



Skaha Lake Eastside

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is working to secure 35.4 hectares (87.5 acres) on the eastside of Skaha Lake. This property is adjacent to our existing Skaha Lake Property complex which is included in the McTaggart-Cowan/Nsək'łniw't Wildlife Management Area (WMA). This WMA is 6,491 hectares (16,033 acres) primarily secured for the protection and management of Bighorn Sheep habitat.

The topography throughout the parcel is ideal for Bighorn Sheep. It is generally steep with some flat benchlands interspersed throughout. The lower portions are grasslands, transitioning through mixed forest at the mid-level to rocky terrain at higher elevations.

The Okanagan-Similkameen is a high priority for The Nature Trust. Why?

Three of the four biogeoclimatic zones of conservation concern in BC (Bunchgrass, Ponderosa Pine, and Interior Douglas-fir) are found in the region.

This area has species and ecosystems that are not found anywhere else in Canada and in some cases the world.

This area has the highest species of risk (over 1/3) of all the regions in Canada.

Population pressures are making conservation efforts more urgent.

This parcel is located in two of the most endangered biogeoclimatic zones: Bunchgrass and Ponderosa Pine.

This property is important for supporting at risk species such as Bighorn Sheep, White-throated Swift and the Western Rattlesnake. It has the potential to support the endangered American Badger.

This parcel is an infill piece, surrounded by our conservation lands to the north and east with the Eastside Road to the west and the south adjacent to a housing development (see map on back).

Management objectives will focus on increasing the quality of Bighorn Sheep habitat, improving connectivity and sheep movement within the adjacent WMA and decreasing human caused disturbance from development, mountain bike use and uncontrolled dogs chasing sheep. Purchasing the property will also reduce the risk of disease transmission by excluding domestic sheep and goats.



The estimated total project cost is \$1.3 million which includes land acquisition, legal, appraisal and land management. With anticipated government and foundation funding, we still need to raise \$175,000. Any help with this outstanding balance would be greatly appreciated.

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