

BC Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Project Initiation Process

As a grassroots, member driven organization, we feel it is critical that any member of the BC Chapter of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers should be able to submit their ideas and projects and lead the activities of the organization. The following process was created to provide a framework to allow any member to submit a project and carry it through to completion. The project initiation process for the BC BHA is as follows:

- A. Use this form to present a project idea to your regional chapter or provincial directors for approval. Submit in person, or at: britishcolumbia@backcountryhunters.org New projects will be discussed monthly by the directors. Projects will be evaluated against the organization's constitution to ensure that the project is consistent with the BCBHA's mission, goals, and values. Once a project is accepted it will be added to the potential projects list to be available to all members for viewing. Where the project goes from there is up to the membership to decide. Projects will remain on the list until someone steps up and carries them forward.
- B. For a project to move forward, a leader must be designated. Usually this would be the person who initially submitted the idea but any member can step up and champion an idea from the potential projects list. The lead would then also develop a subcommittee. The directors can help with finding the right people for you if required.
- C. Next, lead and subcommittee can develop a plan, timeline, and determine what resources may be needed. The plan and timeline will be presented to the directors who can provide assistance and identify any outstanding issues that need to be considered such as permits, insurance, or consultations with other stakeholders.
- D. Acquire and assign resources. These may be volunteer labour, supplies, money for equipment rental, or communications materials. The directors will work directly with the project leader and subcommittee to ensure the necessary resources are available. In some cases the resources may be available in the BC BHA coffers, however, in most cases this will require seeking out donations, creating community or industry partnerships, and potentially fundraising. Directors will have to prioritize at this point. Less resource intensive projects may go ahead before more resource intensive projects.
- E. Complete project. This is the fun part. The plan is complete, resources are in place, the volunteers arrive and we create a positive and tangible result. Be sure to take some photographs of the process.
- F. Once the project is complete, the directors will meet with the subcommittee and project leader to evaluate the project and discuss how it went and if this written process needs to be modified to ensure that future projects proceed smoothly. Generate a brief summary of the event, attach photos, and provide document to your regional chair.
- G. In the final step, your regional chair is to put together a project write up to thank those who helped, to give credit to the project leader and subcommittee, and to let people know what we do. Recognition of the project will also be made through this summary being forwarded to our provincial members, the BHA Journal, BCBHA social media, and local newspaper.

BC Backcountry Hunters and Anglers – Project Initiation Form

Project Proponent:

Date:

Project Type (mark/select one):

<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Enhancement:
<input type="checkbox"/> Political/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Chase	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Region: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7A,7B,8, Province Wide (select one)

Location: *(provide coordinates if possible)*

Project Description:

Project Objectives: *(Land/Water Type)*

Expected start date?

Expected end date?

Project Planning/Timeline: *(How much time to plan, get licenses, book facilities)*

Project Leader(s):

Subcommittee Members:

Potential Partners:

Other User Groups: *(Are there other stakeholders we should be discussing this with?)*

Resources Required: *(funds, volunteers, equipment, insurance, room rental, permits)*

Contact List: *(Who needs to be notified? Are there land managers that need to be aware)*

Example BC Backcountry Hunters and Anglers – Project Initiation Form

Project Proponent: Aden Stewart

Date: January 21, 2019

Project Type (mark/select one):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Habitat Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Habitat Enhancement:
<input type="checkbox"/> Political/Regulatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Access
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Chase	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
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Region: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7A,7B,8, Province Wide (select one)

Project Description:

Rause Pasture is a low elevation, native grassland ecosystem located north of the Cranbrook International Airport. It provides high value winter range for elk and year-round habitat for whitetail and mule deer. The area is popular with walkers, bird watchers and equestrian users, hunters, and provides cattle grazing. Properly managed, this area provides an excellent opportunity for front country, non-motorized hunting. Due to the low elevation, rolling terrain and proximity to Cranbrook it is an excellent place for youth and senior hunters to practice non-motorized hunting.

Ecosystem restoration efforts have increased roads to a density much higher than the pre-restoration levels. The area is seeing an increase in ATV traffic and abuse with OHV enthusiasts creating linkages between previously existing trails and newly created trails to create loops which does not benefit other uses in the area and most importantly, the preservation of critical wildlife habitat and rare and endangered flora and fauna (badger, curlew, several rare and endangered plant species and several federally red listed grassland ecosystems). Additionally, the Conservation Officer service and local residents have reported a much higher incidence of poaching since ecosystem restoration occurred.

Project Objectives:

We would like to reduce the number of roads in this area to levels consistent with those identified in the provincial cumulative effects framework (0.6 km /km²), replace stockpiled soils, control noxious weeds and seed pulled back roads and areas of exposed soil. We would like to petition government departments to create an access management plan and install appropriate signage to identify vehicle restricted areas and possible timing restrictions for vehicle access.

Expected Start Date: Unassigned

Expected End Date:

Project Timeline: unassigned

Project Leader(s): unassigned

Subcommittee Members: unassigned

Potential Partners: Rocky Mountain Naturalists, Kootenay Livestock Association, Wildsight, Ktunaxa Nation Council

Potential Funding Sources: Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, Columbia Basin Trust,

Other User Groups: *(Are there other stakeholders we should be discussing this with?):* Cattle grazing, recreational walking, recreational OHV use

Resources Required: *(funds, volunteers, equipment, insurance, room rental, permits)*

- Support with grant writing and government petitioning.
- Reclamation will require funds for seed, fertilizer, weed control, signage, mapping and heavy equipment for soil replacement and road pull back (dozer, excavator)

Contact List: *(Who needs to be notified? Are there land managers that need to be aware?)*

- Event insurance provider contact: