

# Friends of the South Slopes

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## ***Waiting for all the snow to go.....***

SO many trees down – we're anxious to get out there on all the trails to get clearing..... A few of our wonderful Adopt-a-Trail volunteers have already been hard at work, doing as much as they can to get some of the lower, main trails open. Thank you! And thank you too to all of you who have put your name on our 'trails' volunteer list; we'll be in touch shortly.

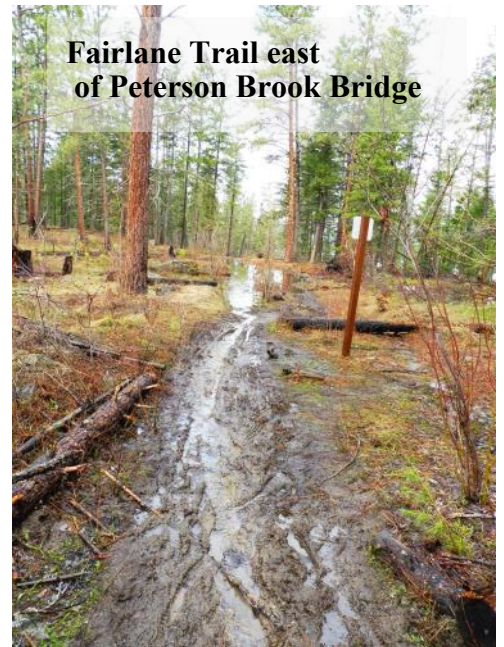
As you know, this is a **very** unusual spring. Many of the 'open' trails are still suspect; please be careful, be safe, and be respectful - if they are muddy or boggy, please avoid for now. And ticks are out in full force!! But buttercups too!

From one of our 'fans': "As a year-round trail user in MBPP, I want you to know how much I appreciate all the trail improvement projects supported by the FOSS Board, by the Adopt-a-Trail volunteers, and by those contractors employed by FOSS." We would like to also mention those hikers, cyclists, equestrians, runners etc. who may not be FOSS members but who still contribute in such a big way to clearing and improving our trails.

**Salamander Trail, MBPP**



**Fairlane Trail east of Peterson Brook Bridge**





## KLO Myra Recreation Area:

As you have undoubtedly heard, the City of Kelowna has undertaken an ‘Integrated Water Supply’ project and is now administering the Southeast Kelowna Irrigation District. FOSS recently met with both SEKID and City representatives with regard to the 104 acre utility property above/south of Field Road, adjacent to the Gallagher’s Canyon residential community. FOSS currently holds a Trail Use Agreement with SEKID and is pursuing continued access with the City; there are over 5 kms of trails on this property which are heavily used by dog-walkers, hikers, runners, mountain bikers and horseback riders. FOSS views this as a crucial link, connecting the Mission Creek Greenway, Scenic Canyon Regional Park and KLO Creek Regional Park to the adjacent Crown Land, Myra Bellevue Provincial Park, the KVR and Okanagan Provincial Park – our unrivalled ‘South Slopes’. This provides a vast, continuous trail network for Kelowna residents and visitors alike, of all ages, for generations to come. It ensures natural habitat preservation/conservation, and highlights the historic, ingenious development of the irrigation system created for the Valley’s fruit growers. FOSS continues to have an interest in registering trails on Crown Lands adjacent to the SEKID property and is also undertaking other significant, related, projects – all very exciting, very positive! More news to come as everything evolves!

### Membership:

We do apologize for the problems experienced on the FOSS online membership platform with PayPal; we think it is now corrected! Thank you for persevering (and using snail mail!); memberships keep coming in! Haven’t renewed your FOSS membership for 2018? You can either renew online at [www.foss-kelowna.org](http://www.foss-kelowna.org) or you can download a membership form from the website and mail it in. If you are part of FOSS’ Adopt-a-Trail sponsorship program, your membership is included in your annual sponsorship fee.

### Facebook:

Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook. Post some photos!

### ***Boulder Trail—Okanagan Mtn. Provincial Park***

On April 16, a group of hikers reported encountering a significant landslide that covers Boulder Trail on the west side of Deeper Creek canyon.

March 2018 —  
Clearing windfalls on the  
Myra Bailout Trail

(Photo credit: Brent Prokop)

