



WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

IMPACT REPORT

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Thank you for keeping Canada wild!



Putting Boots on the Ground

2017 is shaping up to be our busiest field season yet. Campaigner Eric Reder has already made his first trip to Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, where he's documenting logging in Canada's oldest provincial park, and planning new actions in Ontario.

Trail building trips started in April in British Columbia. Teams of volunteers will be making seven trips in total to three sites in the Walbran Valley and Clayoquot Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the course of the summer, working with First Nations land stewards and local activists to protect this ancient forest from logging.

In Manitoba, three expeditions to explore threatened wilderness areas are planned for the summer months, all thanks to your support!



Protecting Species

In February, the Wilderness Committee proudly presented a 40,000+ signature petition at the BC legislature calling for a provincial endangered species law. With more than 1,900 species at risk in BC and no standalone legislation protecting them, your support has made a strong statement to government.

In April, Campaigner Eric Reder was in Toronto for a presentation on the status of woodland boreal caribou and the work that needs to be done to protect them. Thanks to those of you who turned out to learn more about saving this iconic species. In BC, the *Toad People* documentary film has been on a whirlwind tour, with over 15 screenings since its release last November. More than 1,000 people have seen this inspiring film calling for BC endangered species legislation.



Earth Day 2017

The Wilderness Committee celebrated Earth Day for the seventh year in a row by supporting Windermere Secondary's Youth for Climate Justice. Now an annual parade and festival in Vancouver. This passionate group of students represent the next generation of climate activists, and you've allowed us to partner with them, bringing a message of climate action to more than 500 attendees.

We partnered with Patagonia Victoria for Earth Day weekend to host a fundraiser for Wilderness Committee activities. Shoppers made donations at the till in support of our wilderness preservation campaigns, and Patagonia staff shared information about our work in local forests. A huge thank you to Patagonia Victoria for helping keep Canada wild!



Defending Forests

In March of this year, your gifts enabled Torrance Coste and Emily Hoffpauir from our Victoria office to tour four forestry communities on Vancouver Island. On the tour, they talked to residents about how to build sustainable local economies while also preserving old-growth forests.

Wilderness Committee staff visited the Ontario Legislative Assembly at the end of April to deliver over 3,500 letters calling on Premier Kathleen Wynne to halt logging in Algonquin Provincial Park. Algonquin is the only provincial park in Ontario — and one of only two in the country — to permit logging. Your support for this campaign clearly demonstrates to the government that you see parks as a place for nature, not industry.

Your commitment to protecting nature and ensuring a wild Canada drives each of our campaigns. Since the Wilderness Committee is funded almost entirely by individual donors like you, your gifts have a huge impact.

Thank you



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