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DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM MARILYN
POUCE COUPE



My name is Marilyn Pouce Coupe I was raised at Peterson's Crossing. I want to thank my older sister, Emma, who raised us after my parents passed on. She taught us a lot. Thanks also to her and other relatives that lived around us who talked to us in the Beaver language. That's how we learned. I also learned from members that came for visits to the Lands office. I am still learning today. Over the years, I have worked as a road monitor & as part of Elder and monitor teams.

In 2003, Shawna Green and I took a GIS program through OGC. In spring of 2004, there was an opening for a Land Officer position at DRFN. Shawna Green applied and got the job. Later that month, another opening came up and I was hired on. It was tough for the first couple of years until I got used to the nature of the work. I really enjoy learning about our land and I am still learning each day.

I have learned a lot different things from all the members at Doig through the years I've worked for the community. It has also been sad to see a lot of members pass since I started working at Doig.

As of October 5th, 2020, I moved from the Lands department to the Cultural Heritage Resources and Language team as an assistant. I work with members on different activities, some (con't.d next pg)



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM MARILYN
POUCE COUPE (CONT'D)




of them are getting ready for winter now, such as hauling wood and processing moose meat.

We recently had a Beaver Bingo. It was a very good learning experience for all who played, including youth , and for me also.

I am proud to be a member of Doig River First Nation. I have a lot of families and friends here at Doig. I love them a lot. It's been a blessing to work for my community.

Thank you all & God bless each of you.

Marilyn



Dane yaat'ot'ii dzenę
(TOBACCO SALES)

Reminder:

Tobacco sales are **ONLY Tuesdays** at the Band Administration Office
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

SQNIYAA (FINANCE DEPT.)

- Important Dates to Remember
- ⇒ All cheques will be prepared and ready for **Thursday** unless Patient Travel or Emergency
 - ⇒ Casual timesheets must be to managers by Monday morning
- Important Finance Change
- ⇒ Starr & Sydney will only be in the office on Thursdays on a go-forward
 - ⇒ Darlene will be in the office Monday - Thursday



CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES & LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Dane-zaa zaagę (Beaver Language Practice)

Love-Joy	Dane yaa wújo ętho	Dane lhę che?
Now the days are getting short	Juu dzenii nak'aase	
Pants	Aşlhe	
Presents	Dane lhaa yayii	Dane wqlii lha taach
Reindeer	Madziih	
Saskatoon	Jijezaa	
Scarf	Shođel Meh haakai	
Silent Night	Dane ajúú şaches da wqlę	
Snow	Yeş	
Snowshoes	Yeş ke	
Socks/stockings	Ketalh	
Soon it will be winter	Gwech'e yeşk'ih wúúlę?	
Soon the snow will all be gone	Gwech'e ajuulii yeş wúúlę?işę	
Soup	Chuuzaale	
Spruce Branch	Alhsęęuce	Gat
Star	Şan	
Stencils	Waak'a waweh tsii	
Sweater	Dazqlhii	
Tea	Lajii	
There is lots of snow	He yeş natlę	
Trumpets	Majine? Nachii	
Turkey	Giiha	
Wish List	Yaagqņ adistlish	
Wine	Daneyaduu	
Winter	Yeşk'ih	
Wreath	Alh daahmaaşa deh	
Yes it is really snowing lots	Ahaą he wqlche naatşiiş	



Dane-zaa zaagé (Beaver Language Practice)

Angel	Dane męts'ane?/ Wóle ahataah?/ Ghaa wadach'ęch ne
Barn	Hak'ai kwą Tlęchuk kwą
Beets	Yaach'iishe dadale
Bells	Aseleh?
Blanket	Ts'ade?
Bow	Mische
Candy	zahe-wąęh?
Carrots	Isas
Chimney	Mataah des kun zq leh?
Christmas	Na hat'aah chq?ne yaah deh
Christmas Lights	Dak'qche eh k'aa waweh tsii
Cookies	Sachii Watl'is sachii
Cooking Pot	meh k'eadabets
Cranberry (highbush)	Aa stqdale
Cranberry (lowbush)	Ę t'uult
Dad	Abaa
Decorations/They decorate	Wa k'aa? waweh tsii
Firewood	Kun
Gingerbread House	Watl'is saachii kwą
House	Kwą
It is cold	Wadęhk'aaęs
It looks like its going to snow	Naadziis kewqch'e
Its been snowing all day	Dzenii k'ih naadziis
Jacket	K'wisje
Long Johns	Aslhe wazhe
Mitten	Baat
Mom	Ama
Noel	Naahataa? Chq nę yaah



Hello Everyone Near and Far,

Just wanted to say a few Thank you's to the members who have been following the COVID-19 guidelines to keep everyone safe in these past longgg nine months.

We know how hard it has been for everyone to keep their circle small, to practice social distancing and not to gather like we are accustomed.

It will get better; we must continue keeping ourselves and those around us safe, by following the public health guidelines and hopefully by next spring we will get back to normal living.

In the darkest days of winter, we must remember to think ahead to when the weather will get better and we can hopefully gather at tea dances and other social events with our loved ones.

The office will close December 17 and reopen on January 4, 2021, but if anyone has a health or social emergency, call either Nurse Amie at 250-793-2655 or Teree at 250-263-2365. Please leave a message and we will get back to you when we can. Patient travel will not be processed until we are back in the office. The FNHA office in FSJ will be open during our office closure.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Like has been said, although we are not all in the same boat, we are in the same storm and we must remember to just be kind.

Wishing you all a nice Christmas break. See you all in 2021!

Wind at your backs.

Teree



YUU' TSEGE PHTE DR KA DAUH (HEALTH & SOCIAL DEPT.)

Je aa haawohch'e:

As you may know the Health and Social department has postponed face-to-face gatherings. In the meantime we are implementing our Christmas draws and planning our hampers/gift card mailouts.

For the teen group we are looking at several fun and educational possibilities once we get the green light from the Provincial Health Officer in BC. We are working as a team to ensure our community stays healthy even though it is hard. We miss having our group meetings, but we will be having virtual meetings and/or calling to check in.

We still have not named the youth group, so I am going to reach out to all members in the community. One idea is Tsaa' Che' Ts'idaaghae. I hope you will forward your ideas to me so that we can have a solid name by the new year.

I hope these ideas will help you during these changing times, even if you only try a few that speak to you.

I wish you a restful and meaningful Christmas.

Wuujo asanala, Teresa Thielen



Mental Wellness during these uncertain times is important, the following are a few tips summarized from <https://www.fpowc.ca/covis-19-resources>:

Draw from our culture to keep yourself strong mentally

- Go out on the land when possible
- Listen to music such as drumming and singing or any type of music that makes you happy.
- Cook a traditional meal and share it with your immediate family, those who are in your safety circle.

Connect

- Keep in touch by phone, email, social media (Twitter, Facebook etc.), virtual chats (with good internet connection).

Limit your time watching the news

- It can increase your anxiety as the news usually focusses on the negative aspects of what is happening in the world.

Don't rely on rumors for up to date information: check <https://www.fpowc.ca/covis-19-resources> or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES & LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Language Revitalization

Billy and Marlene have been busy listening to old recordings from past relatives, Dreamers and Song Keepers. New words are being added daily to our running list of words and phrases. They have also documented new words and phrases when individuals and groups make translation requests. Amy Acko is a part of the team and provides computing support by typing and incorporating new data to the online language user platform called First Voices.

We have also started special language interviews (rapid word collection) with the community's fluent Beaver speakers. The goal is to increase the number of words and phrases we record so we can build a language app (to use on iPhones and androids). The app will include updated electronic audio dictionaries/books so community members have many easy and accessible options for learning language.



Beaver Character Playing Cards

Other exciting news to share about our work is the creation of a playing card deck that features characters from Beaver stories – Tsááyaa, Beaver Woman, Wolverine Man, Swan People, and Mosquito Man.

These animated images were designed by Councilor Oker in past projects and we are fortunate to have them to use in new materials we create. The cards also include the Beaver words for each number. Each household will soon be receiving their own playing card deck. It is important for the community, especially the little ones, to see more of their culture and language in everyday spaces and a part of the things that bring enjoyment!

Keep a watch for virtual Beaver Bingo invitations

after the Christmas Break!

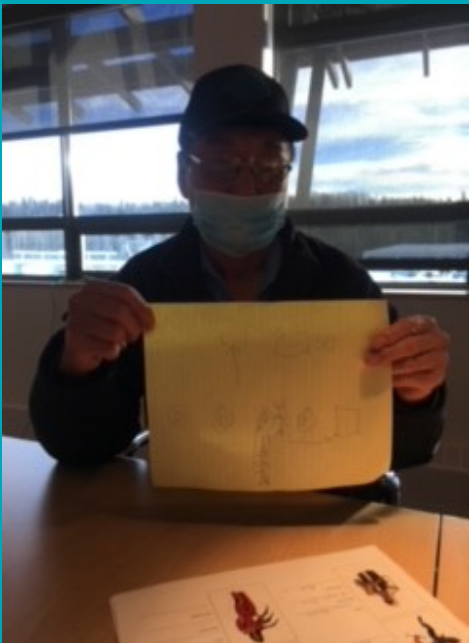
We would like to send out warm and loving wishes to everyone for this holiday season. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Tq̓hch'ē dq̓ts'ēh ajq̓ nas?ē I have not seen you in a long time...

We miss seeing and working with everyone. Keeping the community safe from the spread of COVID-19 has been a priority so we are coming up with new ways to be connected to the community. In the New Year, we will be doing more with online video calls but hope that provincial health orders will ease so we can meet in person again.

Bringing Everything Together and Making It Straight

Our work continues to be focused on bettering the management of the cultural, heritage and language information. Coleen, Marilyn, and a casual team of language workers will soon be inventorying and audio indexing the many audio-visual recordings in DRFN's collection. Photographs, maps, textual documents and objects will also be inventoried. Once these stages are complete, we will officially create DRFN's own archive. Greater community access to information will be at the heart of how the archive and how its supporting user tools are designed and managed.



Live by the Stories...Hold on to Them



Other good work involves spending time and giving deep thought to the wise and long time ago stories. Councilor Oker, Sam and Billy are supporting our team in beginning to lay out a direction for how we reconnect stories back to the community. There are so many stories that relate to different times (creation/giant animal, bow and arrow days among others) that have wisdom and teachings to help with understanding: Beaver identity; where you came from; how you see the world; how you are connected to your surroundings; traditional laws; and, the relationships you have with animals and other people. This will be a group effort! Sam has asked that we help by getting the Elders, and others with knowledge of stories, together so everyone can put their minds and hearts into creating the community's storyline.

- Other Ideas:
- ◊ **Prepare healthy meals and snacks and drink plenty of water.** If possible, have the necessities available like flour, sugar, canned goods. Incorporate traditional foods of your community as much as possible.
 - ◊ **Consider ways to manage your budget.** Can you budget for any higher bills or expenses? Will you save money from lower transport costs that you can spend elsewhere?
 - ◊ **If possible, work from home.** If not, learn what your rights to payment or benefits are if you need to stay home.
 - ◊ **Keep a good sleep/wake routine & plan for access to your medication,** including having a plan to get more when needed. Make rest and relaxation a priority.
 - ◊ **Reorganize any planned therapy or treatments that are not necessary right now.** If you must access therapy or treatment, reach out to your health practitioner and your local health center to identify a safe way to attend these appointments. Many practitioners are offering virtual/online or phone-based appointments.
 - ◊ **Ensure you get in some physical activity in your home or outside.** Some local fitness centers are offering free online fitness classes that you might be able to join to work out from home or YouTube videos have fitness classes to follow.
 - ◊ **Spend some time out on the land.** There are activities for this season that can be enjoyed such as snowshoeing, hiking, shelter building, harvesting medicines, and fishing as a few examples. Enjoy the sunrise or sunset, notice the signs for change of season, welcome the return of animals and plants.
 - ◊ **Relearn or practice your traditional language** to promote strong spiritual connection to local knowledge, worldview and your culture.
 - ◊ **Pray and meditate, prioritize your wellness and focus your energy.**
 - ◊ **Reach out** to family, friends, local mental health supports or helplines to manage your emotions.
 - ◊ **Embrace this time to spend with your children.** Traditionally we taught our children daily about our history, culture, language, and life skills. We learned as families. Use this time to make family memories like doing a family outing, having games night or planning a meal together.
 - ◊ **Create a routine or timetable** for yourself and anyone else living in your home. It might be necessary to meet as a family or household to plan together how the household will run with everyone at home all day.

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KWQ WAMEJIIHE? (HOUSING DEPARTMENT)

Did you know.....?

That your washing machine can be a potential home for mould and mildew growth?

- Washing machines should be cleaned at least one a month
- Commercial cleaners can be purchased at Walmart or use a simple homemade vinegar cleaner
- Lids to washing machines should be left open when not in use to prevent buildup

The 3 most common causes of plugged drains, sewer lines and back up issues can be prevented by those living in the home:

Grease - Hair - Feminine products - Oh My!

- Use an old can, mug or other item to drain grease, allow to cool and harden and then dispose of in the garbage or an alternative, it makes a great little occasional treat in your outside dogs' food! ** Hint - never give to an inside dog, it can upset their bowel movements*
- Things like bacon grease can easily be soaked up in paper towel and then discarded in the garbage
- Put a hair trap in the tub drain during showers and do regular cleans on all bathroom drains - try it, you'll be amazed at what comes out!
- Wrap all feminine products in toilet paper and dispose of in the garbage can!

In cold winter months, your propane line can gel up!

- Keep your tank full and wrapped with a tarp to prevent this

Believe it or not, your Hydro costs can be affected by your furnace filter!

- A clean filter keeps the air clean in your home and furnace running smoothly, and decreases your energy use - thus decreasing your hydro bill!

Shower heads, bathroom faucets and kitchen faucets need to be cleaned too!

- Sediments build up in all of these general household items
- The build up can result in loss of water pressure and uneven spray
- The solution is simple: Put white vinegar in a bag, wrap the bag around the head of the item and secure with a rubber band. Remove the bag after an hour, run the water to remove any vinegar residual and the polish up the outside **This should not be done on any fixture that is oil-rubbed bronze or brass*



DANE DZENE (BIRTHDAYS)

Kamyden Apsassin	December 1
Annie Acko	December 2
Starr Acko	December 4
Winter Stoney	December 6
Linda Sark	December 8
Madeline Davis	December 10
John Pajor Jr	December 13
Lilly Wells	December 13
Ashley (Kucher) Stewart	December 16
Melody Makadahay	December 17
David Dominic	December 18
Amy Acko	December 19
Alison Ann Askoty	December 23
Monty Attachie	December 24
Talina Cardinal	December 25
Shawn Johnson	December 27
Elaine Jungen	December 28
Jayden Mills-Davis	December 28
Alysha Apsassin	December 29
Dwyane Davis	December 29
Wenonah Hopkins	December 29
Blake Attachie	December 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!!





Christmas Break Photo Contest

While you are out on the land over the break, take PHOTOS and you could win a \$50 Gift Card!

- * The categories are:
- * Best Ghadii (wildlife) photo
- * Best photo of water
- * Best outdoor selfie
- * Best landscape photo

Email photos to lands@doigriverfn.com with the location and you will be entered to win one of 4 gift cards. Contest is open to staff and members. Submissions accepted till Jan 8th, 2021 and winners will be announced the following week.

DO WEAR YOUR MASK

THE PROPER WAY

Wear your mask so it comes all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose, and all the way down under your chin. Keep it snug to your face.

DO NOT

DO NOT

DO NOT wear the mask below your nose.

DO NOT

DO NOT

DO NOT push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck.

DO NOT

DO NOT

DO NOT wear the mask so it just covers the tip of your nose.

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SELF CARE CALENDAR

DEC

EMBER

Sun

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Sat

		1. REVIEW your goal FROM last November	2. BAKE/COOK SOMETHING & bring it to an elder	3. LIGHT a CANDLE	4. string up some lights	5. shovel THE WALK FOR someone
6. BUILD a SNOW MAN	7. take care OF YOUR feet	8. Share an old PHOTO to reminisce	9. GO for a long WALK	10. Admire a Snowflake	11. GIVE A GIFT TO SOMEONE YOU USUALLY WOULDN'T	12. MAKE an elder a CARD
13. Sleep in today	14. SAY thank you to Someone who has been there for you	15. TAKE A HOT Bath	16. Bring Some green inside	17. PLAY SOME CARDS	18. COOK A GOOD meal & SHARE it with SOMEONE	19. HAVE a COZY FIRE
20. HAVE A BOARD GAME NIGHT	21. CLEAN YOUR FRIDGE	22. try AN OLD FASHIONED recipe	23. GO for a star lit walk	24. BAKE cookies FOR santa	25. listen TO YOUR FAV CHRISTMAS music	26. take A Nap
27. APPRECIATE winter's beauty	28. write a letter to a far-away friend	29. TRY AN W COFFEE or tea	30. GO FOR A DRIVE	31. HAVE A VIRTUAL DANCE PARTY		

Try these apps for your next social distancing visit:

PLAY VIRTUAL GAMES WHILE YOU VIDEO CHAT (UP TO 8 PPL)

Houseparty

HOST A NETFLIX WATCH PARTY or SHARE YOUR SCREEN (UP TO 9 PPL)

Squad

VIDEO CHAT TRIED & TRUE (UP TO 32 PPL)

FaceTime

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COMMUNITY WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION

Hello everyone, I hope this finds you well!

As some of you may know, I am no longer working as the Communications Coordinator at DRFN. In September, I began working with Coastal Gaslink as the Community Workforce Accommodation Advisor (CWAA) on behalf of Doig.

The CWAA Program is new to Coastal Gaslink and was developed to support the men and women residing in camps across the pipeline project. Currently, I work alongside two other CWAA advisors from the Prince George and Vanderhoof area. The workforce accommodations I am assigned to are Sukunka Lodge and Parsnip Lodge, located near Chetwynd and McLeod Lake.

Our program objectives are: to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all in workforce accommodations; develop and implement programming for residents; promote a culture of neighborly mindset among the workforce; to participate in relationship building and transparency with Indigenous communities; and, to support indigenous workers on the project.

Our CWAA team has been working to identify the needs in each workforce accommodation. We have hosted two events so far: pumpkin carving on Halloween; and, poppy sales on Remembrance Day for the Prince George Legion. There will be a handful of recreational activities, events, and services available to workforce residents beginning in December and January.

Powder King Ski Trips – Beginning in the new year, residents will have the opportunity to spend their Sundays at Powder King. The bus will depart from Sukunka lodge at 8:00 am and return to Sukunka at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Market Dec 12-18 – As part of Coastal GasLink’s approach to support the local economies, the CWAA program is hosting holiday markets in the workforce accommodations to provide opportunities for local artisans, crafters and home-based businesses, to showcase and sell their retail to workforce residents. We invited artisans from the local Indigenous communities to join. As a result, we have members from Fort Nelson, Sauleau and Doig participating. I am very proud to be a part of a program that allows me the ability to support my own community artisans. Thanks to Madeline Oker, Mabel Harding, Lucy Davis and Sue Carter for putting forth their crafts. So far, there have been awesome reviews from customers about their detailed work and craftsmanship!

Jam Nights – Jam nights will take place on Friday evenings at the Quonset onsite. It is open to everyone.

Ice Rink – Thanks to our mild winter weather, the ice rink is not ready. The camp maintenance crew is planning to have the rink ready after Christmas break, if the weather stays on the cooler side. If you are coming to camp, bring your gear.

Hairdressing – Beginning on January 17th, there will be two hairdressers coming from Dawson Creek to offer haircuts and hot shaves. They will return every two weeks.

- Saturday evenings – Hot Shaves
- Sunday all-day – Haircuts

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas with their loved ones. Stay safe and best wishes for the New Year!

Amber Attachie



Lands Year End Letter

Je aa haanach’e

This is the last newsletter of the year. Lands had a busy year full of challenge and change but also lots of great accomplishments. We are happy to have Wes Rothlisberger join the team as Oil and Gas Program Manager but sad to have Marilyn, Coleen and Madeline move over to Culture and Language. Luckily, they haven’t gone far.

This past year, our focus was on ensuring impacts to treaty rights are minimized and stewardship is front-of-mind during our review of referrals. For the first 11 months of 2020, our department received over 1,000 referrals related to fish, wildlife, crown land and resource development projects!! Those have kept us very busy.

Throughout the year, Lands staff were busy working on many things (other than referrals) such as: supporting TLE; improving the custom consultation tracking system (CMS-Content Management system); negotiating industry agreements; participating in environmental assessments, working groups and regulatory processes; attending land code courses; and, developing processes to improve referrals, data management, monitoring and safety of our staff and monitors.

Next year, we look forward to collaborating with the new Cultural Heritage Resources & Language Department, continuing our work on moose and caribou habitat modelling, habitat restoration work, and surface and ground water research and risk assessments. We know water is very important to the Nation and we are working with the Oil and Gas Commission and Geoscience BC on locating another hydrometric (water flow) monitoring station to compliment the one that is on the Osborne River. We also hope to start work on some climate change initiatives in the new year and install a climate monitoring station.

We look forward to COVID-19 distancing measures ending so we can re-connect with members. We miss seeing everyone. We are hopeful that 2021 will bring us all back together. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Lands department!

NANE? (LANDS DEPT.)

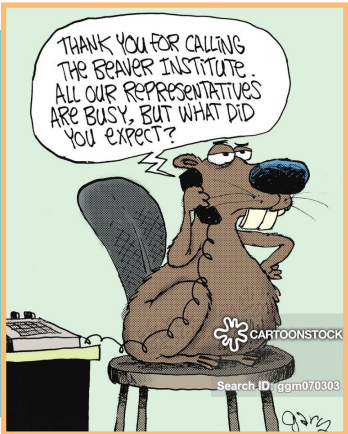


Youth Elder Trapping Mentorship Program

DRFN is considering running a Youth/Elder Trapping Mentorship program (if Public Health will allow). The program would allow for DRFN youth to learn or advance trapping skills from experienced members. The program would be comprised of workshops in the gym and practical field sessions. The objectives of the program are:

- Cultural knowledge transfer and Beaver language transfer between generations
- Land based healing and learning
- Cultural teaching
- Identity formation
- Reduction in predation of caribou and moose that could increase their populations
- Building knowledge about behavior and habitat needs of wolves, moose and caribou that can be applied to other community projects

A survey will be sent to parents for input on how to design a program that would best serve DRFN youth. Keep your eyes open for the survey.



SAFETY COMMITTEE



AVOID SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS THIS WINTER
WITH SOME SIMPLE TIPS

Winter is well and truly here, and with it comes cold weather and greater risk of slips, trips or falls. Practice safe winter walking to help you stay on your feet. Safety & Risk Services invites you to follow these prevention tips:

Plan not to trip by:

- * Walking in designated areas. Avoid using short cuts and self-made paths as these may be very icy and slippery – stay on the cleared paths, even if it takes extra time.
- * Consider wearing a backpack. Backpacks keep your load closer to your centre of gravity. Carrying heavy items in your hands hinders your arms’ ability to provide balance if you slip. You will also need your arms free to help you recover your balance if you start to slide.
- * Wear appropriate winter footwear. Wear shoes with traction and avoid wearing high heels outdoors – switch to winter-appropriate footwear, even if you’re walking a short distance.
- * Keep both hands free for balance, rather than in your pockets. Wear gloves or mittens to stay warm and your hands can stay free to balance or catch yourself if you do start to tumble.
- * Allow additional time to get where you’re going.
- * Travel safely.
- * Walk slowly and never run on icy ground. Take small steps to keep your center of balance under you.
- * Test potentially slick areas by tapping your foot on them.
- * On Ice? Do the penguin shuffle: point your feet outward like a penguin, take short, shuffle-like steps, keep your arms at your side and out of your pockets, concentrate on keeping your balance, watch where you are stepping and go slowly.
- * Use handrails where available.
- * Step – don’t jump – from vehicles and equipment.
- * Watch where you are going. Don’t text and walk at the same time.
- * Report slippery areas.

NANE? (LANDS DEPT.)

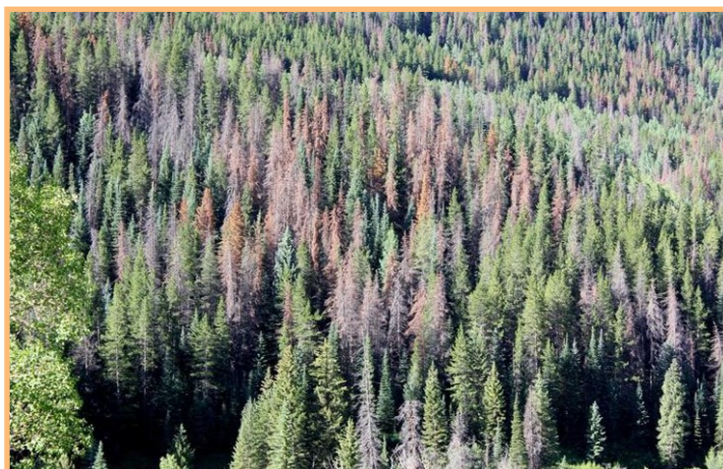


Dachin eh has (Spruce Beetle 101)

Spruce beetle is a forest insect that is native to BC, with the adult beetle measuring about 6mm long. They attack spruce trees by boring through bark, laying eggs and when the eggs hatch, larvae feed on inner bark and deposit a fungus that eventually kills the tree.

Spruce beetles are typically drawn to trees that are injured, stressed, or blown over in storms, but they can also infest larger, standing spruce.

We are currently seeing an outbreak of spruce beetle in living spruce trees because of recent warm seasons and storms which caused spruce trees to blow over in central BC. It can take over a year for infected trees to show signs of attack and they die soon after.



Monitoring

We have monitors working for Site C Cultural Monitor Program, Spruce Ridge Expansion Project, and a few different MOTI projects. If you would like to work, please contact Charmayne or email employment@doigriverfn.com.

Roads Update

La Garde Road has been repaired by CNRL and is passable.

Resource Activity Updates

Along the Murphy Road (in the Zarembo and Lapp areas) and up the Fontas Road (in the Velma and Dahl areas), there will be increasing traffic and activity related to decommissioning and reclamation of dormant wells. If you see any activity that is a concern, please notify Wes Rothlisberger wroth@doigriverfn.com. Photos and locations are helpful.

NANE? (LANDS DEPT.)



Dane Anayehe?drh (Community Garden)

Thanks to everyone who came out to talk about the Community Garden, lots of ideas to think about over winter. I heard lots of positive feedback from what we did this year and I can't wait to start digging in the dirt this spring. Here are some ideas that were brought up and projects we're planning to undertake to incorporate the ideas:

Plant lots of berries

Sara planted 60 raspberry canes, 6 haskap, and about 50 strawberry plants last year, but these will take a few years to grow big enough to pick. In 2021 we can add some more!

Workshops – preserving (canning, dehydrating, freezing), composting, veggies 101/how to grow and use different vegetables



Something we want to do but have to manage in COVID-19 restrictions. In the meantime Sara's going to post videos to the Facebook page.

Fruit trees, potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips, cabbage, peas, beets

Yes! We are going to do all of these in 2021 so stay tuned! :)

Ch'qne' (Wolf) Bounty Program

For the last couple years, the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources and Rural Development (FLNRORD) has been providing funding for DRFN to undertake a Wolf Cull program. The number of wolves in the region has been climbing and because wolves prey on ungulates, it can have a negative impact on ungulate populations. Reducing the number of wolf predators will improve the populations of ungulates like moose (hadaa) and Caribou (xx). FLNRORD undertakes aerial cull of wolves from a helicopter each year to reduce the predator population and the ground-based program will supplement that work.

dane tsaa? zise daaghaleh (Buy Furs)

Starting now, any member that hunts or traps a wolf and brings it to the office for ear clipping and gender identification will receive a \$700 bounty. It is the responsibility of the member to either dispose of or sell the wolf to the DRFN Cultural Fur Program. If the member decides to sell it to the fur program, they will need to clean and dry it properly.

If you need sponsorship to participate in the program, please see Jen or Charmayne. Sponsorships will be available in January.

