



WILD SHEEP SOCIETY
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Over 4200 kilograms of Environmental Waste Removed from Northern British Columbia
Wild Sheep Society brings \$75,000 in Grant Aid towards Clean Up

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In August of 2022, The Wild Sheep Society of BC was proud to lend assistance in the form of \$75,000 in grant-aid to a multi-stake and title holder clean up project in Northern British Columbia, in the Gataga River area. In 2017, President J. Fulton and Director T. Fulton of the executive of Northeast BC Wildlife Fund (NBCWF) were informed by Ms. Inge-Jean Hansen (FLNRORD) of locations in the Gataga River basin where a variety of waste was abandoned in the pristine valley.

Kyle Stelter, CEO of The Wild Sheep Society of BC stated “We are pleased to partner to support the Gataga River Watershed Clean up. With a \$150,000 budget, this collaboration restores habitat in the heart of mountain ungulate range. Our members are deeply committed to wild sheep, and this is an important project that will reap rewards for years to come.”

In total, 2,340kg of fuel drums and 1,896kg of other waste was removed from an abandoned mine site. This included over 100 fuel drums and various other items from an area used by thimhorn stone’s sheep, northern mountain caribou, and other wildlife. Waste was piled in a central location, slung to the Alaska highway via helicopter, loaded onto trailers, and trucked to the Fort Nelson dump for proper disposal.

Northeast BC Wildlife Fund was the lead on this critical project, and supported by Fabled Copper Corp., North Country Projects Ltd. (NCPL), Shifting Mosaics Consulting (SMC), Northern Fire WoRx Corp. (NFWRx), Stone and Folding Mountain Outfitters, and Qwest Helicopters (Qwest), and The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM), as well as the Wild Sheep Society of British Columbia.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia and are grateful to all the stake and title holders that made this happen.

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About the Wild Sheep Society of BC

The Wild Sheep Society of BC is a non-profit registered Society dedicated to the protection and enhancement of wild sheep and wild sheep habitat throughout “Beautiful British Columbia”. Putting tens of thousands of volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars into conservation projects in BC since 1998, the WSSBC is committed to its vision statement of ‘Putting more sheep on the mountains”.

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