Fostering Environmental Stewardship

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## Considering the Tools

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Fostering Stewardship

- Respect the Land program
- Recreational Access Program
Facing the Facts

- Burgeoning industry
- Increasing impacts and conflicts
- Relatively low priority outside of parks system
- “Rusty tool box” (staff skills, policy etc.)
- Eroded outdoor ethic
- Limited resources
- Unsustainable status quo
Shift Behaviors to:

- Reduce impacts to:
  - Land, water, wildlife, vegetation, etc.
- Improve safety
- Sustain opportunity
- Increase respect
- Encourage Positive Actions
Program

Principles
- Ethically based
- Shared Responsibility
- Provincial Scope

Fundamentals
- Outcome concentration
- Shift in staff emphasis
- Build capacity
- Increase Department visibility
- Improve relationships with recreationalists
Efforts to Date

- Baseline publications (posters, user guides etc.)
- Knowledge transfer and dialogue
- Events, signage, and kiosks
- Identification/removal of barriers
- Targeted (limited) media
- Partnerships
On the Burner

- Increase partnerships
- Broaden audiences
- Integrate with school programs
- Presentation templates
- Increase staff training
- Enhance external website
- Workshop facilitation
Recreational Access to Public Land Under Agricultural Lease

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The ADSAA

- Clarification of rights and procedures for recreational access on leased lands
- “reasonable access” for “recreational purposes”
- Dispute resolution process
- Reduced liability of lease holders
- Compliance Teeth
Recreational Access Regulation
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**Duties of Leaseholder**
- Must allow access unless certain circumstances exist
- Must provide contact name and means

**Duties of Recreational User**
- Contact leaseholder before accessing lease
- Provide information about recreational activity to leaseholder
- Abide by regulations
Recreational Access Disputes

http://gallery.cocamonkey.com/funny-pics/trespassers_jpg
Access Dispute Resolution Process

Initial Contact

- Recreational User Searches for Contact Information
  - Toll free number – 1-800-279-0023

- Recreational User makes contact

1. Agreement
2. Parties in dispute
Access Dispute Resolution

Three Stages:

Stage 1: Informal facilitation

Stage 2: Formal review

Stage 3: Decision on dispute
Bill 16 – Recreational Access
A Success

Deputy Ministers Award

- 90% of leaseholders participate
- 5 million acres or more of recreational land
- Website use
- Few disputes
People may be part of the problem . . .

. . . they’re also part of the solution.