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## News From Our Columbia Region January 2017

### Grant Application Review Underway

We received 154 grant applications with a combined request of over \$7.3 million for 2017-2018 projects in our three regions. Fifty-two grant applications for Columbia Region projects were received. All the grant applications are currently under review. [Learn more](#) about how we review and evaluate grants, and when our Board will make its decision.

### Thanks for Your Thoughts on the Application Process

The grant application intake during fall 2016 was the second year we used our new online application system. While we are finding the [online system](#) valuable, we really wanted to hear your thoughts. And it seems like it is working well for most of you: 95% rated their experience good or better. [Read the results](#), and thanks to all those who took part!



### Volunteers Restore Riparian Habitat

Our Community Engagement Grant is designed to support stewardship groups in their efforts to mobilize volunteers' work on fish and wildlife projects. The Elk River Alliance did just that in the fall of 2016, in their work to stabilize the streambank alongside Lizard Creek that feeds into the Elk River. [Read more](#)



### Rare Plant Found Near Rossland Wetland

Wetland restoration and conservation is one of three priorities for the FWCP Columbia Board, so there are numerous wetland projects currently being supported. One is the restoration of Centennial Wetland near Rossland and, during the field work in 2016, there was quite a find: the discovery of Oregon checker-mallow. [Read more](#)

### Wetlands Restored to Help Endangered Frogs

Approximately 3.4 hectares of wetland were restored in November and December 2016 in the Creston Valley through a joint initiative between the FWCP, the

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. The goal of the project is primarily to help the federally-listed endangered Northern Leopard Frog. [Read more](#)



### Results From Review Now Available

We contracted Insights West in 2015 to do a Review of Perceptions and Opportunities for Improvement among First Nations, our stakeholders and the public. [See what you had to say.](#)

### Conservation Challenges for Racers

Catching and tracking fast North American Racer Snakes is tough enough, but getting the conservation message to some land-owners about this provincially Blue-listed species can be equally challenging. [Read more](#)



### Waneta Area Funding Opportunity: Deadline Jan. 31

Don't forget that the Waneta Expansion Limited Partnership is accepting applications for the 2017 Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program. This provides a total of up to \$50,000 to projects in the Waneta area that promote conservation and restoration through research, physical works, and other on-the-ground or applied projects. Visit [Columbiapower.org/WTCP](http://Columbiapower.org/WTCP) for an application form and more information.

### Read Our FWCP Project Reports

We post and share all final project reports so the results and lessons learned are available to everyone. [Our reports are online](#) and you can click around our [map](#) to learn more about projects underway now. We're updating our library often as new reports are finalized. [Contact us](#) if you can't find what you're looking for.



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