

STMS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN PRIOR YEARS

BREWER CREEK



2014

- June 2014 Exploratory Trip and clearing of 1.5 Km of access road of alders
- Aug 2014 Brushed 2.5 Km of access road

2016

- On August 16th, 2016, an STMS-organized work party completed maintenance and upgrading work related to the Brewer Creek trail and road. The work party comprised Glen Casey, Peter Tresher and Dale Johnson. Cody Fuller of CF X-Cavating Ltd. joined us with his excavator for five hours, and Jim King of RSTBC joined us for 3 ½ hours to assist with the installation of a sign kiosk and toilet. Projects for the day included:
Improve road drainage for the last 2.5 km, improve road at wash-out, road brushing, increase parking lot area, install sign kiosk, install toilet

2017

- two avalanche debris fields were cleared by STMS members. One was on the road and the other 10 minutes from the trailhead where the trail has been changed slightly.
- Brewer is a very popular area and these improvements will certainly be taken advantage of. A reminder that the Brewer creek road that accesses the trailhead is now in a newly created AMA (Access Management Area) closure zone and is only open to motorized vehicles between June 15 and October 15. Unfortunately that means no late fall hikes into Brewer after October 15th. Another change in the road status allows for hunters to use the road during hunting season. FYI: Brewer Creek AMA restricts motorized vehicles to the main road to the Brewer Creek trailhead once past Thorald Creek.

CHALICE CREEK



2014

- June 2014 Brushed 1 Km of access road July 22/14? Brushed 3 Km of access Road

2017

- Chalice Creek access road and trail were cleared of overgrown vegetation and avalanche debris on August 23rd by a volunteer work party of 7 members. The group split into 2 teams; a special thanks to CMH for flying up a team of 4 with their chainsaws to an avalanche site to clear the debris on the trail, the second team continued the never ending battle with the alder on the access road. Most vehicles can now easily navigate the road without worrying about scratching the paint. There are a couple of rocks to maneuver around and a couple of deep water-bars where a high clearance vehicle is recommended.

JUMBO PASS



2014

- Sept 23, 2014 Cleared and trimmed vegetation around trail-head signage and secured signage that was loose. Cleared parking area of ingrown vegetation.

2017

- Five avalanche debris fields were cleared on the road to Jumbo at the start of the hiking season in July. A reminder that a high clearance 2W/4W vehicle is recommended to travel the access road to the Jumbo trailhead.

2018

- An STMS Jumbo work bee was done on August 1, 2018. Over 25 trees were cut and cleared from the trail and water bars were dug up higher on the trail to divert water away and back in the creek. Thanks to our volunteers Myron, Doug and Brian for the chainsaw work, Bernie, Kim and Cal for the brushing and cleaning the trail and Sylvie who did the digging for the water bars.

LAKE OF THE HANGING GLACIER



2014

- June 18, 2014 Exploratory trip to assess trail conditions – avalanche noted before bridge. Minor clearing completed to bridge. – 2 volunteers
- July 2, 2014 Minor clearing and brushing of alders and deadfall. Cleared 50 m wide avalanche debris over trail. Installed Bridge over Hell Roaring Creek. It was noted that a guy wire on the big bridge had pulled loose from the rock it had been fastened to. Waiting for response from Rec Sites and Trails on how to repair.
- July 9, 2014 The far side bridge footing was repositioned to properly accommodate the bridge (it had slid down over the winter). Some work was done on the trail to reroute the water off the trail on the far side of Hell Roaring Creek
- October 8/2014 Removed bridge over Hell Roaring Creek

2017

- Hikers should be aware that there is an annual activity of placing a bridge over Hellroaring Creek in the spring, and removing it in the fall. There is no set date for this to happen. This means for early and late season hikes, this bridge may not be there making the crossing impossible or very hazardous. The bridge is a very interesting design with a simple manual installation procedure.

The bridge was engineered and built by the Recreational Trails BC and then flown into the bridge site. Each year it has to be removed and stored in the forest. The bridge is locked and

cannot be installed by just any early season hiker. The reason for this annual STMS activity is that the creek channels avalanches and has high spring runoff creating a significant risk of the bridge being swept away or washed out.

MCLEAN LAKE



2014

- June 9, 2014 Exploratory trip to assess trail conditions – upper level of trail snowbound and McLean creek crossing under water.
- July 24, 2014 Clipped brush and cleared windfall. Repaired log bridge over McLean Creek. Removed minor rock slide on trail.

2016

- McLean Lake trail is now greatly improved thanks to STMS's maintenance crew Sylvie, Bernie, Norm, Margaret and David. The crew worked 4 hours brushing, clipping and sawing. From the trailhead to the second log crossing along the creek and metal bridge they cleared overgrown alders, widened the trail through the meadow and removed deadfall.

PEDLEY PASS



2014

- June 22, 2014 Minor trail clearing and brushing. Explored and marked alternative route options to avoid steep section on North trail. – 5 volunteers
- October 2014 Further exploration and marking of alternative route options.

2016

- Eight Participants met August 18th to work on the Pedley Pass trail. A crew of 5 brushed the access road and cleared overhanging branches/small trees. Three workers did minor clearing along the path to the tarn and installed directional markers supplied by Rec Sites and Trails at two of the ridge/tarn intersections. The weather was perfect, with cooler working temperatures, and the rain held off until the group was nearly completed.

PINTO



2018

- The Pinto mountain Trail is now completed thanks to our volunteers and Starr Trail Solutions with funding from the Columbia Basin Trust, Recreational Sites and Trails BC and STMS. Directional road signs have been installed on the access road junctions. A trail head sign was installed and cairns were built along the scree section near the top of the ridge. This is a new trail for STMS to maintain and has been re-routed and greatly improved.

MOUNT SWANSEA



2014

- July 15, 2014 Work Completed: brush of South Ridge Trail from top to bottom (to the road), four trail improvements flagged. Improvements are designed to bypass steep fall-line trails with sustainable switchbacks. The Principles for Sustainable Trail Making were employed in the placement of the flagged trail improvement.

The UTM locations of the flagged improvements are:

MS-1 0573782 5594629 on the north side trail leading down from the radio towers

MS-2 0574556 5595630 on the South Ridge trail between the parking lot and the summit

MS-3 0574981 5594939 on the South Ridge trail between the summit and the road at the bottom

MS-4 0575011 5593822 on the South Ridge trail between the summit and closer to the road at the bottom

MS-5 0574937 5593730 on the South Ridge trail between the summit and just a little further south from MS-4.

- October 2014 added arrow stickers to the fibreglass posts, pounded in several posts which had come out or were loose and added a new post at a Y junction. In addition, we put blocking material on at least a dozen of more "shortcuts" that people have been using to bypass the switchbacks. Some of these bypasses are the original trail and others are newly created.

2016

- JUNE 23 2016: Brian Wesley and a group of STMS volunteers completed two major trail projects, adding a connector between the Uptrack and Hula Girl, and a new improved trail on the

backside of the Radio Tower. The hiking trail to bypass the industrial area of the tower and solar panels has been completed. This path will allow hikers to go directly to a viewpoint and picnic table. Along with the re-work of the northern hill slope trail, the bypass will be part of the Tower Loop hiking trail starting from the 2km parking area.

- On September 12, 2016, Brian Wesley and David Pacey implemented new fibre-glass posts and sticker signage (to new and existing posts). The signage identifies the Tower Loop hiking trail starting from the 2km parking lot. The Tower Loop trail provides a short hike from the parking area to the top of the Radio Tower hill outcrop on Mt. Swansea. The trail includes the new bypass at the top of the outcrop which leads to a newly installed picnic table and a wonderful viewpoint. In cooperation with RSTBC, the trail and table are part of the continued improvement of Mt. Swansea as a local recreational resource for both hikers and cyclists.

WELSH LAKES



2014

- June 25, 2014: Exploratory trip to assess trail conditions. No work required this season

2016

- July 2016: The Welsh Lakes trailhead underwent a major transformation this summer. STMS members John Pitcher and Doug Yukes worked with Phil Ruault (Westside Contracting) and Jim King to install the new outhouse and trailhead kiosk. Phil spent time widening the parking area significantly and improved the access road from the Forester road. Doug and John also repositioned and secured the footbridge with cross-braces.