



Spring is here and it has been wet. Take extra care when out on the trail!

Watch for mud or rock slides, wash outs and trees across the trail. Snow loads are still high at higher elevations and are affecting riding conditions daily. Be prepared; chain saw, shovel, and your ride in good condition. In no time a great ride can turn into an unfortunate event, keep your rider sense with you!

There have been many washouts on the trails, the largest known is at Walker Creek located on the Trans Canada Trail below the Paulson Bypass. The creek washed out the trail culvert and headed toward the Paulson bridge. The TCT was extremely fortunate to have dedicated stewards who were out inspecting late at night. With help from the community, equipment was trucked to the location by midnight and repairs were underway. GFATV Club members have been actively inspecting their section of the TCT and stepped up when asked for help by Columbian Western Trails Society. Big shout out to Mike Degirolamo, Ken Nix and Bob Hayhurst, GFATV members who received a call late on Friday night and were on the trail Saturday morning. Mike rechecked the water courses and rock

slides while Ken and Bob joined up with Jeremy Nelson working down from the Paulson bridge. Without this quick action many kilometers of trail could have been lost.

There has been a lot of talk about the improvements on the designated Non-Motorized section from Grand Forks to Christina Lake. GFATV supported this designation. These improvements could be a great economic benefit for our region. It would be great if RSTBC (managers of the trail) made more of an effort to engage the community on what the project results will be.

Active logging is starting in many areas. BC Timber Sales reports for 2017:

Aside from current logging (Miller and road construction in Bunchgrass/Cannon) here's our tentative plans for the North/Fork Granby:

- Timber Sale in the upper Lynch
- Road maintenance and upgrade in the Traverse and Boulder areas with TSL's to follow.
- TSL in Glover
- Road maintenance and construction in Gloucester
- Possible new road construction in the upper Granby towards the trail
- TSL in Sand-Toronto
- Possible maintenance in mid-Stewart

Interfor has advised there is a washout on Dan O Rea that they will be repairing soon and active logging will be significantly reduced in the North Fork.

Please check GFATV website and facebook page for frequent updates!

Upcoming Events

May long Weekend: Hope you can make it to our Second annual Bluejoint Rec Site Campout

Safety:

Please be safe when out on the trail -- check over your ride before you head out! Watch out for the puddle that is hiding the washout!

If your membership is due please drop into B & F Sales or Victorian Motel to renew it.