



Friends of the South Slopes Society

Fall 2005

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CELEBRATING RECREATION ON THE SOUTH SLOPES *THE LEGACY OF TRAILS*

FOSS will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 10th. Please see the attached notice for all the details, and for your 2006 F.O.S.S. membership form.

This years' AGM gives us an opportunity to join with the *Trails Society of British Columbia (Trails BC)* to celebrate the "**legacy of trails**", and to publicly thank the Interior Savings Credit Union for its financial support for projects on the South Slopes of Kelowna through its Community Development Fund (CDF). Trails BC received \$25,000 towards the construction of the Myra Canyon Alternate Route, and F.O.S.S. received \$50,500 for a number of projects primarily in Myra-Bellevue Park, including culverts, bridges, erosion control, trail reconstruction and development of a map of the trails (see article below). Both Trails BC and F.O.S.S. support projects that enhance and sustain the recreational experiences we enjoy on our South Slopes' trails.



Please join us on Nov. 10th—and don't forget to renew your F.O.S.S. membership to stay in touch with what is happening on the South Slopes.

September 20, 2005
An enthusiastic group enjoy a hike organized by the 'Learning in Retirement' Society.

Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park Trail Map

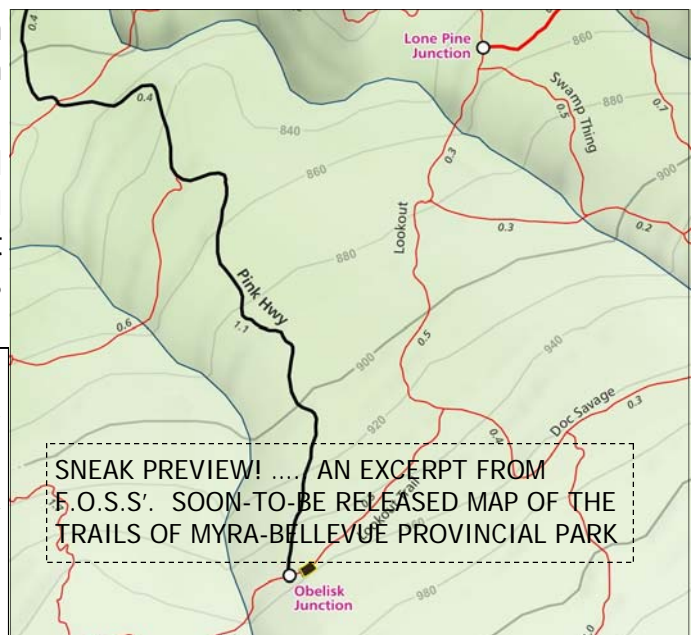
In late August, F.O.S.S. member Andy Daley completed the GPS field work for a comprehensive trail map for MBPP. Andy, who is a long distance runner, ran all the trails in the parkall 107 km of them!

This data was sent to InDepth Solutions, a mapping company contracted by F.O.S.S to produce and print our trail maps. The Mapping Project is funded by the Interior Savings Credit Union through its Community Development Fund. F.O.S.S. VP Dan Wood is the Project Manager.

The new map will be unveiled at F.O.S.S.'s AGM November 10, 2005, and will be available at several retail outlets after that date. It will make a perfect 'stocking stuffer' for the runners, hikers, equestrians and cyclists on your Christmas list.

Special Offer for F.O.S.S. Members!

If you renew your membership or join F.O.S.S. as a new member before January 1st, 2006—you can receive a complimentary copy of the new Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park trail map. You can pick up your map at the AGM, or you can send in your 2006 membership by mail and include a stamped, self addressed envelope and your map will be mailed to you. (Please send a 6"x9" envelope and postage of \$.85)



2005 Project Updates

Fencing Projects:

F.O.S.S. Director/Project Manager Sharon Adams has been busy working with Straight Line Contracting to fence the Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park boundary from Stewart Rd. East (Fortis substation) over to Stewart Rd. West, and south east along the adjoining private property. F.O.S.S. director Dan Wood realigned the trail from Stewart Rd. West to ensure that it lies within the park boundary. BC Parks relocated the existing fencing by the Fortis substation so it is within the park.

Fencing has also been erected on the north side of the Stewart Rd. East Trailhead, where there has been considerable damage to the hillside from unauthorized activity (quads, dirt bikes and trucks).

The southern end of Salamander Trail/Harvard Road Right of Way was fenced as part of our agreement with the developer of South Slope Estates. Public access between Harvard Rd. and MBPP is now secured.

The Rasmusen Family donated the cost to fence the entrance to the Harvard Rd. ROW/Salamander Trail. **THANKS!**

Sign Posts and Trail Signs:

F.O.S.S. director Penny Gubbels and her husband Fred have continued with their volunteer project to oversee the installation of sign posts and trail signs in MBPP. This project is nearing completion, and the remaining trails in the Luxmoore and Hromek Rd. area will be 'signed' this fall.



Erosion Control Projects: Further erosion control projects were undertaken this summer, including work on Lost Lake Trail at the south west end of the Lost Lake Loop and also on the steep hill south east of Teddy Bear Jnc. F.O.S.S. member Eric Rayson has done over 25 hrs. of volunteer handwork, notably on the Boulder Trail in Okanagan Mtn. Provincial Park.

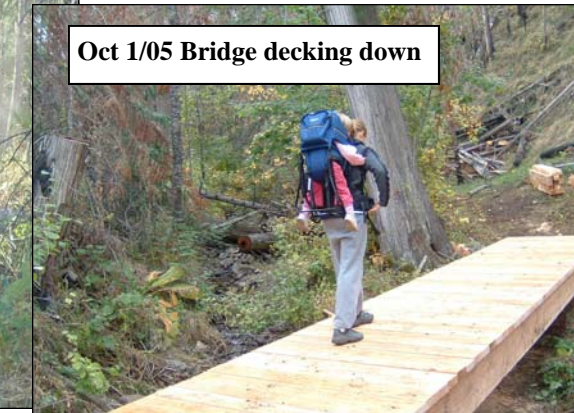
Trail Improvements/Bridge Construction:

F.O.S.S. director Isabel Pritchard is overseeing the reconstruction of Fairlane Trail east of Galloping Trail and the construction of a bridge across Priest Creek. F.O.S.S. hired a contractor who worked for 2 weeks with two students (Doug and Cameron) who are enrolled in the Rutland Senior Secondary Forestry Program. They constructed the bridge and worked on improvements to Fairlane Trail.

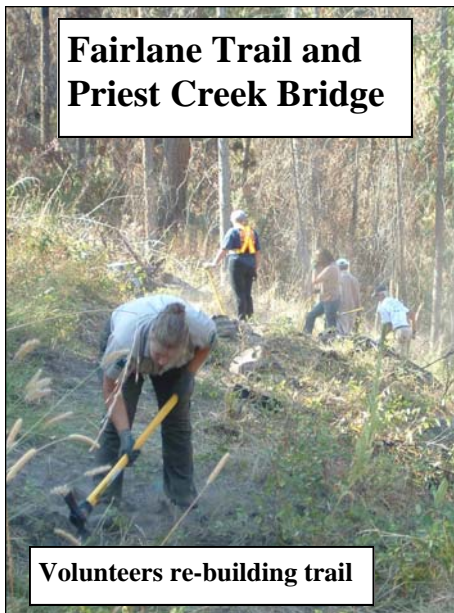
BC Parks' contribution to post-fire restoration includes constructing a bridge over Deeper Creek/OMPP (scheduled for this fall), and replacing signs and other facilities in OMPP that were lost in the 2003 forest fire.



Delivery of bridge materials



Oct 1/05 Bridge decking down



Fairlane Trail and Priest Creek Bridge

Volunteers re-building trail

Where do we go from here? What's next for F.O.S.S.??? Some ideas for 2006 include....

- ◆ Improve the tread on some of the more eroded trails
- ◆ Support South Slopes projects outside the two provincial parks

- ◆ Support projects that will protect the sub-alpine meadows at Little White
- ◆ Install location maps in Myra-Bellevue
- ◆ Develop the Angel Spring Interpretive Trail project
- ◆ **Do you have an idea for a project? E-mail F.O.S.S. or bring your ideas to the AGM!**

How to Contact your F.O.S.S. Directors:

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e-mail: info@foss-kelowna.org **Website:** foss-kelowna.org



Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the South Slopes Society

- Date: Thursday, November 10, 2005
- Location: EECO Centre, Mission Creek Regional Park
2363 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC
- Program: 7 -7:30 pm Refreshments, Displays, Information, F.O.S.S. membership table
7:30 pm ***“The Legacy of Trails”***
Trails BC and Friends of the South Slopes
Joint Recognition of the financial support of the Interior Savings
Credit Union’s Community Development Fund
7:45 pm - Slide presentation – 2005 in review
F.O.S.S. AGM—Business Meeting
Committee Reports— Plans for 2006
Election of 2006 directors

Friends of the South Slopes Society *2006 Membership*

Please make your cheque payable to:

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Annual Membership (\$10.00) _____

*Donation: _____

*For donations of \$10 or greater, you will be issued a tax receipt.

Membership Information:

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____ (Please leave blank if you do not wish to receive information electronically)