



NRESi WEEKLY NEWS

July 21-25, 2014

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

NRESi NOTES

FROM THE DIRECTOR & RESEARCH MANAGER

Hello everyone,

This week NRESi has more members to celebrate. Congratulations go out to David Connell, a recipient of UNBC's University Achievement Award for Teaching! Check out David's [picture](#) with other UNBC colleagues also receiving the honour.

I have added a new section to our newsletter this week - Members in the News. Check out who's been in the headlines!

Do you want to connect with NRESi through social media? You can now follow us on Twitter: [@UNBC_NRESi](#). Expect to also see our Facebook presence building soon.

Thanks to Hugues Massicotte for the great photo this week!

Happy Friday!

Leanne Elliott
NRESi Research Manager



A beautiful photo of *Calypso bulbosa*, commonly called the Fairy Slipper Orchid, taken in Jasper National Park

Photo: H. Massicotte

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We're on the web at : www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/newsletter

THESIS DEFENCE NOTICE

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. John-Paul Laplante is a candidate for the degree:

Master of Arts in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Geography)

Mr. Laplante will be defending his thesis entitled:

“La Voz del Pueblo: Maya Consultas and the Challenge of Self-Determination for Socially Responsible Investment in the Mining Sector”

Supervisor: **Dr. Catherine Nolin**

Date: **August 8, 2014** Time: 10:00am Room: Senate Chambers

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



This year, Jane Young was recipient of The Mary Elliott Service Award, which is given to an individual for meritorious service to CBA/ABC (Canadian Botanical Association/L'Association Botanique du Canada). In addition to being Treasurer of the CBA for the last six years, Jane has served as the CBA's Director (Western Region), Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, and Chair of the Plant Development Section. Unfortunately, Jane was unable to attend the CBA meeting in June to receive the award, but this photo shows Hugues Massicotte, also a member of the CBA, giving it to her here at UNBC.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Stephen Dery has been talking about our recent hot, sunny weather and was linked to current forest fires (click [here](#)), as well as what weather we can expect to come (click [here](#)).

Roy Rea has been getting some coverage on his moose collision research on BC highways: [Vancouver Sun](#) and [The Rocky Mountain Goat](#).

Ken Otter has been talking about bird interactions with wind turbines (click [here](#)).

PUBLICATIONS

Cherry, J. E., **Déry, S. J.**, Cheng, Y., Stieglitz, M., Jacobs, A. S., and Pan, F.-F., 2014: Chapter 2: Climate and hydrometeorology of the Toolik Lake Region and the Kuparuk River Basin: Past, Present and Future, in Hobbie, J. E. and Kling, G. W. (ed.), Alaska's Changing Arctic: Ecological Consequences for Tundra, Streams, and Lakes, Oxford University Press, 21-60.

Kang, D. H., Shi, X., Gao, H., and **Déry, S. J.**, 2014: On the changing contribution of snow to the hydrology of the Fraser River Basin, Canada, Journal of Hydrometeorology, 15, 1344-1365.

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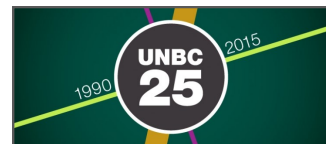
PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Roy V. Rea, Chris J. Johnson, and Scott Emmons (2014) Characterizing Moose–Vehicle Collision Hotspots in Northern British Columbia. *Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management*: June 2014, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 46-58.

UPCOMING NRESi EVENTS

UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

NRESi Ceremonial Tree Planting



NRESi will be planting a ceremonial tree on the UNBC Prince George campus during a special event to kick off UNBC's 25th anniversary year. This will be in conjunction with other opening ceremony activities and Orientation Day. It will be a lasting legacy of this important milestone, as well as be a symbol of the other 16,000 trees to be planted in spring 2015 across UNBC campuses and properties.

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2014

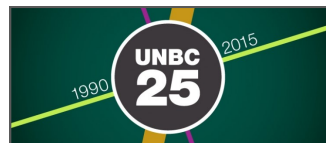
12:45pm - 1:15 pm

Location: To be confirmed

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UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

NRESi Anniversary Panel Discussion



NRESi will take an opportunity during one of its weekly colloquium sessions to conduct a special 25th anniversary panel discussion. This event will allow time for reflection from faculty, staff and students on the history and successes of NRESi, as well as create a dialogue regarding opportunities for the future.

SEPTEMBER 19th, 2014

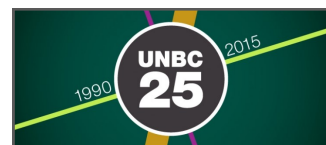
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: To be confirmed

UPCOMING NRESi EVENTS

UNBC 25th ANNIVERSARY

NRESi's Legacy Planting Project



In honour of the 16,000 UNBC petition signers in northern British Columbia communities and beyond who showed their support of establishing UNBC, NRESi will be planting 16,000 trees to recognize their contributions. The trees will be split between the UNBC Prince George Greenway trail and the John Prince Research Forest. The trees will also be registered as a carbon capture and offset initiative, anticipated to sequester up to 7,000 tonnes of carbon over the next 100 years. In addition, NRESi is working with UNBC campuses and properties to plant ceremonial trees. This will also provide a lasting legacy of this important milestone and a reminder of the communities' role in making the vision of a northern university in BC a reality.

SPRING 2015

Location: Across UNBC Campuses & Properties

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UPCOMING UNBC EVENT

Knowledge Exchange and Exploration: A Gathering for Aboriginal and Academic Communities

UNBC, in partnership with the College of New Caledonia, the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, Carrier Sekaniribal Council, and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, is pleased to be co-hosting this gathering and offer conference participants the opportunity to network, engage, and hear about some of the exciting initiatives happening in communities throughout northern British Columbia and beyond.

This conference brings together representatives of Aboriginal Nations and organizations and academics from British Columbia and elsewhere to discuss and develop best practices for education and research involving Aboriginal communities and organizations. The primary focus is relationship building and developing best practices when working with communities.

Aboriginal communities face increasing requests from academic researchers to do research in their communities and on their lands. Enhancing understanding about appropriate research conduct is critical to respectful and mutually productive research relationships.

More information can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/knowledge-exchange-and-exploration-gathering>

OCTOBER 16-18, 2014

Location: UNBC Prince George campus

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES

Do you have a favourite photo, story or update from your research that you would like to share with your fellow members and the broader NRESi community in the newsletter? Send them to Leanne to include in an upcoming edition!

PEACE FISH & WILDLIFE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

NRESi is working with the Program Manager and other representatives involved with the Peace Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, to explore opportunities that we can submit as an Institute in their next call this fall. We hope to have an information session for members and partners in June to learn more about what could be possible and begin discussions on project ideas. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. To learn more about the program, visit: http://www.bchydro.com/about/sustainability/environmental_responsibility/compensation_programs.html Have ideas coming to mind already? Please contact Leanne!

COLLOQUIUM ARCHIVE

Did you miss a colloquium or special lecture? Visit NRESi's webcast archive to catch up! This can be found through the following link: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/colloquium-series/archived-colloquium-series>

ARCHIVE OF PAST EVENTS

Information, links, proceedings, and other information from past NRESi hosted and co-led events can be found at: <http://www.unbc.ca/nres-institute/special-events>. This site currently includes information about the Forest Tenure events (Annual Lecture and workshop) and a link to the Cumulative Effects Workshop site.

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