossing staple locks. No sign of trespass.</p>




005-572-827 NE Side of Stirton Rd. BC Gov	Oct 30, 2024	Good	None	<p>Fence is in good shape. Droppers were straightened and wire tightened. A few staples replaced. The fence is a mix of newly repaired and original material. No major repairs required for this section.</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p> <p>Not much for wildlife sign, or areas for additional wildlife crossing staple locks. No sign of trespass</p>
016-923-979 North Boundary NTBC	Oct 30, 2024	Very Good	None	<p>Fence is in very good shape. Only a few staples and droppers were required and were addressed. Fence is only a few years old, and no major repairs are required.</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p> <p>There are some major wildlife trails that cross the fence at existing wildlife crossing staple lock locations. No sign of trespass</p>
008-406-823 East Boundary NCC	Nov 15, 2024	Very Good	None *Added a staple lock at the following Location (49.631897N 115.878652W).	<p>Fence section was in great shape. Needed to remove one smaller tree and added a staple lock at a well used game trail, both were addressed.</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p> <p>Lots of elk/deer sign along this fence section No signs of trespass</p>
008-406-823 South Boundary NCC	Nov 15, 2024	Good	Yes – See Table 2	<p>Fence is in good condition overall. There were a few trees down, a few broken droppers, and some missing staples that were all addressed. There is a section where the fence crosses Luke Creek that requires follow-up work (Table 2).</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p> <p>This section of the fence has significant wildlife use, with many areas where wildlife had crossed. There were no specific game trails to identify at the time of assessment, but lots of evidence of wildlife use along the fence. There were no signs of trespass</p>
008-406-823 West Boundary NCC/BC Gov	Nov 15, 2024	Good	Yes – See Table 2	<p>Fence is in good condition overall. There were a few smaller trees down, broken droppers and a couple breaks that were all addressed. There is a section that requires follow-up to remove large trees off the fence and repair broken wire (Table 2).</p> <p>Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom).</p>


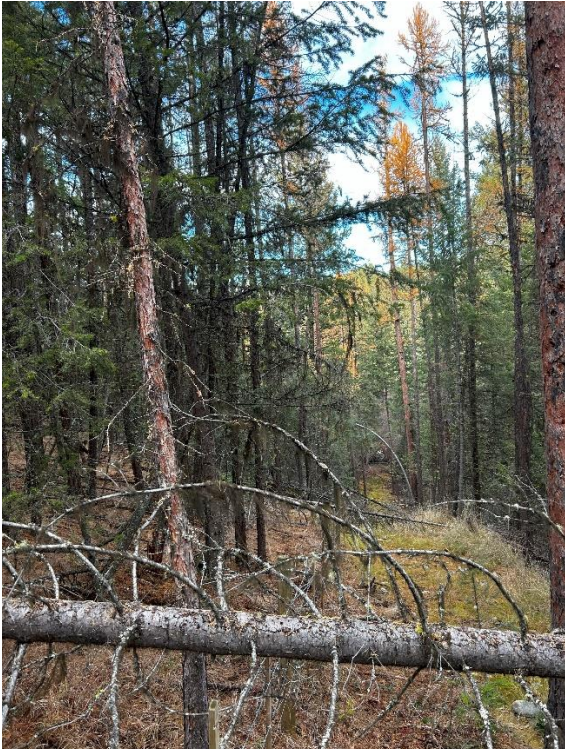


				Not much for wildlife use, and no sign of trespass. There is an old access road nearby that runs alongside the fence, but no evidence of recent use by the public.
005-564-824 West Boundary (South end) NCC/BC Gov	Nov 15, 2024	Good	Yes – See Table 2	Fence was in good condition overall. There were a few smaller trees down, broken droppers and a couple breaks that were all addressed. There is a section that requires follow-up to remove large trees off fence (Table 2). Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom). Not much for wildlife use in this area, and no sign of trespass. Brook trout were spotted in the creek during the time of assessment.
016-749-022 East Boundary NTBC	Nov 16, 2024	Very Good	None	Fence was in very good condition. A few staples and droppers were replaced, and a small tree removed off the fence. Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom). Heavy horse use on the adjacent private parcel to the east, but no evidence of trespass.
016-749-022 South Boundary (West End) NTBC	Nov 16, 2024	Very Good	None	Fence was in very good condition. A few staples and droppers were replaced, and a few small trees removed off the fence. Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom). Well used game trail on opposite side of fence. No sign of trespass
106-749-022 West Boundary NTBC	Nov 16, 2024	Very Good	None	Fence was in very good condition. Only a few small trees were removed off the fence. Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom). No significant sign of wildlife, aside from some random crossing locations, and a well used crossing site at an existing staple lock. No sign of trespass
016-749-022 North Boundary NTBC	Nov 16, 2024	Very Good	None	Fence was in very good condition. Only 1 larger tree was removed with a hand saw, and a few staples were replaced. Fence is 4 strand (3 barbed, 1 smooth on bottom). No significant sign of wildlife use on this section. Looks as if grazing occurs on the parcel to the north (south end). No sign of trespass.

Table 2: Fence Assessment Follow Up Actions and Recommendations for the 2024 Wycliffe Conservation Property Complex Fence Assessment/Repair Project

Fenceline Desc. (PID/Direction)	Follow Up Items	Location	Description/Recommendations
008-406-823 South Boundary NCC	Tree removal with chainsaw	49.630726N 115.893343W	<p>Chainsaw is required to remove large trees that are down on the fence. Location is where the fence crosses Luke Creek. Estimated 2 hours for 2 people to repair.</p> 
008-406-823 West Boundary NCC/BC Gov	Tree removal with chainsaw, and repair broken wire.	49.632491N 115.900920W	<p>Chainsaw is required to remove 3 large Py that have fallen on the fence. The wires are broken and will need to be spliced after tree removal. Estimated 3 hours for 2 people to repair.</p>



			
<p>005-564-8245 West Boundary (South end) NCC/BC Gov</p>	<p>Trees down on fence between the two following locations. Requires Chainsaw</p>	<p>Between 49.634788N 115.900891W And 49.636191N 115.900846W</p>	<p>Chainsaw required to remove ~10 trees off the fence between the two locations provided. Estimated 2 hours for 2 people to repair.</p> 

Fence Assessment Photos



Figure 1-3: Photos of where a staple lock section was installed due to high wildlife traffic on PID 008-406-823, East Boundary, NCC



Figure 4-6: Additional photos of trees down on the section noted in Table 2, on PID 005-564-8245 West Boundary (South end) NCC/BC Gov.