



Newsletter

Of The

Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society

A Helping Hand Partnership Caring For Our Environment

The Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society's 12th Annual Ed Gregor Memorial Stewardship Day is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd, 2006

Where: Blairmore Forestry Office

When: 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Who: All Backcountry Users

The day traditionally starts off with a free pancake breakfast at 7:30 A.M. at the Blairmore Land and Forest Service yard. After everyone is fed, the volunteers choose their "job groups" and head out to their assigned projects (see project work sheet & register at [website:www.crowsnestforest.com](http://www.crowsnestforest.com)). At the end of the day when everyone is gathered up for the free supper, draws will be made for terrific prizes of a Husqvarna H340 Chain Saw & a Unique Hand-Crafted Walking Staff - donated by Rocky Mountain Mechanical Bill Kinnear, and CFSS as well as many other great donated prizes. Awards are also made for the youngest/oldest volunteer, traveled the furthest, and for the most unique piece of garbage picked up through the day. All of the food and prizes are donated by local businesses, cooked and served by the Coleman & Blairmore Lions Clubs.

Everyone, young and old, are welcome to participate. Remember to bring your work clothes including gloves, hat and boots. As well as tools, your own water, lunches, cameras and suntan lotion for the day. We always seem blessed with great weather. Also any trail clearing or trail repair equipment you have would be appreciated.

Please register on our website so that we will have a head count for meal planning and project support. Also log any volunteer hours on our site.

**Please copy the Poster and pass it along
See you all on the 3rd!**

• Door Prizes!

***All Participants are automatically entered into the draw. Increase your chances by purchasing more tickets for \$1. (You must be present to win) All proceeds go towards Stewardship Society projects.** At last year's Stewardship Day, a raffle / door prize of a Husqvarna H340 Chain Saw was donated by Rocky Mtn.Mechanical, Husqvarna & CFSS, and a lovely handmade log bench was donated by The Wood Butcher, Castle Community Group and CFSS. Many other great donated prizes were enjoyed by all the winners. **CFSS T-Shirts will be available for purchase at the Stewardship Day for \$20.00 each.**

• Projects completed

In the past 11 years, we've contributed a great deal towards management of the Forest Reserve within the C-5 area of the Southern AB. Rockies- all volunteer!

- Over \$360,200.00 in donated volunteer hrs, equipment, & supplies by over 1640 volunteers.
- Over 8000 tree seedlings have been planted
- Over 30 tons of garbage and debris have been collected & thousands of kilometers of roadside and riverside have been cleaned
- Trail maintenance, repair, reclamation & enhancement; bridge installation/repair, walkways reconstructed, benches, sign kiosks & pilot projects undertaken.
- Hundreds of random campsites have been cleaned up
- Hiking, Biking and Cross-Country Ski Trails at Allison Lake, Beaver Mines Lake, Syncline Valley, Table Mountain, Star Creek and Lost Creek have been improved. Bridging projects and trail maintenance on the Old Miners Path and Star Creek.

Over the years, your CFSS has been very involved with maintaining sustainable multi-use in our public lands. We have made many presentations-written and verbal-to government agencies, committees, organizations and the public, always maintaining our vision and mandate.

• **AGM Approaches**

The Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **May 30th at 7:00 PM** in the downstairs meeting room in the Blairmore Forestry Office. Primary on the agenda will be election of officers and finalizing plans for Stewardship Day.

• **Renewal Membership Info Required**

To stay informed about your Stewardship Society, please renew your free membership today. Info required: all family names, address, postal code, phone, e-mail (please!)

e-mail to: Leah Filipuzzi (heddins@telus.net) or post to: Box 54, Bellevue, AB. TOK OCO

• **Executive - Directors 2004-2005**

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Thankyou to all of our many Sponsors

over the past 10 years - all of the work accomplished could not have happened without your support! See the attached listing of 2004 Sponsors and please support them! Donations gratefully accepted. All moneys are spent on sustainable projects in our Crowsnest Forest. Income tax receipts available for donations over \$25.00

Leave No Trace Camping

Rules are what you follow when someone is watching

Ethics are what you follow when no one is watching

The 6 Leave No Trace Principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Camp & travel on durable surfaces
- Pack it in - Pack it out
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out
- Leave what you find
- Minimize the use and impact of fire

CFSS Mission: As Stewards, we are committed to active

Participation with land management agencies and other users, and to the promotion of public education regarding the responsible use of public lands within the C-5 Forest.

A Big Thankyou goes out to the Honorable David Coutts, our MLA and Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. Dave has always supported the CFSS on Stewardship Day and in particular with his Silent Auction 03/04!

Mandate of the C.F.S.S.

1. To develop, produce, and distribute materials and programs focused on public education regarding proper stewardship of public lands within the Crowsnest Forest.
2. To participate with Land Management Agencies on enhancement, maintenance and reclamation projects within the Crowsnest Forest.
3. Promote the continuation and sustainability of multiple-use opportunities while maintaining environmental protection objectives within the Crowsnest Forest.

President's Message - Andrew Rusynyk

Another year has flown by and the first Saturday in June, which means the Annual Ed Gregor Memorial Stewardship Day, is rapidly approaching. Last year's Stewardship Day was a tremendous success as usual. We had a halo of good weather that was only above our area. If you went more than 20 kms away from the Crowsnest Pass it was raining and I even heard of some hail and sleet in areas towards Calgary. This year we need everyone to participate in the day and bring a friend or two because the more the merrier. There will be some preliminary versions of the GPS Mapping project at the breakfast and dinner so people can see some of the results of the tremendous data collected for this project. The Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society is a very unique non-profit society. It is composed of representatives from many different interest groups in the area and truly focuses on the good of the whole area. It is challenging to coordinate the variety of views that exist about what is needed to sustain the beautiful surroundings we share. However, with shared information and a little loud talking at meetings, we generally come to productive ideas and solutions. The energy level of many of our volunteers is getting critically low and the future of the society may be at jeopardy if new members and energy are not injected into the society & executive. It is a normal process for all volunteer groups to have peaks and valleys in involvement and the CFSS is definitely in a valley right now. We need all members to step forward even if it is just for a couple hours through the whole year and we need all members to bring friends into the society. It is imperative that as many people as possible step forward because the current executive cannot keep the society going. There are no huge time commitments needed but help is. Please step forward to the executive at the AGM, at the Stewardship Day or even before by contacting myself at 564-4242 or via email at andrewr@castlemountainresort.com. I'll see everyone on June 3, 2006.

Web sites of interest

CFSS - www.crowsnestforest.com
 Castle area and C-5 DFMP (CROWPAC) are on:
www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/regions/southwest