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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 21, 2021**

As our season comes to a close, I just wanted to update you on what we accomplished this year thanks to the many volunteers. I also wish to remind everyone, that ATV'S, that are not tracked for snow, are **not** allowed on any trail after December 1, 2021.

On May 10, 2021, 12 volunteers installed a 40-foot bridge at Tecumseh powerline over a Class B stream at Allison Creek. The bridge was decked at this time. Total of 12 volunteers, 111 Volunteer hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$1665.00. Mini Hoe and Tractor rental: 8 hours @ \$200.00 = \$1,600.00. Donated 40-foot bridge with decking material, and fuel = \$25,000.00.

June 5, 2021, 21 Volunteers repaired decking and approaches, and painted 2 bridges in Lille Valley. A bridge on the Plane Crash trail was repaired by replacing broken decking. A new ramp was built on the McGillivray staging area bridge. 121 Volunteer hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$1,815.00.

June 27, 2021, 8 volunteers decked the York Creek Bridge installed last fall and repaired decking on three other bridges to the plane crash. Three bridges were painted. 58 Volunteer hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$870.00.

July 12 to July 19, 2021, 12 volunteers worked 19 Kms of trail from the Atlas Road at Racehorse Creek to the McGillivray Staging Area, filling in badly eroded trail sections, building and cleaning out old swales to divert water off the trail into the forest floor. Three bridges were repaired by replacing some of the decking and two were painted. Total of 230 hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$3450.00. Mini Hoe and Tractor Costs @ \$200.00 per hour X 39 Hours = \$7,800.00.

Between August 4th and August 14th, members of the Quad Squad started an assessment of the Castle Parks, to determine the scope of work required to repair the trails, identify where bridges were needed over water crossings, which bridges required replacement to conform to 70" wide bridge/trail restrictions and where re-routes were required due to the



stream beds have changed course and are running down the present trail. It was decided that the only way to accomplish this task was to ride, and GPS each trail. We were assisted by Brendan Knowles and Corrie Tesluk from the Blairmore Forestry and Lands Division relying on their expertise and guidance. A total of about 135 Kms of trails were assessed which represents every designated trail on the Parks maps. We are working with Forestry and Lands to estimate the cost which will be sent to the Minister of Environment and Parks.

96 Hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$1,440.00. Fuel (including truck travel) = \$250.00.

On August 5th, we met with Brendan Knowles of Forestry and Lands to see if it was possible to create a reroute of about 700 metres around a dangerous dip and water crossing on the connector trail (old pipeline) between Atlas and McGillivray staging areas. This would also require placement of a 20-foot bridge over the creek. We are waiting for approval of our Temporary Field Authorization (TFA). 10 Hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$150.00.

Two 20 foot steel bridges have been manufactured and painted by the bridge crew. One is slated for installation on the above project and the second one for installation on the Plane Crash trail from the Old Info Centre.

On September 14th, trail repair was completed on 1.5 Kms of trail from the South end of Willoughby Ridge. Dangerous ruts down the center of the trail were filled in, old swales were dug out and repaired on the trail, and new swales were added at key points on the downhill slopes. Mini Hoe and Tractor rental: 9 Hours @ \$200.00 per hour = \$1,800.00. Fuel (including truck travel) = \$100.00. 27 Hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$405.00.

On September 30th, three members of the Quad Squad travelled to the Plane Crash site in the Castle Park, to erect and replace the old memorial signage which had been damaged by wildlife. The original sign was redone and paid for by the AOHVA. Total of 5 hours @ \$15.00 per hour = \$75.00

**GRAND TOTALS FOR 2021 FOR IN-KIND SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA:**

MATERIALS:	\$ 25,000.00
RENTAL IN-KIND:	\$ 11,200.00
FUEL:	\$ 350.00
LABOUR (VOL HOURS):	<u>\$ 9,870.00</u>
<b>TOTAL IN-KIND SERVICES:</b>	<b>\$ 46,420.00</b>



Many thanks to our Raffle Committee for the excellent work this year, which was a tremendous success raising over \$50,000.00 in profit for our club. Great Job!

We were able this fall to have our Season Windup with excess of 120 people attending. Great time was had by all. Weather for the most part was very nice with a little rain on Friday night. Just enough to keep the dust down. Great job again from the organizing committee. We raised over \$3200 from the various events and sold about \$2,300 worth of our new clothing line.

Our total volunteer hour total this year is close to 3,000 hours.

We received a grant from Unsmoke Canada Cleanups and The Great Outdoors Fund. Monies were used to make 200 garbage packets which were distributed to our members as well as given out at staging areas to be used to keep our trails clean.

3 day rides took place during the riding season-Spoon Valley Loop, Deadman's Pass and Plane crash. All rides were well attended by members with plans to do rides again next season.

We have a busy year planned again for the spring of 2022. We will keep you aware of upcoming events and look forward to working with our volunteers next year. I cannot stress enough how much we rely on your help.

#### **PROPOSED WORK FOR 2022**

- Assist Trout Unlimited in building, placement and decking of 4 steel bridges in the Porcupine Hills designated trail system.
- Work on trails and bridges in Castle Parks if approved.
- Dutch Creek connector trail, assist AE&P with trail work and bridges.
- Install 20 foot bridge on plane crash trail and trail work coming from the Old Info Centre.
- New trail (if approved) of about 700 meters around dangerous dip on Pipeline connector trail between the Atlas and McGillivray staging area.
- Continue trail repairs in Livingstone/Porcupine.

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