



GFATV NEWSLETTER

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“SPRING IS HERE” Now, if the snow would just melt, we could be out on the trail.

With the arrival of spring and getting out onto the trails, we have a few reminders!

- Please make sure you are following the insurance and registration laws for your ATV!
- Stay on the trails!
- Respect the wildlife and environment!

It seems like we are trying to convert the converted but this is so important! Everyone is critical of motorized users. We have a false reputation for irresponsible behaviour, disrespect for all other user groups, unwillingness to compromise and, we use noisy, smelly equipment! Sure there are some riders that fit the description but to label all motorized users as irresponsible is getting to be too much! Our club has made impressive strides in promoting collaboration and cooperation amongst trail users. We build and maintain safe trails for all users in the Boundary Region. We have created a high standard for all motorized users in British Columbia and the trails they ride on.

We have created economic opportunities for the Boundary Region and continue to work with many partners to increase tourism for all the small communities in the Boundary. It seems no matter how much good we promote, it only takes one irresponsible user to destroy all the good that we do.

Much of the current conflict over trail use stems from some trail users who feel they have a right to be the only select group to use the trail. With that thinking, all other users are an annoyance and should not be on the trail. It does not matter if they bring economic benefits and don't require millions of dollars in trail upgrades to be on the trail, or if the trail is an urban trail compared to rural trail, or if they bring tools and equipment to repair the trail. To complain that motorized users

should not be on the trail because they are stinky, noisy, travel to fast, rude, dusty, irresponsible, and wreck the trail is extremely narrow minded (sure is a good thing all the other users are responsible angels). There are irresponsible trail users in every one of the user groups and we ALL need to be responsible when we are in the beautiful areas of BC.

Please be respectful of everyone's right to be on the trail. If we can work together and create a trail system we all can be proud of that benefits each community, protects and promotes historical points of interest, and keeps tourists coming back to create economic opportunities, then we can all be proud of our work on the trails and possibly help all users to be responsible.

Join the “2018, A United Trail Forward” campaign

Upcoming Events:

April 2018, 2018: GFATV club will be hosting a Spring Fling in the Grand Forks Save On Foods parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are going to be showing the new Historic Signs being placed on the Rail Trail by Columbia Western Trails Society.

Safety:

Before you head out on a ride remember to check your ride, tire pressure, fluid levels. A good visual inspection will go a long way to having a fun ride. Ride Safe!

We support “Mixed Use Trails”

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

HAPPY EATER EVERYONE