



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

June 20 - July 22, 2011

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

COMING EVENTS

GRADUATE THESIS DEFENCE

Mr. R.G. Christopher Turner is a candidate for the degree:

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

Mr. Turner will be defending his thesis entitled:

“Overlap: Causes and Implications of Contested Indigenous Claims to Territory
in the Context of the BC Treaty Process”

Supervisor: **Dr. Gail Fondahl**

Date: **August 3, 2011** Time: 8:30 am Room: 6-205/211

PUBLICATIONS

Milakovic, B. and **K.L. Parker** 2011 Using stable isotopes to define diets of wolves in northern British Columbia, Canada. *Journal of Mammalogy* 92: 295-304

Milakovic, B., **Parker, K.L.**, Gustien, D.D., Lay, R.J., Walker, A.B.D. and **M.P. Gillingham** 2011 Habitat selection by a focal predator (*Canis lupus*) in a multi-prey ecosystem of the northern Rockies. *Journal of Mammalogy* 92: 568-582

Otter, K.A., Murray, B.W., Holschuh, C.I. and K.T. Fort 2011 “Rare insights into intraspecific brood parasitism and apparent quasi-parasitism in black-capped chickadees.” *Animal Biodiversity & Conservation* 34: 23-29

Wallis, C.M., Huber, D.P.W. and **K.J. Lewis** 2011 “Ecosystem, location, and climate effects on foliar secondary metabolites of lodgepole pine populations from central British Columbia.” *Journal of Chemical Ecology* 37: 607-621

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

REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honors you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: Michelle Keen: keenm@unbc.ca

TRAVEL

Phil Burton participated in the 7th International Conference on Disturbance Dynamics in Boreal Forests, held in Saguenay, QC 29 May - 3 June. He presented papers on "Classifying and Mapping the Forest Disturbance Regimes of British Columbia, Canada" and "Inspect Outbreaks in High-Latitude North American Forests: Some Commonalities of Complexity and Resilience".

Oscar Garcia travelled to Banff for the 2011 Western Mensurationists Conference, 19 - 21 June.

Dezene Huber is travelling to Hinton, AB with other folks from UNBC (**Kathy Lewis, Brent Murray, Tiffany Bennett, Caitlin Pitt**) to attend the annual TRIA (mountain pine beetle system genomics) retreat 13 - 15 July.

Hugues Massicotte participated in a workshop (Western Mycorrhizal Gathering 2011) in Winfield 21 - 23 May along with colleagues **Keith Egger** and Linda Tackaberry.

Hugues has been invited to participate in the Botanical Society of America meeting in St. Louis (9 - 13 July), as President of Canadian Botanical Association, to meet with colleagues and discuss the joint BSA-CBA meeting next year in Ohio. He will also present a poster entitled "Investigation of carbon gain of autotrophic, mixotrophic and myco-heterotrophic species at three sites in north-central British Columbia", authored by R. Bowler, **A. Fredeen** and **H. Massicotte**.

Hugues will also attend the Plant Canada meeting, to be held 17 - 21 July at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. He will present the poster noted above and a second one "Assisted Migration Adaptation Trial of lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir: A tale of survival and their ectomycorrhizal associates" co-authored by J.C. López-Gutiérrez, B.J. Pickles, L.E. Tackaberry, G. O'Neill, M. Gorzelak, **D.S. Green, H.B. Massicotte** and **K.N. Egger**.

Chris Opio is in Uganda July and August expanding agroforestry trials (plots); checking and drilling more water wells; and collecting soil samples and bringing to Canada for testing/research and reporting.

Ken Otter was in Fort St. John 10 - 12 June where he was invited to give the Plenary address at the BC Field Ornithologists Meeting. The talk was entitled "Assessing the potential impact on migrating birds of wind energy development in the northern BC Rockies".

Phil Owens and **Ellen Petticrew** attended the 12th International Symposium on the Interactions between Sediments and Water in Dartington, south-west England in June. They gave four oral and five poster presentations on work based in Prince George and at the QRRC. In addition, Phil organized and led one of the mid-conference fieldtrips.

Roger Wheate attended the 25th International Cartographic Congress in Paris, 3 - 8 July as one of Canada's two official delegates. He also presented on the Cartographic representation of glacier retreat in western Canada.

REMINDER: Share your information about recent publications, grants, and/or other honors you may have received with others interested in NRES issues.

PLEASE EMAIL ALL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO: Michelle Keen: keenm@unbc.ca