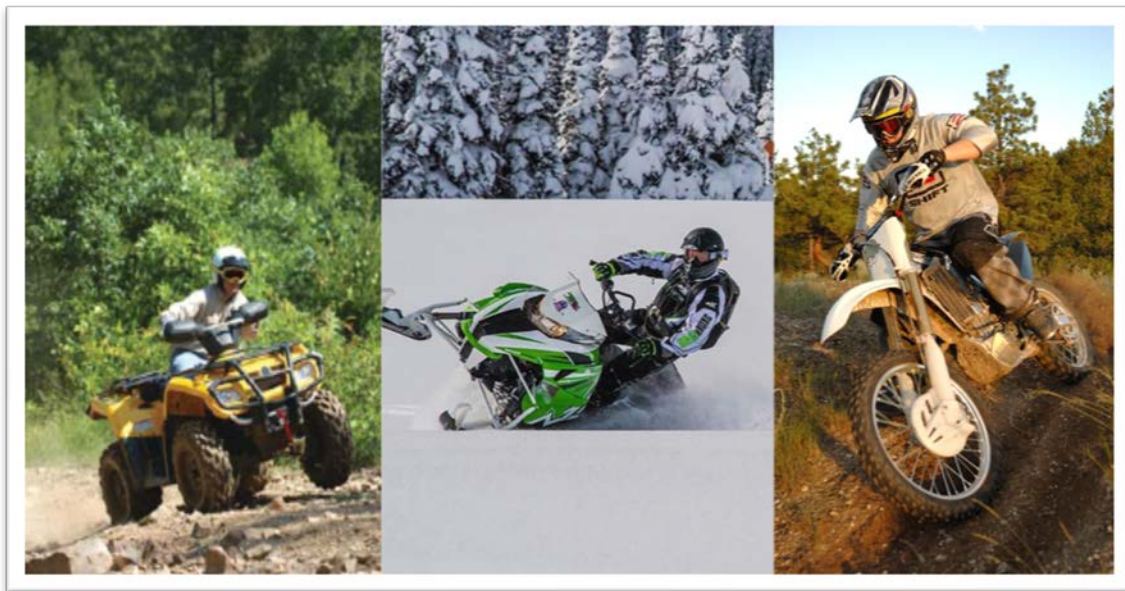




2020 BC Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Fund



Recreation Sites & Trails BC (RSTBC) is pleased to announce \$185,000 of funding will be provided to support the off-road vehicle recreation sector in 2020. The 22 selected projects will enhance ORV trail network management and promotion of safe use of ORV trails for all ages and abilities.

Established in 2017, the ORV Trail Fund is financed from a portion of registration fees collected under the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* by ICBC.

RSTBC in cooperation with the British Columbia Snowmobile Federation, the British Columbia Off-Road Motorcycle Association and the Quad Riders Association of British Columbia, collectively known as the B.C. Power Sports Coalition (BCPSC), evaluated 37 applications before making the final decisions. Projects were evaluated on aspects such as alignment with the [Trails Strategy for BC](#), Indigenous community partnerships, and tourism development/economic diversification potential. Further details on funding criteria can be found on RSTBC's [ORV Trail Fund webpage](#).

The next intake of applications to the ORV Trail Fund will begin in early 2021, with up to \$250,000 available to fund applicants.

A list of the 2020 recipients and brief project descriptions are provided below.



2020 Recipients

Arrow Lakes ATV Club: \$8,000

Rehabilitation of Slewiskin resource road including brushing, cleaning of ditches and water bars, removal of danger trees to improve sight lines.

BC Snowmobile Federation: \$10,000

Creation of an Occupational Health and Safety Program including policies, procedures and forms for hazard identification, safe work, investigation of incidents, training, program administration, and resource toolkits.

Blue Mountain Motorcycle Club: \$9,240

Closure of multiple trail 'braids', hardening, maintenance, and improving drainage on the Dr. Dementos trail on Blue Mountain.

Bowen Trail Riders Association: \$3,000

General trail maintenance including clearing, brushing, bridge replacement within the Mount Gardner polygon, conducting an impact study for a proposed parking area and hiring a qualified person to complete the Trail Environmental Screening Tool (TEST) for the area.

Fort St James Snowmobile Club: \$12,800

Brushing growth on the Fort St. James Snowmobile Trails through use of a backhoe to clear debris and improve trail access.

Fraser Valley Dirt Riders: \$6,700

Developing signage, a large map, educational material for educating users on safe ORV use and cultural significance of the Yale Nations in the Nickelmire Riding Area.

Golden Snowmobile Club: \$2,500

Development of two videos and refreshing the Sled Golden website. The project includes creation of a 'Closed Areas Video' to educate snowmobilers on the importance of avoiding legally closed areas as well as refreshing informational videos on the three riding areas.

Grizzly Valley ATV Club: \$9,000

Clearing and brushing existing trails that have become unusable due to deadfall and vegetation growth in the Tumbler Ridge Trail Network.

Hunters Range Snowmobile Association: \$14,483

Brushing overgrowth for increased visibility, installation of new signage on the Ashton Creek and LaForge trail systems identifying areas with cell phone coverage, avalanche risk, and environmentally sensitive areas.



Kamloops Snowmobile Association: \$11,000

Installation of signage to clearly identify user location on the trails along with georeferencing locations on existing trails in the Bonaparte Tranquille Snowmobile Trail.

Logan Lake Community Forest Corporation: \$18,533.20

Construction of two ORV trail reroutes near Logan Lake, continuing previous trail initiatives and improving existing infrastructure. Trail sections will replace old trail locations that are no longer sustainable to maintain.

Pemberton Valley Snowmobile Club: \$7,398

Installation of two Transceiver Check Stations at Rutherford FSR and Hurley FSR trailhead locations. Addition of a safety check and notice board at fee collection booths to increase safety and avalanche awareness.

Revelstoke Snowmobile Club: \$8,000

Replacement of the existing West Boulder Ticket Booth with a larger more energy efficient building on Boulder Mountain.

Shuswap Backcountry Riders Society: \$4,592

Addition of two large kiosks at the trailhead and ORV friendly campground on the Skimikin Trail Network to provide information such as ORV safety, environmental considerations, and insurance requirements.

Shuswap Backcountry Riders Society: \$13,383

Addition of two new picnic tables at the Skimikin Trail Network trailhead, maintenance works on 2 kilometres of the Skimikin Trail Network and First Nations cultural monitoring of works for archaeological concerns.

Southern Okanagan Dirt Bike Club: \$4,450

Addition of fibreglass trail markers and a kiosk map on the Smethurst ORV Recreation Site.

Squamish Dirt Bikers Association: \$6,950

Trail rehabilitation of 3 kilometres on Aaron's Trail and Heads Up Trail, building and installing four trail tool caches in the Cat Lake Trail Network, completion of the Hayden Turcotte unloading structure, and material to complete the Lava Flow Parking Expansion.

Tabor Mountain Recreation Society: \$5,000

Addressing water management and trail surfacing improvements on the 3.8-kilometre Sawdust Trail which connects the North and South faces of Tabor Mountain.



Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association: \$10,000

Hiring an ORV Tourism Specialist in partnership with ATVBC to plan and develop ORV recreational tourism opportunities in the Thompson Okanagan region.

Vancouver Island Dirt Riders Association: \$3,810.80

Renewal of safety signage on the Tansky Recreation Site and its trail network including advisory signs at FSR crossings, new sign-posts to support larger signage and increasing amount of signage notifying users of potential risks.

Vedder Mountain Motorcycle Club: \$7,000

Replacement of three existing bridges on the NIN Trail and the adjacent Five Bridges Trail, one bridge on the Slide Trail and one on the Stairway to Heaven Part 1. Installation of grade reversals on the F100 Trail and Stairway to Heaven Part 1.

Vernon Off Road Motorcycle Club: \$9,160

Maintenance of trails in Noble Canyon including re-routing and/or rehabilitating several short dead-end trails along a riparian corridor and improving trail safety by reconstructing trails damaged by timber harvesting.