



# Director's Corner

## Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A'

### TNRD

**TNRD BOD's Meeting Highlights August 13, 2009**

On the road was the theme for the August 13<sup>th</sup> TNRD Board meeting. Once per year the TNRD BOD meeting is held outside of the main office. This year the meeting was held in Merritt with the volunteer recognition held at the Quilchena Hotel outside of the City of Merritt.

Part of that includes a dinner the night before the meeting where area volunteers are recognized for their years of service and dedication to their area. Wednesday directors participated in a walking tour of downtown Merritt. The city is working extensively to improve downtown appeal with the inclusion of many large murals, the walk of starts and a downtown 'Spirit Centre'. Tax incentives are provided to businesses that participate with the development of western themed facades. The results are impressive with a very appealing downtown core in an old city.

The evening dinner at Quilchena was very well attended with many volunteers attending and receiving long service awards in recognition of their personal contribution to the surrounding communities. I have always felt that the volunteer base is what makes an area great. Also a little recognition goes a long way. Next years board on the road meeting is planned to be held in Blue River. Along with Thompson Headwaters residents the Clearwater and Wells Gray Country volunteers will be acknowledged at this meeting.

The Thursday board meeting did not garner significant attendance from the public. This is unfortunate as it is a great opportunity for local residents to see just what happens at a TNRD Board meeting. Only two individuals were in the audience. Part of on the road board meetings includes a question and answer session at the end of the meeting. This is not part of regular meetings and provides additional opportunities to the public to address their concerns. I strongly encourage everyone with an interest to attend next years meeting in Blue River and will provide advance notice via our local newspaper.

The agenda itself was fairly short but once again more projects for Wells Gray Country area have received support for their grant applications for work in our local forests. Triple R Contracting has made application to the JOP fund to reduce forest fuels and improve range vegetation production on the Foghorn/Granite Range area during the summer of 2010. Also submitted with this application is a proposal for trail maintenance within Wells Gray Provincial Park with work to take place from May to December of 2010. Triple R Contracting has also submitted an application to improve range fencing and complete tree brushing/snag removal in the area. Every one of these grants when approved benefits our area with improvements and provides us with additional economic activity.

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