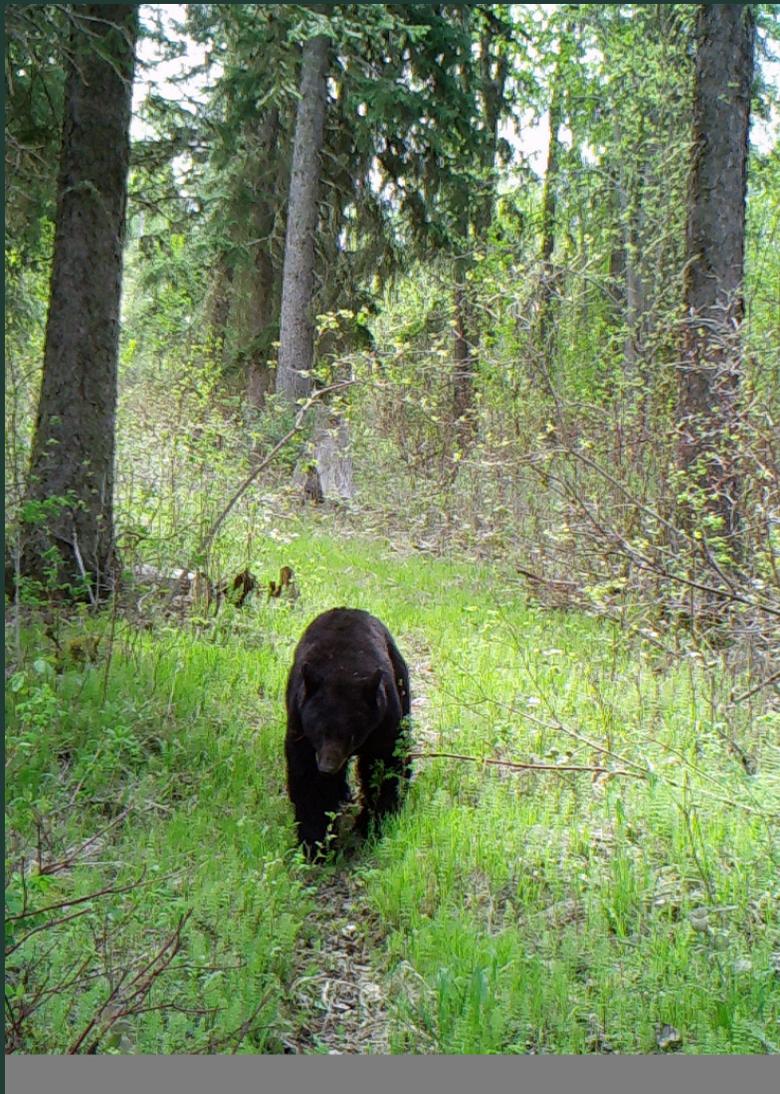


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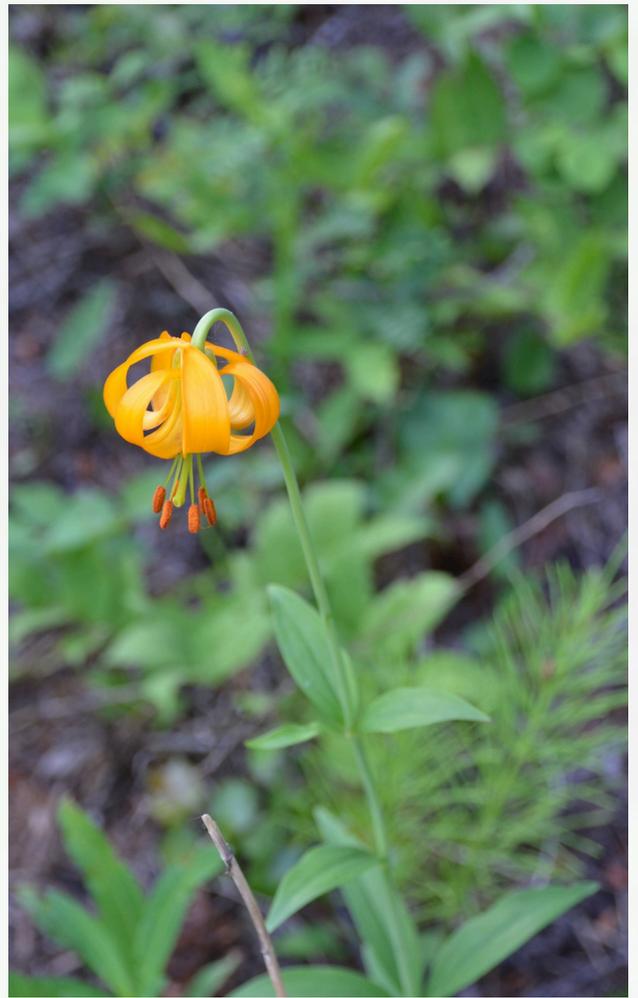
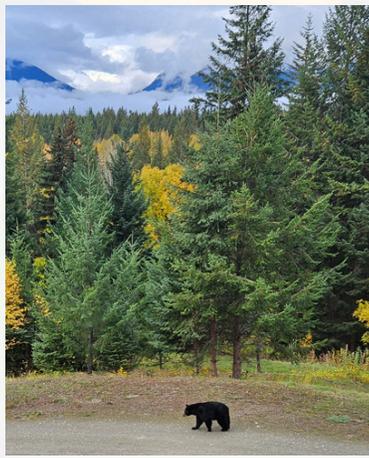
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# Local Land Acquisition initiative

In late 2023, KLTF began working with a local land owner interested in conserving their 23 acre property in the Robson Valley.

In spring 2024, we investigated and applied for a WHC large grant to acquire the 23 acre parcel of land for conservation purposes and hired a registered professional biologist to do an ecological assessment of the land. Although we did not receive funding in the last round, we are in a good position to apply again to WHC and to other granting agencies in 2026. We are hopeful that we will be able to preserve this ecologically diverse parcel of land for future generations of life.



"While not large in size, several features of this property make it a good candidate for protection. Its toe-slope position near the valley bottom makes it an excellent wildlife corridor, connecting the nearby Fraser River to Engleman Spruce and Subalpine Fir forests on the valley sides. Seasonal migrations of ungulates are expected to funnel through the property following both watercourses during late autumn and early spring. Having mature forest on southwest facing aspect, parts of this property also function as ungulate winter range. The parcel provides a functional stepping stone, increasing connectivity through crown forest between Robson Provincial Park (4km East-North-East), and the Kiyooka Conservation Area via 400 m of riparian forest along the Fraser River and through several km of adjacent Old Growth and Wildlife Habitat Management Area" --Jeffrey Werner, Phd, R.P.Bio

# Annual Community Celebration



KLTF hosted its third annual community event on May 25th. This year, we had several activities to choose from--a bird identification walk with Elsie Stanley, a talk on riparian habitats/ecological stewardship by biologist Jeff Werner, a plant identification walk with biologist Barb Zimmer, and a pine needle basketry workshop with Métis educator Toni Appleby. In addition, KLTF sponsored a rafting tour on the Fraser River with Stellar Descents. Fraser Headwaters Alliance and The Rivershed Society of BC, shared information about their ecological stewardship work in the Robson Valley, and attendees enjoyed lunch and social time at the land trust Guest House.

The event was very well attended. A big thank you to our amazing presenters, volunteers, and Stellar Descents. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the **Fraser Ft. George Regional District** for providing us with a community grant.



bird walk with Elsie Stanley



ecological stewardship talk with biologist Jeff Werner



pine needle basketry with Toni Appleby



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# Grant funding and projects



In spring 2025, KLTF applied for funding from the **Fraser Fort George Endowment Fund** and was grateful to receive a grant to build an accessible composting outhouse and to create signage for the conservation area, along Old Tête Jaune Road. Roy Howard and Jeff Gusdal spent a weekend in late September building the outhouse and the signs were printed and will be installed in spring 2026.



# Bioblitz

From June 26 to July 2, a crew consisting of volunteer MacEwan University students, instructors and community members recorded close to 400 different plants, animals, fungi and lichen in the Kiyooka Conservation Area! This is a great step towards an inventory of species in the area and their protection. You can see the results for yourself on the iNaturalist app, searching for, or using Kiyooka Conservation Area as a location.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the first KLTF Bioblitz a great success!

