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LECTURE THEATRE

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'AGHELH NEBUN:

BRINGING AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The Prince George Activator Society (PGAS) assists men on conditional release from prison in their re-integration into society. An important initiative at PGAS has been the development of 'Aghelh Nebun, a wilderness camp on Kenneth Creek in the Bowron River valley. In this talk, I will present the background to this initiative, including the social and cultural dimensions of re-integration. I will then present some of our current work to make the camp environmentally sustainable and self-sufficient. These include sustainable timber harvesting and milling of dimensional lumber, constructing energy-efficient buildings, and growing food at the camp. Aside from their intrinsic value, each of these activities also provides camp residents with valuable and marketable skills. I believe there are tremendous opportunities for collaboration between PGAS and UNBC in disciplines at the intersection of criminal justice, First Nations culture, environmental stewardship, and sustainability, and I look forward to engaging with the UNBC community.