

Update from the FWCP's Columbia Region

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Argenta Turtles "Take a Hit" in 2014 - Action Planned to Help Them

As far as breeding was concerned, 2014 was not a good year for the population of Western Painted Turtles near Argenta at the north end of Kootenay Lake. Within hours of the eggs being laid, more than nine out of every ten turtle nests had been raided by predators. Actions are being taken in 2015 to try and turn this high nest failure rate around. [Read more](#)

New Manager for FWCP-Columbia Region

Crystal Klym is the Manager for the Columbia Region's FWCP, replacing Trevor Oussoren who is now the FWCP Program Manager.

Crystal can be reached at 250-365-4591 or [via email](#).
[Read more](#)



2015-2016 Project Announcement Coming Soon

The approved projects for the coming year will be announced soon, and thanks to all who took the time and effort to apply for FWCP funding!

FWCP-Columbia delivers its projects in three ways: through directed projects (the Board identifies priority work to be done and issues Requests For Proposals); through a Long-term Agreement with the Province of B.C. to implement many of the core projects; and finally through a call for applications from stewardship groups, First Nations, consultants and stakeholders. The fall 2014 call for applications (to deliver projects in 2015) yielded a total of 71 applications for a total "ask" of more than \$2 million.



When Rubbing Noses is a "No-No"

A project in the East Kootenay, partly funded by the FWCP, aims to drastically reduce the potential of physical contact between domestic and wild sheep during critical times of the year. If they do mix, Bighorn Sheep face the risk of catastrophic die-offs or long-term effects from respiratory disease that all domestic sheep carry. [Read more](#)



New First Nations Representative

Adam Neil, with the Spltasin First Nation, is the newest representative on the Board with the FWCP in the Columbia Region. He will be representing the nine bands that make up the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council that is involved in the natural resource management of the Secwepemc Nation territory.

[Read more](#)

Sturgeon Releases Ahead

Dates for the juvenile white sturgeon releases are as follows:

- May 5, Trail (Gyro Park)
- May 6, Creston (Old Ferry Landing)
- May 7, Revelstoke - (Shelter Bay Provincial Park)

Visit fwcp.ca in April to confirm timing. If you would like to help out by volunteering, please [let us know](#).



Duncan-Lardeau Conservation Properties Meeting

1:00 p.m., Wednesday April 8, 2015, Argenta Community Hall
Receive an update about the conservation properties; learn more about alternative treatments for Hawkweed and other invasive plants, water levels, wetland creation and restoration activities, and plans for the Argenta turtle nesting area. For more, [email](#) or call 250-352-1300.



Have a Question for Our Board?

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(Left) Public representatives on the FWCP-Columbia Board, Dave White and Grant Trower at the Brewery Ridge restoration site in the East Kootenay.

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