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## CHILCOTIN FOREST DISTRICT

Greetings and Happy New Year from DCH in Alexis Creek!

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you monthly updates on the goings on in our office, and to review our departments and upcoming events with you. This newsletter will be posted on our district website as well.

Our district website provides information summaries on all of our departments, as well as links to related topics and areas of interest, and posted application forms for various tenures. Our website is linked to the community association of Alexis Creek so please read and update yourself on our community.

Many thanks to Diane Lonsdale for compiling and posting our greatly needed District Website!

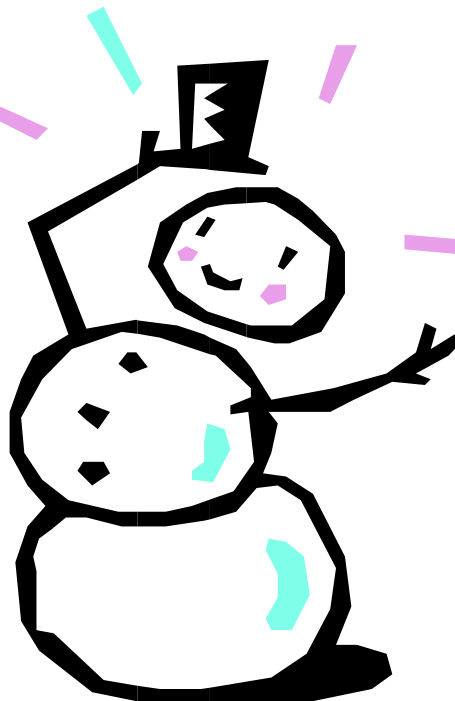
The Chilcotin Forest District has just completed a very busy field season and is now preparing for the winter months ahead.

Of key interest to note are the recent staff changes that have occurred in our office, we have many new and returning faces in each of our departments.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding our monthly updates please do not hesitate to contact myself at the noted contact information.

Thank you very much, and have a safe month of winter driving and preparation for the cold months to come!

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### Christmas Tree Trivia

\*The oldest record of a decorated Christmas tree came from a 1605 diary found in Stratsburg France. The tree was decorated with paper roses, apples and candies.

\* An evergreen, the Paradise tree, was decorated with apples as a symbol of the feast of Adam and Eve held on December 24th during the middle ages.

\* The decorated Christmas Tree can be traced back to the Ancient Romans who during their winter festivals decorated their trees with small pieces of metal during Saturnalia, the God of Agriculture.

\* German settlers migrated to Canada in the 1700's. They brought with them many of the things associated with Christmas we cherish today; advent calendars, gingerbread houses, cookies — and Christmas trees.

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/trees/traditions-world.html>

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## BC Treaty Commission Comes to DCH

In December DCH welcomed Bev Sellars and Kenzie Andrews of the BC Treaty Commission.

A brief workshop on the history of First Nations, as well as an overview of the 6 stages involved in the BC

Treaty process took place. This workshop was very well received, and many free resources and materials have been made available within our library.

Should you or your office wish to book a work-

shop or request any reading materials from Kenzie or Bev, you can reach them at the noted link:

<http://www.bctreaty.net/>

Thank you Bev and Kenzie!



## A word from Management

The district management team continues to strive for optimum effectiveness in dealing with operational issues and challenges that the district faces.

Key focuses and priorities include diligence in meeting government's goals and objectives, while ensuring that client service is provided at the highest possible standard.

The one thing that is constant is change, therefore we must be prepared to manage change as it occurs in order to continue to meet the needs and expectations of the public, of government, and as well as the Crown resources that we play a role in managing. There are many factors that are impacting all sectors of our client base whether ranchers, timber tenure holders, First Nations communit

ties, etc. and each carries it's own unique challenges.

Relationship-building is key to the success of any organization, and government is no exception. Improving communication with all stakeholders is something that we are mindful of in all of our business interactions and practices. We are very committed to providing support to the community of Alexis Creek and surrounding areas.

As managers, we are tasked with representing the interests not only of the operational side of government, but also the human side. The well-being of our staff, providing support to them, and recognizing their

efforts is our priority. The staff we work with every day are our greatest asset, and we value them greatly.

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*...Carpe Diem...*



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## Compliance and Enforcement (C&E)

The Compliance and Enforcement Department; Scott Thompson (C&E Supervisor) and Alvin Frank (C&E R.F.T), are happy to report the recent additions of Shaun Chadburn (C&E Technician), Rebecca Misener (C&E Officer) & Diane Lonsdale (C&E Technician). Welcome Shaun, Diane and Rebecca to the Chilcotin and to our team!

**"Scott is looking forward to the Forest Stewardship Plan (F.S.P.) Matrix Inspections scheduled to commence in May"**

C&E have some ongoing investigations, and are busy preparing for the winter months ahead after a successful field season.

Of key interest, Scott would like to note he is looking forward to the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Matrix Inspections scheduled to commence in May.

If you have questions related to C&E, please contact Scott at the following contacts:

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## Geomatics

The Geomatics department welcomes the recent addition of Kirsty Gartshore! Welcome Kirsty Gartshore to the Chilcotin, and to our team.

The Geomatics teams consists of Jasmine Pflanz (GIS Analyst), Trena Plummer (Mapping & Design Technician), and Kirsty Gartshore (Geomatics Technician). These girls look after the districts mapping and drafting needs.

There are no recent updates to capture in this department, although Jasmine would like to remind everyone of the roles and responsibilities of the Geomatics department. A friendly reminder that the Geomatics team does *not* provide public mapping as a service. The GIS spatial guidelines that DCH will provide and what is required is posted on our website.



Should you have any mapping or drafting questions, please contact Jasmine at the noted contacts;

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## Stewardship

The Stewardship Department at DCH is one of the largest departments in our office and includes many programs under Silviculture, Forest Health and Timber Supply Review.

Recent additions to the Stewardship Team include: Jason Kerley (F.I.T) Stewardship Forester & David Rusch (R.P.F.) Forest Health Technician. Welcome to the Rush family in their move from Parksville to Alexis Creek! Lastly, we would like to welcome **back** Doug Porter who will be fulfilling some needs in Stewardship and C&E. Welcome back Doug!

Connie Haley (R.F.T.) Stewardship Technician, Dan Hicks (R.F.T.) Stewardship Technician, and lastly Bob Osmachenko (R.P.F) Stewardship Officer,

comprise the rest of the Stewardship team.

It is of sad yet happy note we say good bye to Diane Lonsdale in her shift to C&E, thank you Diane for all the hard work!

Stewardship is always busy with various programs. Several of these programs are listed on our website and include: bark beetle management, the Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP), Timber Supply Review & Forest Stand Management.

Should you have any questions regarding bark beetle salvage, tender package requirements, or just would like further information pertaining to forest health programs in Stewardship please do not hesitate to contact David Rusch at our office.

If you have any questions regarding our FREP program please contact Jason Kerley at our office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Stewardship department, please contact Bob Osmachenko at the following contacts:

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## BTK & Spruce Budworm

During the month of December, Leo Rankin and Guy Newsome from DCC came and provided an update on the current state of Spruce Budworm and Fir bark beetle rates within the Chilcotin Forest District.

During the past 19 years, southern areas around the province have practiced the safe and effective method of BTK spray to help battle the spread of Spruce Budworm and other damaging endemics that harm our forest stands.

Some of the areas within the Chilcotin Forest District that have been practicing such methods for the past couple of years due to their endemic nature.

Of good news, the use of BTK has proven effective in helping battle the spread of Spruce Budworm and other related forest management endemic issues within the Chilcotin.

It is important to note that the use of BTK is **not harmful** to humans, mammals, birds or fish, and is only effective

to combat certain moth and caterpillar species if digested.

Once applied, BTK lasts for approximately 7 days and is quickly degenerated. BTK is not toxic or harmful in any manner, and is used widely to combat such endemic diseases.

Should you require further information on the use of BTK please do not hesitate to contact our Forest Health Department to gather more information, or go online to research the topic at your leisure.

Should any private home or land owners have Spruce Budworm concerns and would like to purchase BTK to protect forest stands, BTK is available at Canadian Tire, and most home and garden outlets due to its safe and effective nature.

In closing here are diagrams and pictures of the Spruce Budworm, as well as informative links to research further.

**\* MOF Illustrated Guide to Pests**  
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/rsi/ForestHealth/guide/WSBW.html>

**\* Defoliator Management Guidebook**  
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legsregs/fpc/fpcguide/defoliat/chap4b.htm>



Budworm Pupa



Budworm Moth

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## Administration

Administration has several updates to provide you as well. Judy Buhler has left our office for a temporary appointment in the Vernon/Okanagan office. In her absence, Pat Porter will be assuming the duties of Administrative Supervisor. Janel Alphonse has left reception, and is currently fulfilling her new duties as Resource Clerk. The office welcomes Kai Pyper to the admin team as the newly appointed Receptionist. Loren Buckle continues on in his duties as Management Clerk. Stephen Dobson (Dobber) continues on in his role as Budget Performance Coordinator.

As is the case with most offices, it is the admin team that is the glue that

holds our team together. Many thanks to Janel, Loren, Pat & Kai for the numerous letters, faxes, filing, record keeping and data entry that occurs. We appreciate it so very much! Thank you Dobber for keeping all of our budgets, requests, trucks and other day to day operational issues on track.

This past month has been busy with admin as they have been busy training us all in EDERMS to face the new world of electronic emailing and filing. Thank you Loren!

From ergonomics, stress management, filing, record keeping & budgeting we are so thankful for



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the admin team!

The admin team would be happy to assist you over the telephone or at our front counter should you have any questions or concerns regarding our office and departments.

Happy Holidays from the Administration Team! See you in the New Year!

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## Tenures

Tenures as well has several staffing updates to share with you.

The tenures team would like to welcome John Salewski (R.F.T.) on an auxiliary basis filling in for Cheryl Gilbert as she leaves us for her temporary assignment as First Nations Liaison Officer. John will be working in Tenures during his time off from Protection. Welcome John, to DCH and to the

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tenures side of the Ministry! We look forward to your continued hard work and dedication.

The tenures team consists of:

Grant Feldinger (R.P.F., Tenures Officer, Stewart Pyper (R.F.T.), Residue/Waste & Revenue Technician & Brian Rosengren (R.P.F.), Tenures/First Nations Forester.

The tenures team would like to inform you

that tenure applications for firewood and Christmas trees are available online at our website, as well as additional information pertaining to tenure applications and related information.

Should you have any concerns regarding tenure applications please contact Stewart Pyper at the noted contacts:

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If you have any tenures related questions please contact Grant Feldinger.

## Engineering

Robert Haley, R.F.T. (Engineering Officer) & the newly appointed Stefan Borge (Engineering Technician) make up our Engineering team. DCH welcomes Stefan into the community and into our office!

Engineering has successfully completed a busy field season with the help of the newest edition of Anna Brace. Anna is an Engineering Co-op Student from TRU who contributed greatly to the

success of engineering this year. Good luck in your studies this year Anna, and we hope to see you back !

Rob has completed several road upgrades and projects this past season, and is now currently busy with the winter months of snow removal, contracts and maintenance. It is important to note that MFR does *not* provide snow removal or upgrade services to



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roads that do not pertain to MFR.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Engineering you can contact Rob at the following contacts:

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## The Chilcotin Forest District

### A Proud Tradition of Service since 1912

#### **Vision**

*Diverse and sustainable forest and range values for B.C.*

#### **Mission**

*To protect, manage and conserve forest and range values through a high performing organization.*

#### **People**

*People are valued for their contribution and dedication to the Forest Service, its mission and vision.*

### Our Values

#### **Integrity**

*We are open, honest and fair.*

#### **Accountable**

*We are responsible for our decisions and actions.*

#### **Innovative**

*We encourage and support each other to create new and better ways to do our business.*

#### **Respectful**

*We show respect by listening to and recognizing a diversity of values and interests. We work with each other in a spirit of trust, mutual respect, and support.*



## Range

Our Range team consists of Cathy Mumford (P.Ag), Range Officer and Molly Hink (R.F.T.) Resource Technician.

The Range team would like to announce some staffing changes as well. It is with great sadness that we say good bye to Cameron Klause (P.Ag) and wish him well in his new endeavors in Alberta. Keep in touch Cameron, we will miss you in the office and in the community! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

On a happy note, there are a number of applicants bidding on the vacant Professional Agrologist position. Stay tuned for our new addition.

This past summer, DCH welcomed the addition of Taunis Hodgson, TRU student, in a summer stu-

dent posting. It is with great honor we welcome Taunis to our family, and wish her luck with her studies at TRU. We look forward to her return during her semester breaks, and the upcoming spring and summer.

Currently, we have a new auxiliary in Range to help with office and field work loads. DCH would like to welcome Crystal Wheeler to our team, in her move to Alexis Creek with her partner Shaun who works in C&E. Welcome Crystal!

Cathy would like to remind all Range tenure holders and potential range tenure holders that as of December 31, 2007 ALL Range tenure holders *must* have a new approved Range Use Plan.

Should you require any assis-

tance with your tenures, or have any questions for Cathy please do not hesitate to contact her as the following contacts:

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**From our home to yours,  
The Chilcotin Forest District wishes you a very  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!**



## Winter Safety Tips

\* Wear a hat and clothing made of tightly woven fibers, such as wool, which trap warm air against your body. A few lighter layers protect better than one heavy garment.

\* Drink plenty of warm fluids to help the body maintain its temperature. Avoid caffeine and alcohol, which hinder the body's heat-producing mechanisms and will actually cause the body's core temperature to drop.

\* Take frequent breaks from the cold to let your body warm up.

\* *Signs and symptoms of frostbite:*

- numbness, tingling, pain & swelling.

*As the condition worsens;*

- total loss of sensation, pale waxy skin will become dark bluish, in severe cases the skin will look black and charred.

*Do you know what to do for frostbite?*

\* Cover the affected area

\* Never rub the skin as this may cause further damage

\* Warm the area gently by immersing the affected part in water that is warm and comfortable to the touch. Continue till affected area looks warm and is red.

\* Bandage the affected area with a dry sterile dressing

\* Ensure that the affected part does not become frozen again

\* Get the person to the Doctor as soon as possible

*Signs and Symptoms of Hyperthermia*

- \* feeling cold
- \* shivering (which will stop as condition worsens)

- \* slurred speech
- \* pale skin, bluish lips
- \* slow pulse
- \* lethargic
- \* mood swings
- \* unable to think clearly
- \* unconsciousness

*What should you do for Hyperthermia?*

- \* remove wet or dry clothing & replace with dry clothing
- \* keep the person warm by wrapping him/her in blankets, be gentle
- \* never rub the surface of the person's body as this could cause further damage
- \* if the person is dry use hot water water bottles or heating pads to warm
- \* Do not warm the person too quickly by immersing him/her in warm water. Rapid re-warming can cause heart problems.

**Canadian Red Cross**

<http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=011344&tid=068>