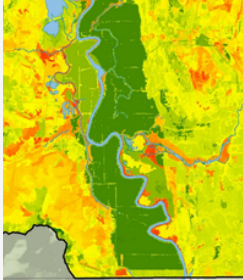


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Green Map

The Creston Valley Green Map Project aims to protect the region's rich biodiversity by identifying and prioritizing key habitats for conservation. This ongoing initiative supports informed decision-making to preserve the Creston Valley's most vital natural areas.



Exclusion Fencing Mapping

The project aims to map 8-foot exclusion fences in the valley to identify barriers that disrupt elk migration and habitat connectivity. The goal is to collaborate with landowners to restore elk movement corridors. By doing so, future fencing can be designed to maintain important wildlife pathways.



Cottonwood Stand Mapping

Riparian cottonwood forests are at risk, crucial for wildlife like the Western Screech Owl, herons, bats, and the endangered white sturgeon. Threats to these forests include agricultural encroachment, climate change and water scarcity. To help protect them, the project inventory existing cottonwoods by analyzing high-resolution drone photography.



Salamander Monitoring

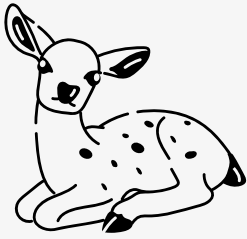
Surveys of the presence and abundance of the Coeur D'Alene Salamander starting with the West side of Kootenay Lake.



Forestry Management

We closely monitor forestry activities in our area, addressing concerns in collaboration with local interest groups, First Nations and government. We also provide feedback on forest management and related government policies.

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Fawns and Haying

We are partnering with farmers to prevent fawn injuries during haying season by using drones with infrared cameras to spot them in fields before cutting. The fawns are safely relocated during the harvest and returned afterward.



Water Quality Monitoring

From May to October, we sample water in the Goat River monthly using a Water Rangers kit and portable meters. Each fall, we also collect samples to analyze benthic invertebrate community. These efforts help us track the river's health and water quality over time.



Water Sustainability Plan

We are supporting the request from Yaqaan Nuk?iy and RDCK for a ministerial order to designate the Creston Valley for the development of a water sustainability plan under the Water Sustainability Act.



Watershed Preservation

Since 2022, we have been reviewing logging plans in the Duck Creek watershed and making recommendations to ensure sustainable practices. While some changes were made after our discussions, we are continuing talks with relevant parties to address these concerns.



Watershed Trailer

Our trailer offers a hands-on way to explore watershed processes and can be a great educational tool for schools and public events. It can be customized to highlight important topics like water quality and quantity, climate change, and land management. This interactive experience makes complex environmental issues accessible and memorable for everyone.

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Community Awareness

Our community awareness program features a speaker events and informational booths at the fall fair and farmers market, aiming to educate the public on environmental issues. Through these events, we engage with the community to promote sustainable practices and conservation efforts.



Turtle Fencing

In collaboration with the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area we organize work bees for turtle fencing. The fence helps safeguard Western Painted Turtles by preventing them from crossing West Creston Road during egg-laying season. We remove the fence each fall to prevent damage from winter snow removal.



Wildlife Friendly Fencing

We work at removing abandoned and hazardous fences through work bees. We inform the public on wildlife-friendly fencing solutions and options. We are collaborating with Creston Valley Rod and Gun Club on this project.



Bird Festival

The Creston Valley Bird Festival is an exciting event that takes place every second weekend in May, where you'll get the chance to rub shoulders with bird experts – explore and deepen your appreciation for the great outdoors with presentations, hikes, field trips, and tours by canoe or kayak.



Nature Walks

Nature Walks are hosted on a local trails in the Creston Valley. They aim to educate adults and children, about the importance nature and the necessity to protect it. It builds community connections and a greater understanding of local ecosystems.

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Local Colours

Creston's Outdoor Photography Show where local photographers and storytellers will present photos of local wildlife, hikes, and nature. This is an uplifting event to bring the community together for the love of nature.



Winter Film Festival

This is an annual fundraiser where we showcase a wonderful mix of films with the support from our local community. The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival celebrates and embraces mountain film and culture, outdoor sports and environmental initiatives.