



Stewart Road East Information Kiosk

Have you visited the "Trailhead" recently? F.O.S.S. constructed a twelve panel kiosk, and once the fire hazard lessens we will be completing the site work and installing the information panels on:

- Erosion and Noxious Weeds
- Friends of the South Slopes
- Trail Etiquette
- "Donations" Panel
- Special Features in the Park

Three BC Parks' panels are already erected:

- A map of Myra-Bellevue Park
- Protected Areas Message
- Other Okanagan Provincial Parks

A Regional District Parks' information sign will soon be installed.

Major funding for the kiosk project was through a grant from the

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

Thank You!

The **Rotary Club of Kelowna** donated \$300 towards the cost of one of the information panels at the kiosk.

Virtually all the building materials for the kiosk project were donated by local suppliers. **Jamie Browne** coordinated the construction of the kiosk, and sought out both "work in kind" and "donation in kind" support. **Thanks, Jamie!**

F.O.S.S. wish to acknowledge and thank the following companies and individuals for their support for the kiosk project:

- The Residents of Somerville Corner in the Mission* (paid the carpenter's wages)
- Kelowna Home Hardware Building Centre* (lumber and other building supplies)
- Kelowna Ready Mix Inc.* (concrete)
- Riverside Forest Products* (plywood)
- Madge Contracting Inc.* (installation of cedar shake roof)
- J & M Contracting* (site preparation)
- Winn Rentals* (compressor)
- General Paint Inc.* (stain)
- Kon Kast Products* (concrete bicycle rack)
- inter-mtn Sign & Design Company* (reduced price for the artwork/design costs for our kiosk panels)
- Dave Rothwell* (panorama photo of the South Slopes)
- Volunteers:** Kiosk Committee: Penny Gubbels, David Urness, Cathy Richards
Painting: Bill Redston, Devra & Grant Rice, Fred & Penny Gubbels
Carpenter's helper: Fred Gubbels
Monitoring kiosk site during construction: Isabel Pritchard, Sandra Swart, Bill Redston, Cynthia Lambrecht, David Urness



Still to Come....in 2004

An accurate trail map for the lower slopes (Crawford Trails) of Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park

Extreme Fire Hazard! As this flyer goes to print, the Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park forest fire continues to burn unpredictably and out of control. All areas of the South Slopes are **tinder dry** and the forest fire risk is extremely high. Please observe all posted closures, respect the camp fire ban and use extra caution if you are on the South Slopes. The Kelowna Mountain Bike Club has suspended all riding and activities in Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park until there is a significant rain

Park information Sign Stewart Road West →

In June 2003, the Katim M.E.E.T. Team installed a BC Parks information sign at the Park boundary, Stewart Road West.

Mountain Bikers: Jennifer Greenizan, Kevin Greenizan (Junior Program director/KMBC. Contact Kevin @763-6562) and Clayton Kam

Equestrians: Isabel Pritchard & Jeanette Van Holland



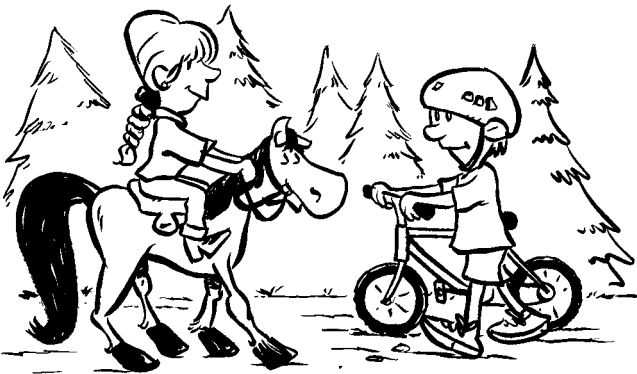
For the past year, your directors have primarily focused on projects and issues concerning Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park . However, we remain keenly interested in issues and concerns on ALL crown lands of the South Slopes.

Joe Rich/McCulloch Lake area: As a long-time director of F.O.S.S., Reg Volk ably represents the interests of his community. Reg works closely with Gorman Bros. Lumber, Riverside Forest Products and Weyerhaeuser to monitor logging on the South Slopes and its potential impact on existing recreation trails. By cultivating a positive relationship with these logging companies, Reg continues to work with other dedicated volunteers to ensure the preservation of the Okanagan Highlands Trail and other trails in the McCulloch Lake/Joe Rich area. In many cases, trails need to be re-routed because of logging, but through the collaborative approach of Reg's committee, this is often a success story. On behalf of FOSS, Reg is carrying on the fine work started by Mike Whitaker and all the volunteers who built the Okanagan Highlands Trail. Mike continues to be actively involved as a volunteer in his tireless efforts to develop this trail.

Help!!!

There is a large area of public land lying west of Bellevue Creek , including the Gillard Creek Forest Service Road, Chute Lake area, and Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park. Currently, we do not have a director on our board representing the area. This is an intensely used recreational area and this will only increase as new subdivisions are developed in the South Mission. F.O.S.S. Directors are looking ahead to 2004 , and we encourage someone to come forward to run for the board of directors at the AGM in November to represent the Mission. This person will be interested in responsible, low impact recreation on the South Slopes, willing to attend one directors' meeting each month (2nd Thursday) and to chair a committee reporting on the crown lands west of Bellevue Creek, and be committed to working collaboratively with other directors to represent a variety of recreational groups and interests. Please contact Bill Redson, President of F.O.S.S. for more information. Phone: 764-2328

Trail Etiquette "Respect Other Trail Users"



Watch for the awesome cartoons on the Kiosk Etiquette Panel They were designed exclusively for F.O.S.S. by Monté Barwick.

Have You Met the Park Ranger?

You may have seen the BC Parks' Ranger, Alistair Nixon, as you bike, ride or hike in the park. Although he doesn't have a set schedule, Alistair will be spending lots of time in the park, working on BC Parks' projects and monitoring its regulations. He has the authority to issue fines and penalties for non-compliance with these regulations. You can report infractions to him by phoning (250) 809-9410 or he can be reached by Email: Alistair.Nixon@gems9.gov.bc.ca

Trailhead Grand Opening...F.O.S.S. plans a "grand opening" to showcase Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park and the new facilities at the Stewart Road East Trailhead. Because of the on-going fire hazard in the Park, this event will be delayed until the spring of 2004.

Committee chair is David Urness @ 765-1308



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