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PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Wednesday, Nov25th, 2026

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

(Rm 8-166)

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From Mackenzie to the Peace Country: Growing Place-Based Outdoor Ecology Education

Guest Presenter: Cornelia Thomi, RPE

Presentation Summary:

Join Cornelia Thomi as she shares her vision for the Boreal Outdoor Education School (formerly the Williston School Ecology Program) partially funded by FWCP. The original program has been running in Mackenzie for 10 years through Wildlife Infometrics, prior to Cornelia taking it over. The approach is simple, bring place-based local ecology learning to students from K-12 in Northern BC. Cornelia has since expanded to do 3-4 day Land and Learn Nature Camps with youth and providing place-based professional development opportunities for teams. Cornelia will speak to you about her learnings, successes, and vision of expanding these programs into the Peace Country.

Cornelia is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) in BC with over 20 years experience working in timber development, operational harvesting, planning, and silviculture. She has extensive experience working directly with Indigenous people and collaborating with skilled professionals for a variety of work. Her passion is having people become more comfortable in nature, feeling connected within their local community, and becoming stewards of the areas where they live.

All are welcome to participate. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration via the link to the left is required to participate online. The Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia, together with its partners, invite those with interest in learning more about this topic to participate in this presentation and discussion in-person or online.

This event is funded by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). The FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations, Public Stakeholders, and the Province of BC, to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in watersheds impacted by existing BC Hydro dams.

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Guests are invited to a reception with light refreshments and posters featuring FWCP- funded research immediately following the talk