

South Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) Stewardship Program 15th Anniversary Stewardship Award



South Okanagan-
Similkameen
Stewardship Program

Presented to

Friends of Anarchist Mtn



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The Land Conservancy
of British Columbia

In recognition of your continued efforts to conserve areas of ecological significance in your community. Your voluntary commitment has not only served to protect the biodiversity of this area for future generations, but has also contributed to the success of the SOS Stewardship Program. Thank You!



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Dear Friends of Anarchist Mountain;

On behalf of the South Okanagan – Similkameen (SOS) Stewardship Program of TLC The Land Conservancy, we would like to recognize the continued efforts of residents of the Anarchist Mountain Community to conserve areas of ecological significance in your community. We felt this recognition would be best shared to the landowners of Anarchist Mountain through your new organization.

Our program has been in touch with landowners of the Anarchist area since 2003 (before the wildfire). It all started with a few residents who were concerned about invasive plants and invited SOS Stewardship to do bioagent releases for knapweed on their private land.

In 2004, Anarchist Mountain residents formally came together at the first Community Stewardship Event at the Nk'Mip campground. A well attended event, residents came together to discuss fire ecology & safety, weeds, the importance of antelope brush grasslands, and species at risk. Soon afterwards, several landowners requested assistance from the SOS Stewardship Program biologists for information on those varied topics and for site visits to their properties. Through this recognition, we'd like to thank those concerned landowners for their stewardship efforts.

We'd also like to recognize the efforts of Irvin Redekopp, who from 2004 to 2008, became our Anarchist community contact. He helped to organize annual community stewardship events and further bioagent releases for invasive plants.

Most recently, the formation of the Anarchist Mountain Community Society has come to fruition, and we commend the society for its continued commitment to stewardship.

Thank you residents of Anarchist Mountain, for protecting the biodiversity of this area for future generations and for contributing to the success of the SOS Stewardship Program. This year we celebrated our 15th anniversary, making us the longest running stewardship program in Canada!

Sincerely,

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Senior Stewardship Officer